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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Rachel Schick Siegel
Organization (if any):	Illinois Beaver Alliance
City/Town:	Glenview
State:	IL
ZIP:	60025

Q2

FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a

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Dear Superintendent Randall:

We are pleased that the Cook County Forest Preserve (CCFP) will be reviewing its ambassador animal program and its practices regarding keeping animals in captivity. The current conversation over whether Rocky the coyote is being housed in a suitable habitat, while important, is part of a larger conversation that needs to take place about the CCFP's policies and practices regarding its captive and ambassador animals programs. We are requesting information about how the CCFP will conduct its review of its captive and ambassador animal programs. It is imperative that there be transparency in the review process, including which experts will be asked to conduct the review, and what standards and criteria will be used to evaluate current programs.

Reviewing the CCFP Captive Animals Program

The CCFP's captive animals program should follow the standards set by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)--the best practices for keeping animals in captivity--rather than those set by the USDA, which are much lower standards. For example, here are the guidelines of each for coyote habitats:

USDA Standards for Coyote Habitats

The USDA space requirement standards for the Humane Handling, Care, Treatment, and Transportation of Warmblooded Animals Other Than Dogs, Cats, Rabbits, Hamsters, Guinea Pigs, Nonhuman Primates, and Marine Mammals (which is the category into which coyotes fall) are as follows: § 3.128 - Space requirements: Enclosures shall be constructed and maintained so as to provide sufficient space to allow each animal to make normal postural and social adjustments with adequate freedom of movement. Inadequate space may be indicated by evidence of malnutrition, poor condition, debility, stress, or abnormal behavior patterns. (Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations ([usda.gov](https://www.usda.gov)), page 231)

Rocky's housing does not even meet those USDA guidelines as he is showing signs of stress.

AZA Standards for Coyote Habitats

The AZA's Large Canid Care Manual state: 2.1 Space and Complexity: Careful consideration should be given to exhibit design so that all areas meet the physical, social, behavioral and psychological needs of the species. Animals should be displayed, whenever possible, in exhibits replicating their wild habitat and in numbers sufficient to meet their social and behavioral needs (AZA Accreditation Standard 1.5.2).

Enclosure size: Large canids should be provided with large, complex outdoor spaces. Enclosure shape, topography, substrate, plantings, and proximity to the public should all be considered in the design process. A large and varied enclosure will provide greater opportunity for canids to express their full range of natural, species-appropriate behaviors, and eliminate the associated stress and unnatural behaviors associated with housing in low quality environments. (See The AZA Large Canid Care Manual for more information.)

Science has evolved significantly since many of the CCFP's animal habitats were built, including those located at River Trail Nature Center. If the CCFP wants to put captive animals on display like zoos do, its habitats should meet the same standards that zoos meet.

"Animal-First" Ambassador Animals Program

In recent years, experts have developed new policies and practices for ambassador animal programs based on an evolution in understanding what practices lead to the best outcomes for the animals themselves. For example, the Lincoln Park Zoo discusses its "animal-first" ambassador animals program on its website:

Here at Lincoln Park Zoo, we believe in data-informed decision-making and putting animal welfare first. After evaluating several of our programs over the last few years with the help of the Animal Welfare Science Program and the Animal Care and Learning departments, the zoo is making “animal-first” changes to programming that involves ambassador animals.

“Animal-first” is an approach where various factors are considered: Does the animal have choice? Does the animal have control? Can the animal remain [in] the comfort of its habitat? Is the program to the animals’ benefit? If the answer is ‘yes’ to all of these questions, that is an animal-first program. Moving forward, the zoo has committed to this approach for all ambassador animal programs and will be phasing out any program that does not meet these criteria. Changing the Approach to Caring for Ambassador Animals - Lincoln Park Zoo (lpzoo.org)

Just as the CCFP should meet AZA standards for captive animal habitats, it should also meet AZA standards and best practices for ambassador animals. (These resources offer further information: [Recommendations for Developing an Institutional Animal Ambassador Program](#), [Ambassador Animal Resource](#) and [Information Center Animal Welfare resources](#))

Anticipated Outcomes and Recommendations

We expect that a neutral third-party expert in best practices for keeping animals in captivity will determine that many of the CCFP’s current habitats and enclosures do not meet AZA standards, and also that what the CCFP calls an animal ambassador program is not a true animal ambassador program. At that point, the CCFP will need to decide whether to invest resources to upgrade these habitats and programs. Perhaps implementation of these new standards can be phased in over a period of time. Perhaps the CCFP will determine that its captive animals program should not include more complex animals such as coyotes and foxes in the future.

