



Karin and Roberto Saucedo - Coyotes: Living in Harmony with America's Song Dog

Description: Coyotes are highly resilient and social animals that are capable of adapting to a wide range of environments, including the human-dominated landscapes of cities and suburbs. As keystone carnivores, they play an important role in maintaining healthy ecosystems and biodiversity. Learning to coexist with these ecologically valuable and adaptable wild neighbors is key to supporting the flourishing of our multi-species communities.

In a continuation from their presentation at NPPD last year, this presentation will explore the challenges coyotes face in human-dominated landscapes and examine the seasonal behaviors that often lead to increased sightings. Additionally, we'll share practical tips on how to keep people and companion animals safe, while dispelling some of the most common coyote myths. In conclusion, we'll discuss proactive methods we can use to help minimize negative encounters and promote responsible coexistence between community members and coyotes.

About the Speakers: Karin is the Texas State Coordinator at Project Coyote where she helps to expand the organization's core programs and campaigns throughout Texas. For over a decade, Karin has been involved in animal rescue, rehabilitation, outreach and advocacy. A Dallas native, Karin is a published wildlife conservation photographer especially passionate about wild canids and felids. She spends a lot of her time studying animal behavior remotely through camera traps. Karin's images have been used to educate communities about coexisting with urban wildlife, document wild canid field research and create awareness about the problems with exotic animal ownership. Most recently, Karin was published in the book accompanying the film "Deep in the Heart: A Texas Wildlife Story" by Ben Masters and also "Wild DFW: Explore the Amazing Nature Around Dallas Fort Worth" by Amy Martin.

Karin holds a degree in advertising and photography from Southern Methodist University. She is a certified Texas Master Naturalist and works with several non-profits. Karin serves on the Advisory Committee for Texas Native Cats, an organization focused on education, advocacy, outreach, and improving the lives of threatened Texas felines. She is a Senior Volunteer at In-Sync Exotics, and the Texas Outreach Representative for The Canid Project. Additionally, she is a Partner Photographer for Panthera.

Roberto is a life-long Texan, born and raised in El Paso and currently living in DFW. He has a background in creative marketing and has used that ability to hone skills in his passion for telling stories through wildlife & conservation photography. For the last 8 years, he has documented coyote behavior throughout north Texas through observation, photography and camera traps. Together with his wife Karin, Roberto serves on the Advisory Committee for Texas Native Cats and he also volunteers at In-Sync Exotics Wildlife Rescue.

Karin and Roberto founded Song Dog Watch, an organization in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex where he and his wife help local communities understand coyote behavior and how to coexist safely with them. They collaborate with wildlife rescues and municipalities in North Texas, providing support and expertise on issues involving coyotes, foxes and bobcats.

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