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A Day in the Life (how pressure and environment influence coyote behavior)

by Rich Higgins

Every coyote's behavior is most influenced by its recent experiences and its personal environment and those two qualifiers change with the four biological seasons of the coyote and the amount of pressure applied to the coyote. Please re-read that sentence and commit it to memory. It is that important.

During whelping and denning, 15 March to 15 May, and pup-rearing seasons, 15 May to 15 Sept., resident coyotes defend only the core area and normally do not patrol and mark their territory boundaries. Their time and energy is devoted to providing for the pups. They maintain a low profile and are reluctant to reveal their location.

During recovery season, 15 Sept. to 15 Dec., social bonds relax a little and the resident coyotes begin to re-establish their territories and spend much of their time patrolling, marking and defending their borders. The same coyotes will frequent different areas and behave differently because of the different demands that their social structure places on them during those different seasons. So it is with the other two social seasons.

Habitat and prey or food base greatly influence coyote behavior. California has the highest land feature, Mt Whitney, and the lowest, Death Valley, in the continental U.S. Both places have coyotes. The two different environments require different behaviors.

Coyotes that rely on lambs to feed their pups behave differently than coyotes that catch mice, chase rabbits or scavenge.

One western study included the examination of the stomach contents of eight thousand coyotes. One third of the stomachs contained rabbits, one fourth contained carrion, one fifth contained small rodents, one eighth contained sheep, and only 4% contained deer. In contrast, one third of coyotes stomachs in a N.Y. study contained deer. Some of that prey requires coordinated and co-operative behaviors by hunting coyotes and some require only individual and opportunistic behaviors.

End Part 1 Continued next month.

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Coming Events

ATA Convention.....August 7-9, 2009
General MeetingAugust 13, 2009
Board Meeting.....August 31, 2009

Monthly APC meetings are held at the Mesa FOP Hall, 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa, from 7:00 pm until ??

Treasurer's Report

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurer's report details all transactions from May 1 thru July 30, 2009

Checking Account

Beginning Balance..... \$1,311.45

Check #1708 AWF, May Memberships.(39.00)
 Check #1709 D.Mosier, SAF Food.....(76.62)
 Check #1710 AJI, SAF Raffle Rifle.....(220.00)
 Check #1711 AWF, June Memberships.(39.00)
 Check #1712 Meeting Food.....(48.19)
 Check #1713 Legend Express.....(134.00)
 Deposit Chase Member.....30.00
 Deposit Memberships.....270.00
Ending Balance 7/30/09.....\$1,054.64

Petty Cash

Petty Cash Beginning Balance.....\$64.76
 Call Sales\$0.00
 Merchandise.....\$0.00
 Dues.....\$125.00
 Raffles.....\$163.00
 Deposits to Checking.....(\$270.00)
Petty Cash End Balance.....\$82.76

Total Cash.....\$1,137.40

Inventory

Total Inventory Value.....\$3,204.75

Total Assets.....\$4,342.15

APC Video Library

The following individuals have videos checked out. **Please return in a timely manner so others may view also.**

- 1/10/08 Chuck Beshears.....Hunting Coyotes East and West
- 3/12/08 Conner Griner.....Utah Raging Bull
- 2/12/09 Kara Jensen...Alone in the Wilderness
- 5/14/09 Leon Lee.....Exploding Varmints
- 5/14/09 Leon Lee...Up Close with Rich Higgins
- 5/14/09 Bill Hudzietz.....How to Talk to Deer
- 4/9/09 James Tucker.....Catastrophic
- 4/9/09 Sid Chalasani.....Operation Predator
- 4/9/09 John Albin.....Callers of the Wild
- 4/9/09 John Albin.....Select, Tune Compounds
- 4/9/09 John Albin.....Truth #1, Predator Hunter

Thanks *Jerry*



August Meeting Program "Elk Hunting"

The Arizona Predator Callers invite you to attend an "Elk Hunting" seminar presented by long time APC member, **Don Martin**, of Arizona Wildlife Outfitters guide service at our next meeting, August 13, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting will be held in the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #9 at 1450 East Main Street. The FOP Lodge is on the north side of Main Street between Stapley and Gilbert Road in Mesa.

The meeting is free to APC members and students under 18, and \$5 for non-members. Refreshments and door prizes are included in the admission price.

Please contact Mike Burris, APC Vice President, at (480) 654-1411 if you have any questions.

Deadline for AZGF Commission Award nominations is Aug. 7

July 24, 2009

There is still time for you to submit nominations for the 2009 Arizona Game and Fish Commission Awards. The deadline is Aug. 7, 2009.

Each year the commission recognizes Arizonans who have contributed significantly to the welfare of the state's wildlife and the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Nominations may include individuals, organizations, clubs, foundations or government agencies. Arizona Game and Fish Department employees are not eligible for nomination.