If, as we anticipate, the expert determines that Rocky the coyote’s habitat is not suitable, we are asking for the CCFP to either take immediate action to build a new enclosure that meets AZA standards within 60 days, or else agree to transfer Rocky to The Wild Animal Sanctuary, a nonprofit organization with substantial resources and over 40 years of experience with previously-captive animals. We are aware that Pat Craig, founder of The Wild Animal Sanctuary, has sent a letter with detailed information about the plan for Rocky’s transfer and transition. We expect that he will get the best care and have the best possible outcome at The Wild Animal Sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Cherie Travis
Animal Law Attorney

Rachel Schick Siegel
President, Illinois Beaver Alliance; graduate student at Loyola University Chicago’s School of Sustainability, Certificate Program in Environmental Law and Policy

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Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Anita Mamdell
City/Town:	Glenview
State:	IL
ZIP:	60025

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Send Rocky the coyote to the wild animal sanctuary.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Luke Wolfgram
City/Town:	Madison
State:	WI
ZIP:	53718

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Send Rocky the Coyote the Wild Animal Sanctuary

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All animals deserve to live with some dignity. Rocky needs to be in a proper sanctuary, not a cage in the suburbs

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Witness Name:	Nancy Clark
Organization (if any):	Self
City/Town:	Melrose Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60160

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the wild animal sanctuary!

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the wild animal sanctuary!

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Ruth Whelan
City/Town:	Northbrook
State:	IL
ZIP:	60062

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Send Rocky the Coyote to a proper wildlife sanctuary

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Hello,

I am writing as an environmental educator regarding the poor state of Rocky the coyote who's being held in a small concrete enclosure devoid of stimulating activities he would otherwise get in the wild—or even with other coyotes at a proper wildlife sanctuary.

Rocky has been displaying stressful behaviors such as head swaying, crying and rapid pacing in circles.

He is being used as an educational exhibit but it's to his detriment as he's suffering due to the cage size, lack of any coverage for the cage to element exposure, and often times didn't have any water as it was frozen and not accessible.

There's many reports of these same claims from other residents who are also appalled at his treatment.

There are a few wildlife sanctuaries which have been contacted and have agreed to take Rocky at no charge to the county, but there is refusal on the part of River Trail because he is seen as an attraction.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Sally Berlin
Organization (if any):	title
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60614

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

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Please send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary and get him out of his 266 square foot prison. Animals feel pain and suffering just like us and we have a moral responsibility to put a stop to it.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Karen Elger
Organization (if any):	CAA
City/Town:	Bronson
State:	FL
ZIP:	32621

Q2

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Dear Cook County Board Members,

Please make the humane decision to have Rocky the coyote released to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

Why not give this animal a real chance for rehabilitation and to not to have to live the rest of his life alone in a cage.

Thankyou.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Corene Martin
City/Town:	Spooner
State:	WI
ZIP:	54801

Q2**FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a**

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Gloria Carbajal
Organization (if any):	Texas Animal Freedom Fighters
City/Town:	Ferris
State:	TX
ZIP:	75125

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Please have compassion for Rocky and allow him to be rescued to a sanctuary.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Taylor
City/Town:	Bryan
State:	TX
ZIP:	77845

Q2

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

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As someone who's worked with non releasable wildlife in captivity, I firmly believe that Rocky the coyote would benefit from being transferred to the wild animal sanctuary where his husbandry needs can be accommodated for.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Donna Marino

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I urge you to send Rocky the coyote to the wild animal sanctuary in Colorado.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Yoav Kashiv
Organization (if any):	Self
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60622

Q2**FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a**

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Coyotes are social animals that roam large areas. However, instead of engaging in natural behavior, Rocky the Coyote is serving a life sentence in solitary confinement in a small cage at River Trail Nature Center. His "crime" is that got used to people, due to people's error. To add insult to injury, Rocky is labeled as an "ambassador" animal, as if he applied for and was selected to this position.

The forest preserve abuses Rocky in the name of "education". However, watching a caged animal is as "educational" as watching human prisoners in prison. Every human and non-human animal deserves to be free. This basic right overrides any argument. Rocky has the right to be free, interact with other coyotes and engage in natural behavior. The situation is made simple by the fact that there is a sanctuary in Colorado that not only agreed to take Rocky in, but offered to take care of the transportation as well.

