**COYOTE**

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**Coyote**

**A. Common/Scientific Name:**

**- Canas Latrans – Barking Dog**

**B. Range:**

**- On the rise throughout Iowa**

**- Native to Iowa**

**- Definite count hard to get due to their secretive nature**

**C. Habitat:**

**- Farmlands**

**- Plains & fields**

**- Woodlands & Grasslands**

**- Timbers**

**- Prairies & Meadows**

**D. Feeding:**

**- Carnivores**

**- Deer, squirrel, pocket gophers, beavers, elk, rabbits, mice, ground nesting birds**

**- Insects, fruit, berries,**

**- Scavenge large kills of other animals**

**- Hunt both day & night**

**E. Instinctive Behavior:**

**- Shy and sneaky**

**- Friendly yet brazen**

**- Keen hunters**

**- Great foraging skills**

**- Very good swimmers**

**- Breeding peaks in late February or early March**

**- Springtime females den & birth 3-4 pups**

**- Both parents feed & protect pups**

**- Pups are blind and helpless at birth**

**- Pups able to hunt following fall of their birth**

**- Strong sense of smell & keen vision**

**- Fall & winter form packs for effective hunting**

**F. Extra Facts:**

**- Smaller than wolves**

**- Distinctive call – raucous canine chorus at night**

**- Can run up to 40 miles per hour**

**- Average life span 4 years**

**- Cleverly adapt to American landscape changes**

**- Usually 20 – 50 pounds**

**- Heady & body 32-37 in, tail 16 in**

**- Population at all time high currently**

**- Members of one pack rarely into territory of another**

**- Mark areas with urine, feces or gland secretions**

**Log**

**4/15 We chose the coyote as our topic**

**4/19 Kyle and Rikki got information**

**4/19 Gabby made title page**

**4/25 All had the idea of an interview**

**4/29 Gabby And Rikki found costumes**

**5/1 All made script**

**5/1 All finished script**

**5/6 Filmed at Rikki’s house**

**5/7 Rikki and Gabby edit and finish video**

**5/7 Kyle finished log and outline**

**5/10 Project due**