Categories for nomination this year include:

- Award of Excellence
- Youth Environmentalist of the Year
- Outdoor Writer of the Year
- Media of the Year
- Conservation Organization of the Year
- Conservationist of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Educator of the Year
- License Dealer of the Year
- Natural Resource Professional of the Year (new category this year)
- Mentor of the Year (new category this year)
- Advocate of the Year (new category this year)

Descriptions of each category are on the nomination form. To download a nomination form, visit www.azgfd.gov/inside_azgfd/commission_awards.shtml.

Return the nomination form and all supplemental materials to: Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Marty Fabritz - DOHQ, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086. Forms can also be faxed to (623) 236-7299 or e-mailed to Mfabritz@azgfd.gov. Remember, the deadline is Aug. 7.

Winners of the 2009 awards will be honored at the Meet the Commission banquet in Phoenix in January 2010.

Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman



The season is almost here, so load up your guns and dust off your gear. I hope some of you were more successful than me with getting some big game tags this fall. My daughter and I got deer tags, but struck out with elk and antelope. So it looks like the majority of my hunting will be for predators.

Our novice hunts will tentatively be on the 10th of October and the 14th of November. As usual I will need seasoned hunters to step up and help by taking out a novice. Remember to keep filling out your hunt records this season. I will be asking for them in April. Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill !

Dusty

Hunt and Events Calender

(Dates are subject to change)

- ATA Convention, Gila County Fairgrounds, Globe.....August 7-9, 2009
- APC General Meeting, Mesa.....August 13, 2009
- APC Shootout and Sight-In, Superior.....September 26, 2009
- APC Novice Hunt #1.....October 10, 2009
- Predator Professionals Hunt.....October 22-24, 2009
- APC Novice Hunt #2.....November 14, 2009
- World Coyote Calling Championship, Cortez, CO.....December 3-5, 2009
- Fur Donation Hunt, Seligman.....January 9, 2010
- Multi-Club Hunt, Red Rock.....January 16, 2010
- Save-A-Fawn Hunt, Heber.....February 20-21, 2010
- Antelope Eaters Hunt, Seligman.....March 6-7, 2010

Membership Report

by Kara Jensen, APC Membership

Thanks to:

Joe Porath, Dusty Mosier, Jeff Serdy, Eric Loeffler, Craig Albin, Jerry Thorson and Dan Rooney

for renewing their memberships.

Welcome new member

Kenneth Chase

Your Arizona Predator Caller membership expiration date is on the mailing label at the right of your name. Make a note of it and please renew before it expires. You don't want to miss a single issue of Predator Pride.

If you've let your membership with our club expire, please contact us. If you have any questions regarding your existing membership, please give me a call at **602-309-2517** or you can e-mail me anytime at: membership@azpredatorcallers.com

Raffles

Arizona Predator Callers are raffling off a Remington Model 715 in .243 caliber and a Gamo pellet rifle. Tickets can be purchased at all monthly meetings. For more information on the raffle contact Mike Burris (his email address is located on the front page).

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Mesa Hunter Education Class Announcement

Press release for September 2009 Hunter Education Class in Mesa, AZ

Basic and Combo Hunter Education classes will be held at the Poston Jr. High auditorium (located at 2433 E. Adobe in Mesa) starting September 8, 2009 and continuing through October 8.

Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 9:00. There is a 4 hour required field day on Saturday, October 3 at the Rio Salado Sportsman's Club on Usery Pass Road.

In person registration for both classes will be held at the first class session (September 8) from 6:30 to 7:00pm. Pre-registration for the Combo Class is required and can be done by calling (480) 834-1791 and leaving your name, phone number and the number of students in your group for the Combo class.

Total cost for either class is \$8.00. Checks should be made out to MHEIA. Please bring your Social Security Number or AZ Hunter ID number to registration. Maximum basic class size is 250 persons and 25 persons for the Combo class.

These classes are for all ages. Parents are encouraged to attend with their youth. This class is required for all persons 10 - 14 years old to hunt big game in Arizona. It also qualifies the graduate for a permanent bonus point.

For further information contact Mike Zaccardi at (480) 834-1791. Please do not call Poston Jr. High for details. See Arizona Game and Fish Hunter Education class schedule at: <http://www.azgfd.com>

Mike Zaccardi

Mesa Hunter Education Instructor Association
(Chief Instructor) (602) 803-1862 Cell

mike_zaccardi@msn.com



Mike Burriss, Craig Gombos and Dusty Mosier representing APC at a recent Hunters Ed Class.



Update on Kofa Lion Moratorium

On Friday July 31 the voluntary extension on lethal lion removal from the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge expires. This three month voluntary extension was agreed to by the Arizona Game & Fish Commission at their April 18 meeting in response to a request from the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service who asked for a nine month extension on lethal lion removal. The basis for the request was to allow the Kofa Mountain Lion EA to continue to run its course. The EA had been projected to be concluded in about one year, however the problem with that was, the EA had been in the "review" process for over a year by April, and is now well into its second year of "review".