The situation is clear cut. Most experts support Rocky's release. The arguments made by a small minority in support of continuing Rocky's life sentence are convoluted and immoral. Please use common sense and a kind heart to grant Rocky his freedom.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Brad Kolar
City/Town:	Naperville
State:	IL
ZIP:	60563

Q2

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Q4

REGISTER IN FAVOR of a specific item (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Please read out loud

I am writing in support of the management and staff of the Cook County Forest Preserves. In particular, I would like to offer my support to the dedicated and competent staff of the River Trail Nature Center. I am asking you to trust them to do the jobs for which they are trained and well qualified.

While I am not currently a Cook County resident, I grew up there. And, the River Trail Nature Center played an important role in my life. I visited as a child and went on "dates" there with my then girlfriend (now wife). It had such an impact, that despite a 45 minute drive to get there, I still visit the center on occasion.

For the past several months the Forest Preserves and Nature Center have fallen victim to a growing trend in society. Context, understanding, and expertise are being discarded to accommodate the volume and reach of sometimes well-intentioned but not necessarily qualified voices.

This trend threatens the success of the entire Forest Preserve organization. We have seen this in other industries over the past few years. We've seen the dysfunction that is created when decisions are made based on popular opinion rather than expertise, facts, and science. What may appear wrong to a novice often is acceptable when understood, in context, by an expert.

It saddens me to see the dedicated staff of the River Trail Nature Center attacked personally in social media and other forums. Personal attacks are desperate, last-ditch tactics. They are used by people who know they do not have a credible argument regarding the actual issue at hand. And they quickly devolve our society. What's the point of having these beautiful outdoor spaces if the people who visit them cannot even be civil and respectful of one another? Who is going to want to visit a space drenched in derision, hostility, and disrespect? Who would want to work in such an environment? The great resignation has shown us what happens when employees are disrespected and unempowered.

It also concerns me that the voice of experts who have had limited exposure to an animal's behavior are given equal weight to similarly trained people who have day-to-day, on-going contact with the animal. That wouldn't be tolerated in other settings. Imagine a child in need of a customized learning plan. Who would you trust to develop it? A teacher who is 500 miles away who watched a five-minute video of the child in the classroom and read reports from non-educators who didn't like the current program? Or would you trust the judgement of the child's classroom teacher and other professionals at the school who work with the child on a daily basis?

The Forest Preserves are lucky to have high quality, dedicated, and expert staff. Their talent is reflected in the outstanding programs and services that are offered. I would strongly encourage you to empower them to use their expertise and training to do their job.

Nobody or no organization is above accountability or criticism. But there is also a responsibility for those who want to hold others accountable or criticize them. At a minimum, they must possess enough understanding, expertise, and context to act in a responsible, ethical, and fair way.

All citizens have a right to their opinion. They also have a right to express that opinion. However, as a board, you have a responsibility to distinguish the signal from the noise.

Please let your staff do their job. They have the training. They have the knowledge. They have the expertise.

Q6

Submitting written testimony only

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Q7

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Nancy Stier
City/Town:	Baltimore
State:	MD
ZIP:	21234

Q2

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Send Rocky the coyote to a wildlife sanctuary.

Q4

**PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENT FOR INFORMATION
ONLY (You may add written comments below)**

What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Rocky was mistaken for an abandoned puppy. He should never have ended up where he is now in this captive environment.

Q6

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Email Address

cbs1cpm2@gmail.com

Phone Number

4106681605

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Lisa Cramer
City/Town:	Mount Prospect
State:	IL
ZIP:	60056

Q2

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Q4

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ONLY (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

My 3 boys and I have always enjoyed River Trails Nature Center. I have been taking them for over 10 years. We have created alot of memories there from animal demonstrations to craft activities to the indoor center. The animals, their habitats, and the grounds are so well taken care of, the staff is so friendly and helpful. I hope to continue to create more wonderful memories at River Trails Nature Center.

Q6

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Q7

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Email Address

lcramer1930@gmail.com

Phone Number

18476825722

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Amy Begoun
City/Town:	Highland Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60035

Q2

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

Q4

PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENT FOR INFORMATION
ONLY (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Hello,

I visited Nature Trails over a year ago with some friends. All of us were dismayed and frankly disgusted by his habitat. None of us will be going back there.

