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Subject: Release Rocky the coyote from River Trail Nature Center

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Frank Aguilar, COOK COUNTY (IL) BOARD COMMISSIONER of the 16TH DISTRICT,

Please work with your colleagues to release Rocky, the coyote, from his inhumane and miserable existence at River Trail Nature Center as soon as possible and allow him to go to the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Colorado (which has more than 10,000 acres, is run by rehabilitation and veterinary experts and will cost taxpayers \$0.)

I am sure you have been made aware, by Nicole Milan, that It was discovered through FOIA requests (Freedom of Information Act) that Rocky, the coyote, has been prescribed the anti-anxiety medications Gabapentin and Trazodone because he has exhibited signs of anxiety and stress behavior, including paw licking, bloody claws, and stress pacing. He has also been prescribed Apoquel. He is not

a happy boy in his cage in the parking lot, sniffing the rails of the cage and the tree through the bars.

Please respect Forest Preserves of Cook County's motto and let Rocky feel free, as a small cage is inhumane and Rocky deserves companionship (coyotes live in family groups and YES, he CAN slowly be introduced to other coyotes - wildlife experts know how to do this successfully), fresh water, room to roam, a way to get away from the public and not to be treated as an 'educational' exhibit. All visitors are learning is how cruel River Trail Nature Center treats its 'ambassador animals.' My wife and I will never visit, lodge, dine, shop or spend any of our money in Northbrook (IL) until Rocky is sent to sanctuary.

Donald H. Kuehlthau

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