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RACE Rubric for Short Answer Questions

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<p>C</p> <p>Cite evidence from the text</p>	Properly cited adequate evidence from the text that supported the answer	Cited evidence loosely related to the answer	Evidence used was either not relate to the question, or not correctly cited	No evidence from the text was used
<p>E</p> <p>Elaborate Make connections Explain further</p>	Made a connection with the text and clearly explained its relationship to the question	Made a connection to the text, but was unable to explain its relationship to the text clearly	Attempted to make a connection to the text, but the relationship was weak	Did not make a connection to the text at all; element was not present

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Is this coyote friends with a badger? Video shows the two traveling together

By Joshua Bote, USA Today, adapted by Newsela staff on 02.13.20

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Image 1. An unlikely friendship between a coyote (left) and a badger (right) was captured in a wildlife video as they traveled together around the San Francisco Bay Area in California. Scientists have found both species benefit by hunting together. Image: Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST)/Pathways for Wildlife

An unexpected animal pairing was spotted traveling through a tunnel in the Bay Area in California. The coyote and badger might have been hunting together, experts said.

The duo was captured on video moving through a culvert under a highway. A culvert is a drainage tunnel. The video was taken by the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). POST is a California-based organization. It works to conserve land around Northern California for wildlife.

In the footage, the coyote gives a play bow. A play bow is when a canine stretches its front legs out and leans on its elbows. Then the coyote hops around, waiting for its companion to follow. The badger trails not far behind as they walk into the tunnel.

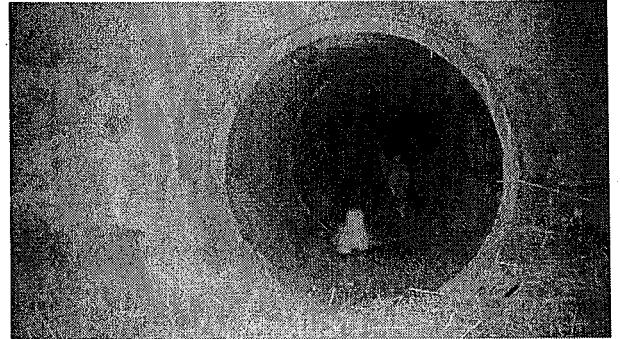
According to POST, coyotes and badgers are great conspirators. Their respective skills work well together to make it easier to hunt prey. Prey includes ground squirrels and prairie dogs.

Such pairings have been documented by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. POST noted that this is the first time the animals have been seen traveling through a man-made structure.

The organization said it's fairly rare to capture badgers on camera because they spend so much of their time underground.

The video is not only extremely adorable, it is also integral to conservation efforts. The remote sensor cameras that recorded this footage help gather data to find "areas of safe passage" in urban spaces filled with roads and highways.

"Habitat loss and fragmentation due to human development and roads is the greatest threat to coyotes and other native carnivores, second only to trapping and trophy hunting," said Kitty Block. Block is the president and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States.



The government estimates that about a million animals per day are killed by vehicles in America.

Coyotes, Block said, are "unfairly and cruelly slaughtered" in response to reports of aggressive behavior toward humans. The animals are usually afraid of people and approach only when they have been fed by a human, according to the Humane Society.

"Anyone who lives with a dog recognizes that play bow and can relate to this close cousin of man's best friend," Block said. "We hope this video will inspire people to treat coyotes with compassion instead of cruelty."