The significance—at least 6 mountain lions are using the Kofa NWR, and to varying degrees, eating sheep. A moratorium on lethal removal allows the lions to continue unchecked while the sheep population continues its decline. The Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society and other concerned sportsmen and women, believe it's time to save the Kofa sheep herd and start managing the lion population using the refuge. To do otherwise is going to jeopardize the ability of this once robust herd of desert bighorns to recover the numbers they have lost due to excessive predation.

The ADBSS is urging the Arizona Game & Fish Commission to end the voluntary moratorium and help the USFWS not only get back to managing the lion population and thus providing better management for the Kofa sheep herd. This item, however, is not on the August Commission Meeting Agenda. For more information about the Kofa Lion issue contact ADBSS at 480-854-8950 or email the Chairman of the Board at hunttheworld@cox.net.

From the Arizona Sportsmen's Connection

May 14, 2009 Awards Meeting photos



Dan Rooney provided the excellent spread of hot food for our awards meeting on May 15th.

See more photos of the awards on page 7.

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Arizona Trappers Association Convention August 7-9, 2009

Mark your calendars for our summer convention August 7, 8, and 9th at the Gila County Fairgrounds in Globe, Arizona. I think we have the best line up of speakers in any trappers convention in the nation.

We have **Rick Phillips** from Idaho. Rick has thousands of coyotes to his credit and has been the state director of wildlife services in Arizona and Wyoming. Rick is a close friend of Gary Graham and Gary says there is none better. That is a great compliment coming from someone with as much coyoteology as Gary.

On cats, we have **Bill Ilchik** from Nevada. Bill has been chasing cats professionally since 1969. He has many seasons with over 100 cats and has thousands of cats to his credit. Bill also has received many awards at the Nevada fur sale for his fur handling ability. His book, "Wild West Bobcat Trapping and Snaring Methods", is the Bible on the walk-through set.

On grey fox we have **Tracy Truman**. Tracy's new video, "Modern Grey Fox Trapping", is one of the fastest selling videos in the country. Tracy also takes good numbers of those high dollar Nevada cats. I can't wait. What a line up!!!

Many of our members that put up big numbers of fur will be putting on demonstrations all through the convention.

Our Arizona Predator Callers will be having calling demonstrations and information. A great time will be had by all.

See you there.
Mike Hull
Arizona Trappers Association



ATA Convention Schedule of Events

Friday, August 7, 2009

8:00 AM	Kitchen Opens
8:00 AM - 12:00 N	Set Up
1:00 - 2:00	Calling Seminar
2:00 - 2:30	Mike Hull - Basic Predator Sets
2:30 - 3:00	Joe Melton - Grey Fox
3:00 - 3:30	Ernest Poe - Predator Lure Making
3:30 - 4:00	Bob Small - Cage Trapping
4:00 - 4:30	Sam Shafer - Cats & Fox Sets
4:30 - 5:00	Mike Huffer - Skinning Demo
5:00 - 6:00	Calling Questions & Answers
6:00 - 7:00	Steak Fry - Bring your own meat
7:00 -	ATA Board Meeting

Saturday, August 8, 2009

6:30 AM	Kitchen Opens
8:00 - 8:30	Welcome & Fur Auction Report
8:30 - 10:30	Camo Contest
10:30 - 12:00 N	Calling Contest
12:00 - 1:00	Trap Setting Contest
1:00 - 1:30	Ladies Fry Pan Throwing Contest
1:30 - 2:00	Pie Eating Contest
2:00 - 2:30	Musket Toss
2:30 - 3:15	Rick Phillips - Coyote Demo
3:15 - 4:00	Tracy Truman - Grey Fox
4:00 - 4:45	Bill Ilchik - Cats
5:00 - 6:30	Auction
6:30	ATA General Meeting

Sunday, August 9, 2009

6:30	Kitchen Opens
8:00 - 12:00 N	Trappers Ed Class
	Clean Up

Please bring items for the auction. The auction this year is solely relying on the members participation. You can bring or send your auction item donations to:

**Mike Hull
P.O. Box 3355
Chinle, AZ 86503**

May 14, 2009 Awards Presentation Meeting



Scott Francom received the "Caller of the Year" award presented by Larry Riley of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.



Levi Adamson received the "Novice Caller of the Year" award, also presented by Larry Riley of Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Not pictured is Kurt Zoellner of Snowflake, AZ who received the "Amateur Caller of the Year" award



Rich Higgins received the Arizona Predator Callers "Sportsman of the Year" award from APC President Craig Gombos.



Dusty Mosier received a special presentation for his efforts from APC President Craig Gombos.

Arizona Predator Callers - Membership Application

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Address: _____ Fax #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ DOB: _____

email address: _____

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Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Primary Annual Membership.....\$30.00

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