His enclosure is completely inappropriate and inhumane.
In addition he's being medicated to keep him "calm" and control his pacing.
Which is a behavior directly linked to stress.

There is a big difference between bonding and relying.
Rocky is not bonded to anyone, he's merely relying on someone to feed him.

There's absolutely no educational value in keeping him in the preserve.
The only thing children might learn from his situation is the terrible long term effect of living in bad conditions.

His situation was initiated by human error and interference.
It's time for us to do right thing for Rocky.
If we TRULY care about him we would give him the opportunity to
live out his life in a large, clean, appropriate area.

He could be moved to an environment that would be so much healthier and suitable for him. At NO COST to taxpayers.

We elect our officials in the hopes that they will carry out the best in us.
Please ask yourselves, if you had a choice, how would you live out your life?
Dependent on someone for basic needs, no interaction with others, in a very small room, never allowed to roam?

I'm imploring you to let Rocky be moved to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

There is so much inhumanity in the world right now, let's please do the humane thing, and start in our own backyard.

Thank you,
Amy Begoun

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Sue Willoughby
City/Town:	North Riverside
State:	IL
ZIP:	60546

Q2

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Q3

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wold Animal Sanctuary

Q4

PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENT FOR INFORMATION
ONLY (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

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Rocky, like any wild animal needs to be free. Unfortunately, humans got in the way very early in Rocky's life.

His current situations is a disservice to this beautiful creature. His enclosure is small, open and on display. Rocky is an "attraction" at the Nature Center. There is no other justifiable reason for him to be there.

Coyotes are pack animals. He needs space to roam and be with his own kind.

The Animal Sanctuary in Colorado has agreed to take Rocky at no cost to the Forest Preserve. I don't understand why this option is being met with so much resistance. Five years of captivity is enough. Please, please - do the right thing!

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Leah Brown
City/Town:	Northbrook
State:	IL
ZIP:	60062

Q2

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Q3

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Please send Rocky the coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary already!

Q4

REGISTER IN FAVOR of a specific item (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Commissioners of Cook County Forest Preserves,

I am a mother of two children. We were appalled to visit the River Trail Nature Center and see the coyote stress pacing in a meager pen. This is not educational to keep wildlife in this barbaric pen watching him suffer. Witnessing this torture was upsetting to my entire family and we will not return.

I've read the incredible letter the Director of the Wild Animal Sanctuary sent to you and the Forest Preserves employees. Please allow for the coyote's immediate release! Our family is disgusted our taxes are spent on wildlife malice. Let him go to the sanctuary!

Sincerely,
Leah Brown and Family
Northbrook, IL

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Torsten Wexler
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60615

Q2

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Send the coyote at River Trail to the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Colorado!

Q4

REGISTER IN FAVOR of a specific item (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Please allow for Rocky's immediate release to the Wild Animal Sanctuary. Let's get him out of that pathetic excuse of a "home" where he rots and is a spectacle for the crowds.

Your employees are keeping him for selfish means as they live off taxpayer money in the preserves in subsidized housing. Their only interest is not losing their jobs at the expense of the animals. This is criminal and sick! Nothing more than a roadside zoo. For such a progressive democratic city we should be doing much better than this!

Torsten Wexler

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Daniel Smith
City/Town:	Evanston
State:	IL
ZIP:	60201

Q2

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Release coyote to the sanctuary!

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Dear Commissioners,

Send the coyote at River Trail Nature Center to the Wild Animal Sanctuary. I've visited there with my family. It's an incredible place and would be vast improvement from his current small, wire prison. They know how to rehabilitate animals and Rocky would thrive in a safe environment. Let him go!

Sincerely,
Daniel Smith

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Darcie Smith
Organization (if any):	Instructor at SPVM
City/Town:	Evanston
State:	IL
ZIP:	60201

Q2

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Release Rocky!

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Dear Commissioners,

34,000 signatures and counting for Rocky's release to the Wild Animal Sanctuary on this petition <https://ladyfreethinker.org/sign-relocate-caged-coyote-to-sanctuary-where-he-can-roam-and-be-with-his-own-kind/>.

The public does not want him in his distressing cage away from other carnivores. Pat Craig from the Wild Animal Sanctuary wrote a beautiful letter explaining the transfer process to all of you. Please take him up on his offer and give this beautiful animal the right to thrive instead of rot and suffer!

