

## NEXT UP: SPOTTED HYENA VS. COYOTE! #2018MMM

This battle was a collaborative effort, with valuable input from <u>@TCastanea</u> and <u>@AnneWHilborn</u>. #2018MMM

Both animals arrive in Round 2 unscathed: Hyena after shredding the tiny Belo Horizonte marmoset, and Coyote having scared off an opossum. #2018MMM

As we learned in Round 1, Harar hyenas are not your average carnivores. They roam the city streets and are not only tolerated by humans, but viewed as neighbors & spiritual guides. The animals get rid of garbage & bad spirits, and locals believe they tell the future. #2018 MMM

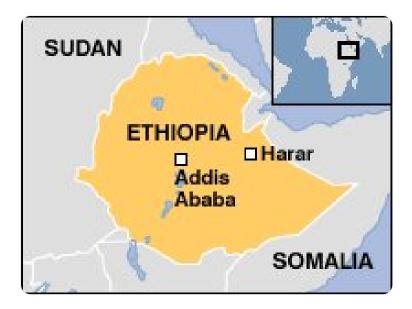
"Hyena Whisperers" in the city have a particuarly special relationship with the animals, feeding them meat (sometimes directly from their mouths!). #2018MMM <a href="https://www.pri.org/stories/2010-07-19/ethiopia-hyena-whisperers">https://www.pri.org/stories/2010-07-19/ethiopia-hyena-whisperers</a>

While these narrators are not aware of any "Coyote Whisperers," many North American Indiginous peoples' traditions portray Coyote as the Trickster, able to kill giants. #2018MMM indigenouspeople.net/coyokill.htm

Both coyotes and hyenas, in areas where they are in close proximity to humans, sometimes kill livestock as well (including <u>@TCastanea</u>'s chickens). <u>#2018MMM</u>



The outskirts of the walled city of Harar, Ethiopia provide the setting for tonight's scene at dusk. #2018MMM



Coyote, not familiar with the area, has stumbled across a dump along Highway 10. He immediately begins to hunt for one of his favorite types of prey: rodents! #2018MMM

Although the Harar hyenas are provisioned by the city's residents, they, like hyenas in other areas of Northern Ethiopia, also scavenge at local dumps. #2018MMM



Tonight, Hyena stops at the dump on her way to visit the city and quickly encounters prowling Coyote. #2018MMM

Though Coyote (20kg) is substantially smaller than Hyena (60kg), he goes on the offensive and begins to harass Hyena. Like jackals sometimes do, he targets her most vulnerable spot: the rump! #2018MMM #babygotback



https://www.youtube.com/embed/7VJIIFiaV20

(Note: above video is of a Brown Hyena (Hyaena brunnea), not a Spotted Hyena like the ones in Harar) #2018MMM

Hyena tucks her rear under her defensively and "groans" aggressively at Coyote. #2018MMM

http://acoustics.org/pressroom/httpdocs/155th/pagehyena\_sgrowl.wav

Coyote is no fool & recognizes poor odds when he sees them. He darts away, toward the highway, with Hyena pursuing. #2018MMM



Coyote crosses the highway safely... #2018MMM

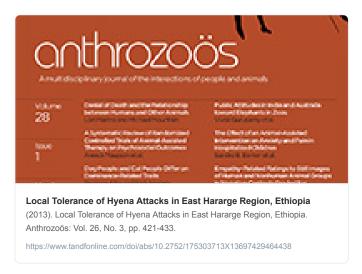
....but Hyena is rammed by a car! #2018MMM

Vehicle collisions are a major source of mortality in wildlife including spotted hyena cousin striped hyena #2018MMM

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ehsan\_Moqanaki/publication/235967597\_Vulnerability\_of\_Striped\_Hyaenas\_Hyaena\_hyaena\_in\_a\_humandominated\_landscape\_of\_Central\_Iran/links/00463514f29a129a58000000.pdf

Although Harar hyenas rarely attack local livestock, depredation by hyenas in other

areas of Ethiopia causes conflict with humans & can create negative attitudes toward them.  $\#2018\mathrm{MMM}$ 



Tonight, Hyena was hit by a motorist from the Kombolcha region, who viewed hyenas as pests, & did not even try to swerve to avoid hitting her. #2018MMM

As the car's taillights recede into the distance Coyote returns to the dump, promptly catches a rat, & digs into his meal. #2018MMM



COYOTE OUTMANEUVERS HYENA!!!!! #2018MMM #UpsetCity

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