

Timothy Casey (Secretary to the Board)

From: Navraaz Basati <nbasati@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2022 10:21 AM
To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)
Subject: Written testimony for board meeting

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To Cook County Board Members,

It has recently come to my attention that there are citizens who have become particularly focused on the well being of a coyote at River Trails Nature Center. As someone who has been a dedicated volunteer with the Forest Preserves of Cook County, a volunteer Master Naturalist, an educational coordinator for a conservation trust, I would like to suggest that an outside entity be brought in to assess the health of the animal. Although it is idealistic to re-wild all of our wildlife, we cannot underestimate the impact that we have in individual lives within our natural world. Without this understanding we would not have the civilizations we have today, the pets we have today, the understanding of our ecosystems that we have today, the conservation efforts that we have today, or the respect for the health and well being for our environment. Many times, these efforts are well intentioned but not well informed. There is a lot of passion put behind these efforts to “save” animals that are impacted by human behavior when really it turns out to be a punishment for everyone involved. I admire the passion that these citizens bring but at the same time would like to highlight the need for research specialists, biologists, conservationists, academic specialists, zoologists, and all other relative fields who dedicate their lives to the well being of each individual being under their care. It is very easy to think that we know what is best for all as an outsider looking in but really, it is a more genuine sense of compassion to take a step back and work with an entire time who can take into account the right path for this specific being. This animal has been under the care of humans, and that is the plain and simple reality. It’s path forward cannot be determined by those who may have good intentions but not be well informed.

Sincerely,
Navraaz K Basati

Timothy Casey (Secretary to the Board)

From: Linda Hiller Deppe <lmhiller2@att.net>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2022 11:10 AM
To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)
Subject: Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

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Cook County Board,

As a wildlife activist, Rocky's story caught my attention and called out for my participation, as it did so many other caring individuals.

You have probably heard all of the reasons that Rocky should be removed from his present situation and sent to the sanctuary.

In my mind there is only really one obvious fact; no animal should be caged and isolated for years for the purpose of public viewing.

Would you want it for your dog? Probably not.

This is not the kind of negative publicity Cook county or the River Trail Nature Center needs.

So, please, do the right thing and release him to the sanctuary.

Linda Hiller Deppe
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