Yours Truly,
Darcie Smith

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Kye Frederiksen
City/Town:	Northbrook
State:	IL
ZIP:	60062

Q2

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Release coyote to sanctuary

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

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Please send Rocky to the Wild Animal Sanctuary. We will not go away until you release him. Thank you.

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Laura Madison
City/Town:	Northbrook
State:	IL
ZIP:	60065

Q2

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Q3

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Free Rocky to the Sanctuary!

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

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Northbrook taxpayer who wants Rocky released to the Wild Animal Sanctuary! Thank you!

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Michelle Barth
City/Town:	Elgin
State:	IL
ZIP:	60123

Q2

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Send Rocky to the Wild Animal Sanctuary!

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

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Please send Rocky to the Wild Animal Sanctuary! He shouldn't be in that small cage!

Q6

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Q7

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Linda Hiller Deppe
City/Town:	Pewaukee
State:	WI
ZIP:	53072

Q2

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary

Q4

REGISTER IN FAVOR of a specific item (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

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River Trail Nature Center,

This letter is to register in favor of sending Rocky the Coyote to the wild animal sanctuary in Colorado.

While it is obvious that your staff has met his physical needs by how well he looks, we all know there is more to kindness. His caretakers may even love him and be sad at the thought of not being able to care for him. In their hearts they must know it is not really a suitable life for him.

Rocky's departure is also a sort of loss for the visitors who will not be able to see him.

But what are the implications of keeping wild animals alone and on display so that we may look at them for several minutes in our lives? It's not just about Rocky, but about the whole concept of this practice going into the future.

At some point, we have to act in his best interest to the best of our ability. In this case, because of the circumstances of how Rocky came to be captive, the sanctuary seems to be the one best alternative for him at this point.

This letter is not to condemn, but to ask for true fairness and altruism in providing for Rocky's future.

A suggestion would be: A beautiful photo of Rocky, with a plaque telling his story and how the center lovingly cared for him and finally decided what his best life could be.

Thank you for reading my comments.

Wildlife advocate in SE Wisconsin

Linda Hiller Deppe

Q6

Submitting written testimony only

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Q7

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Emmie Milic
Organization (if any):	high school student
City/Town:	Glenview
State:	IL
ZIP:	60025

Q2

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Send Rocky to the Sanctuary

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Dear Commissioners of Forest Preserves,
Please let Rocky the coyote go to the sanctuary where there's more room for him to roam.
Thank you.
Emmie Milic

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Kaj Wuori
City/Town:	Glenview
State:	IL
ZIP:	60026

Q2

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Send coyote to sanctuary

Q4

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Q5

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Please send Rocky to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Melissa Kauffman
City/Town:	Thornton
State:	CO
ZIP:	80241

Q2

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

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Many may think that Rocky is well cared for and happy at his current location. However, people who believe that are not well informed. Animal and wildlife experts will tell you that his behaviors exhibit boredom, stress, and a lack of mental stimulation. He has also had medical issues, such as skin problems, due to such stress. He has not been provided a safe area to retreat from visitors at the facility, giving him privacy when he wants it and it continually exposed to harsh weather conditions. It makes no sense to me that anyone would oppose this animal's well-being, rather than being more concerned about the financial gain this facility is making on this poor animal's behalf. PLEASE, have him transferred to the Wildlife Animal Sanctuary! They are willing to transport him and provide him with the life he DESERVES. STOP the exploitation of this coyote!

Q6

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Email Address

melissackauffman@gmail.com

Phone Number

3034397896

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Victor Hunter
City/Town:	Evanston
State:	WY
ZIP:	82930

Q2

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

Q4

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Q5

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Michael Kaplan
City/Town:	San Luis Obispo
State:	CA
ZIP:	93405

Q2

FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a

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Send Rocky the coyote to the wild animal sanctuary!

Q4

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Send Rocky to the care of people equipt to care for wild animals like him! His enclosure is OBVIOUSLY inadequate!

Q6

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Q7

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Michelle Jorgensen
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

Q2

FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a

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Send Ricky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary

Q4

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Rocky the Coyote deserves to live in a better environment than he is currently in. River Trail Nature Center is not equipped to give home enough room, privacy or enrichment. let this coyote have a decent life at the Wild Animal Sanctuary. They are willing to take him and give him what he needs and deserves. at zero cost to taxpayers. lets be humane. please. i strongly urge you to do the right thing. Let him be a coyote and not a penned up animal in a cage.

