The Coyote Shaker

Coyotes have been scared off properties by people waving brooms and hockey sticks, throwing tennis balls and other objects, spraying vinegar through a super-soaker, clanging pots, pans and garbage lids together, and always shouting “GO AWAY COYOTE(S)” in a deep low voice. The Coyote Shaker, a pop can filled with pennies, has worked well with children and adults alike. Children and youth are less likely to panic and more likely to act effectively (aggressively) when focusing their energy and fear through a physical object.

Materials:

- **Medium size:** Pop or juice can
- **Small size:** Thin energy drink can
- About 12-15 pennies or small stones
- Aluminum foil
- Tape (duct tape works best)

Instructions:

1. Place the pennies/stones in the can
2. Cover the opening with tape
3. Cut a piece of foil and tape it around the can

Using the Shaker

Shake the tin at the coyote while slowly moving towards an area of increased activity. The shaker scares the approaching coyote in three ways, through:

1. Aggressive hand motion
2. Loud noise
3. Reflective light

The shaker fits easily in a pocket or bag and is ideal when going on walks with or without a dog.

**NOTE:** If the shaker is in a backpack, ensure that it is located in a pocket that is easily accessible. For more information and fun coyote activities, visit our website homepage and click onto our Co-existing with Coyotes link located in the left hand pane.