Q6

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Email Address

jorgmi@gmail.com

Phone Number

7732034935

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Nancy Warren
City/Town:	Ewen
State:	MI
ZIP:	49925

Q2

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There is no doubt the Preserve is providing for the captive coyote's basic needs of food, water and medical care. But, that is simply not enough for a coyote. Coyotes are pack animals, they need social and mental stimulation. They need to be able to hunt small rodents. If you kept your dog in the enclosure such as the one the coyote is kept, it would be considered "cruel". Please take action to transfer the coyote to a wildlife sanctuary so that it can spend it's remaining years being a coyote.

Q6

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Email Address

nancy@wolfwatcher.org

Phone Number

19069882892

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:

Hayley Rickett

Q2

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary. For a physically healthy animal with no mobility impairments the condition that it is being kept in is pitiful. I've seen it stated by the ForestPreserve District of Cook County that 'The coyote's enclosure is well sized for its needs according to the experts that provide its care.' Sure, that might be a valid thing to say, if we were back in the 1920s. We are NOT in the 1920s though, and our knowledge of animal husbandry has improved far beyond what it was then. This is an animal that would range for miles in the wild, while here it is being kept in a space smaller than a one bedroom trailer. This is not enough space for such an animal. There's scarcely any enrichment in the animal's enclosure, and its "shelter" consists of two doghouses, neither of which is equipped to insulate against colder temperatures. To keep this animal in such a small enclosure with little to no enrichment, to outright say that you are not willing to do improve its living conditions, is willful negligence and quite frankly abusive in my opinion. With all due respect, please put this animal in the hands of someone who is actually willing to properly care for it.

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Dale Sloan
City/Town:	Northbrook
State:	IL
ZIP:	60062

Q2

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Send Rocky to the Wild Animal Sanctuary

Q4

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Please send Rocky the coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

Q6

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: **Jordan**

Q2

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary

Q6

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Lori Stokes
Organization (if any):	None
City/Town:	Hoboken
State:	NJ
ZIP:	07030

Q2**FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a**

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

Q4

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Q5

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Rocky, the coyote, is being held captive in a tiny, unnatural, inhumane enclosure at River Trail Nature Center in Northbrook, IL. Rehabilitation experts say his pacing is a stress behavior from confinement. He's only 4 years old and can live up to ten years in captivity, longer in a natural free environment, with other coyotes and carnivores. Please help Nicole Milan #FreeRocky, the Coyote!

Rocky the coyote stress pacing at the River Trail Nature Center Northbrook IL.

Rocky the coyote is stress pacing at the River Trail Nature Center in Northbrook, IL where he's spent his entire four years of his life trapped in this tiny,...

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Please do the right thing and send Rocky to sanctuary and the exploitative menagerie called the River Trail Nature Center be shut down.

Thank you,
Lori Stokes

Q6

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	GF Storck
City/Town:	Madison
State:	WI
ZIP:	53704

Q2

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary

Q4

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary

Q6

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Erica
City/Town:	Coraopolis
State:	PA
ZIP:	15108

Q2

FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary

Q4

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In the wild, coyotes home range is typically from two to five square miles. A 266 square foot pen is nowhere close to even the bare minimum (2 sq. miles). A 266 square foot pen is inhumane and I am in favor of Rocky being transferred to a facility that can accommodate for his husbandry needs.

Q6

Submitting written testimony only

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Q7

Respondent skipped this question

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#39

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Lucas Smart
City/Town:	Barrington
State:	IL
ZIP:	60010

Q2

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Q3

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Release coyote to Sanctuary!

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Release coyote to the sanctuary at no cost! Do the humane thing!

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Marcia Aachen
Organization (if any):	Teacher
City/Town:	Wheeling
State:	IL
ZIP:	60090

Q2

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Q3

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Please send the coyote to the sanctuary.

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Dear Cook County Commissioners,

I am one of the 35,639 signatures collected to release Rocky the coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary. <https://ladyfreethinker.org/sign-relocate-caged-coyote-to-sanctuary-where-he-can-roam-and-be-with-his-own-kind/>

According to research published in the academic journal, Conservation Biology, it appears untrue that children are educated from visiting zoos. The research conducted surveyed 2,800 children after guided and unguided visits to the London zoo. This survey revealed that 62% of children showed no change in knowledge regarding new facts about animals or anything pertaining to environmental conservation.

In fact, this study suggested children's knowledge over conservation is worsened, or a "negative learning outcome" forms, as the children feel they cannot do anything effective enough to solve the problem (One Green Planet 2014).

I personally find it difficult to believe that a reverse effect regarding education when visiting zoos would form, considering although most children will not learn anything, they will still have at least non- changed feelings towards conservation and animals.

Liz Tyson, the director of the Captive Animals' Protection Society, supports the journal Conservation Biology, stating "Zoos present an entirely false view of both the animals themselves, and of the real and very urgent issues facing many species...Zoos do not educate nor do they empower or inspire children"(Captive Animals' Protection Society 2015). I agree with Tyson with the idea that zoos portray a false depiction of what they are actually like. The only true way to actually witness animals in their natural state is by watching them out in the wild.

Please let Rocky return to his natural state in the wild at the Wild Animal Sanctuary for free!

Sincerely,
Marcia Aachen Family

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Bridget Salmons
Organization (if any):	Chicago Animal Alliance
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60612

Q2

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Q3

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Please release Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary!

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

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This study demonstrates that keeping animals in captivity hold no educational value. In fact, information is quickly forgotten after visiting. Why should Rocky the coyote be gawked at and housed in a cruel enclosure for a momentary spectacle? Please release him to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

Beckoff, M. (2014, December 12). It's Not Happening at the Zoo: There's no Evidence Zoos Educate in a Meaningful Way. In The Huffington Post . Retrieved from http://www.huffingtonpost.com/marc-bekoff/its-not-happening-at-the-zoo_b_6315614.html

Sincerely,
Bridget Salmons

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Benicio Becka
City/Town:	Wilmette
State:	IL
ZIP:	60091

Q2

FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a

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Q3

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Send Rocky to The Wild Animal Sanctuary

Q4

PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENT FOR INFORMATION
ONLY (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

I believe that it is cruel and unjust to subject a coyote like Rocky to the poor living conditions he finds himself in. Please put empathy before business and let Rocky be moved to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Thomas Scramuzzo
Organization (if any):	Arcon Fasteners
City/Town:	Barrington
State:	IL
ZIP:	60010

Q2

FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a

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Q3

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Sanctuary

Q4

REGISTER IN FAVOR of a specific item (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Commissioners, stop animal cruelty and send Rocky the coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

Q6

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Q7

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Phyllis L. Clausen
Organization (if any):	League of Womens Voters
City/Town:	Northbrook
State:	IL
ZIP:	60062

Q2

FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a

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Q3

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Send Rocky the coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary

Q4

REGISTER IN FAVOR of a specific item (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

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As a member of League of Womens Voters, we do not support Rocky being kept at the River Trail. Please immediately release him to the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Colorado to be rehabilitated. He can be rehabilitated.

We've read the sanctuary's letter. Stop this animal cruelty!

Phyllis L. Clausen

Q6

Submitting written testimony only

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Kimberly Hollis
City/Town:	WINTER
State:	WI
ZIP:	54896

Q2

FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a

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Q3

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Please send Rocky the coyote to the animal sanctuary.

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Please send Rocky the coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary. It is cruel to keep a wild animal alone in such a small cage. Please do what is best for this coyote. Thank you for your consideration.

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Cheryl Cheifetz
City/Town:	Lincolnshire
State:	IL
ZIP:	60069

Q2

FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a

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n/a

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

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Valued Board Members,

I appreciate the time you are taking to read my statement out loud during this meeting. As a community member, parent, and teacher, I want to share my experiences at River Trail Nature Center. I have hiked the trails, attended teacher training sessions, and attended other Nature Center events with my children. One of the most amazing parts of RTNC is that we could visit with wildlife they otherwise would not encounter. The staff provide natural comforts to each animal and you can easily see they are well cared for. River Trail was one of the first places I visited during the pandemic to keep me connected with nature. I hope that the Center will continue running all of its programs so that one day I can bring my grandchildren there to experience the same plants and animals that I have for the last 20+ years.

Thank you for your time,
Cheryl Cheifetz

Q6

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Q7

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Email Address

ccheifetz@d103.org

#47

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Robert
Organization (if any):	Furem
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

Q2

FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a

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Send Rocky the Coyote to a wild animal sanctuary. Thank you!

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

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Please send Rocky the coyote to a wild animal sanctuary. Thank you!

Q6

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Q7

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Email Address

bfurem@usa.net

Phone Number

7736807528

#48

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Bernadette Drabek
City/Town:	Palatine
State:	IL
ZIP:	60067

Q2

FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a

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Q3

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Q4

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Q5

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I am asking that Rocky the coyote be released to the sanctuary. This past Fall I witnessed Rocky running aimlessly in circles in his pen. It was so heartbreaking that I had to leave and I continued to be upset knowing that he is a living display. He should live his life at the sanctuary instead of a pen, no matter the size.

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Katerina Pestova
City/Town:	Glenview
State:	IL
ZIP:	60026

Q2

FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a

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Q3

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Please send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

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I support relocation of Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary, or at least improving his conditions (cage size, fresh water, etc).

Q6

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Q7

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Email Address

epestova@gmail.com

Phone Number

8473725397

#50

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Carole Spencer
City/Town:	Midlothian
State:	IL
ZIP:	60445

Q2

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Q3

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Please send Rocky to the Wild Animal Sanctuary

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

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Dear Honorable Degnen,

I want to first thank you for responding to my email and the information you provided on this issue. I did reach out to the Nature Trail's Commissioner, but as an advocate, the more attention you can bring to any cause is a good thing.

You mentioned the trained professionals and medical staff involved in Rocky's care. I know you would think that this would ease worries about him, but it doesn't. I have worked as a Village Health Officer for a municipality and with Cook County Animal Officers. I have seen horrors to animals beyond belief. As a result of this I am also aware of compliance or lack of enforcement of many ordinances/codes for the State of Illinois. I may not be an expert in "Wildlife" but I can recognize suffering and stress when I see it. I visited this coyote, he is stressed and in need of help. The Nature Preserve's attempt to continue inflict this on this helpless animal, shows they are not looking out for its best interests. Rocky is a "Side Show Attraction" and their desperate attempts to keep him there is quite obvious.

If he didn't have a chance to be introduced to a pack or the ability to be released into controlled freedom at the Colorado Sanctuary, I'd say life for Rocky is doomed to "side show" gawking by humans. But there is a chance at a better life for this little coyote. And by receiving your email it gives me hope that you will succeed in a 3rd party opinion! Hope that he will have a better quality of life from the joint efforts from humans that care.

Sincerely,
Carole Spencer

Q6

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Q7

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Felice Howard
Organization (if any):	CAA
City/Town:	Fredericksburg
State:	TX
ZIP:	78624

Q2

FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a

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Q3

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Send Rocky the coyote to Colorado sanctuary

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

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Rocky is currently kept in inhumane conditions- small enclosure, no other coyotes to socialize with, so stressed he is rubbing his fur off. He is being used as a show and tell item instead of treated in the manner best for his well being. There is a perfectly wonderful solution with a sanctuary in CO that is willing to take him and acclimate him back into the wild. Please do the right thing and send Rocky to the sanctuary in CO! Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Q6

Submitting written testimony only

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Cathie Wanner Ernst
Organization (if any):	Employed by Self
City/Town:	Scottsdale
State:	AZ
ZIP:	85262

Q2

FPD Board of Commissioners Meeting 3/15/2022 10a

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Q3

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Send Rocky to a wild sanctuary

Q4

REGISTER IN FAVOR of a specific item (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

It is wrong to keep this wild coyote in a cage and to make him do tricks to get fed. He belongs in a real sanctuary not a cage.

Q6

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Q7

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caternst@cox.net

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4805151540

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COMPLETE

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Michelle Blendermann
City/Town:	Mount Prospect
State:	IL
ZIP:	60056

Q2

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Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q4

PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENT FOR INFORMATION
ONLY (You may add written comments below)

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Please read aloud at the 3/15 meeting

I wanted to make an enthusiastic comment of gratitude regarding the staff, facility, and opportunities provided by the River Trails Nature Center. My (now teenagers) and I spent countless hours in the Eagle's Nest and Fox's Den, reading, coloring leaves, putting on puppet shows, fishing, catching & releasing bugs, going to camps in the summer, interacting with the kind & knowledgeable Rangers & learning all about the wildlife on site and hidden all around us. As teens, they've done scouting programs, hikes and art engagements. Our lives & our communities are SIGNIFICANTLY better because of the River Trails Nature Center. Thank you all for all you do for us and for our forest friends! You are appreciated.

Q6

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