

From: [BOB FUREM](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: #FreeRocky
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 1:53:28 PM

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#FreeRocky

From: [Leah Brown](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Coyote
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 10:54:21 AM

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Dear Cook County Commissioners,

My husband and I are appalled over Arnold Randall's response to citizens at the last board meeting regarding their concern for animal welfare. What an immature response from a public official! I'm disgusted my tax dollars continue to support animal cruelty.

Scientific studies have proved animals in solitary confinement such as Rocky, suffer from infections, depression, immune system dysfunction, and stress. Rocky is already demonstrating these stereotypy behaviors! The Forest Preserves are clearly unqualified to continue this way.

SEND ROCKY TO THE WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY!

Our group of 40,000 supporters isn't going away. It's time for you to stop this cruelty and do the right thing for ALL the animals! We don't seem to live in a progressive city with this going on. We live in the 21st century, it's time to create and follow humane laws for all sentient beings.

Sincerely,
Leah Brown

From: [Linda Hiller Deppe](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Free Rocky
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 11:29:11 AM

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Cook County Commissioner,

Please take the high road and free Rocky from his enclosure so that he may go to the accredited Colorado sanctuary.

He is in a very stressful and confusing situation which is now compounded by someone entering his cage to ask him to do tricks for food treats.

This practice may not end well for his handlers or for him.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Linda Hiller Deppe
Wildlife Activist
326 Lake St.
Pewaukee, WI
53072

LINDA HILLER DEPPE GRAPHIC DESIGN WRITING

From: [Deen Howen](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Free Rocky the Coyote
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 1:07:59 PM

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Please free Rocky from cage living for his sake, not ours. Let him be with others of his own kind, rather than live an isolated life.

As we all learned from the "lockdown" these past couple of years, isolation is not mentally healthy for living things.

Thank you for your empathetic consideration of this matter.

-Dale Howen

From: [Ruth Arnone](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Free Rocky
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:27:43 PM

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Reconsider your captive animal programs and allow for Rocky's release to the Wild Animal Sanctuary at no cost to the taxpayers. #FREEROCKY

From: [Katerina Pestova](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Regarding the captive Coyote
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 2:31:42 PM

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> #FreeRocky

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> Dear Sir or Madam

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> This request is for Cook County Commissioners, monthly board of commissioners meeting tomorrow.

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> I would like to remind about captive coyote in the Cook County Forest Preserve (“Rocky”). My heart breaks for this wild animals treated like a circus attraction. I would like to encourage you to continue to reconsider your captive animal programs and allow for Rocky's release to the Wild Animal Sanctuary at no cost to the taxpayers. Let Rocky enjoy his life!

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> Thank you!

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> Katerina Pestova

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From: leslierandall54@roadrunner.com
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Rocky the captive coyote
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 4:29:42 PM

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Dear Cook County Board,

My name is Leslie Randall and I am writing to you today to please free Rocky the coyote from a cage at the Forest Preserves of Cook County to a sanctioned sanctuary (Wild Animal Sanctuary) where he can live as a coyote and NOT as a captive wild animal made to respond to "clicks" and commands.

A move to the above named sanctuary will cost taxpayers nothing but not releasing Rocky to a life he was meant to live may cost him his life in the long run.

Please reconsider your captive animal programs and allow Rocky to be released to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

Thank you.

Leslie Randall

From: [karen elger](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Rocky the Coyote
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:58:20 PM

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Dear Cook County Officials,

Please have compassion and #FreeRocky from his sad, solitary confinement.
Please release him to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

Thankyou.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kathy Grant](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Rocky the Coyote at River Trail Nature Center
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 10:52:01 AM

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Good morning. I am commenting once again on the situation with Rocky the Coyote at the River Trail Nature Center.

For months concerned citizens have addressed Rocky's less than optimum life at the Center. It is clear that The Wild Animal Sanctuary has provided answers to every question the commissioners and Parks representatives have presented.

It is also clear that much of this information has not been disseminated to citizens and has been ignored/deflected by many Commissioners. On Facebook and in public meetings we have been met with disinformation, accusations, and attacks about our motives. We are a handful of busy people from different lifestyles who happen to care about Rocky because we do not believe in these roadside exhibitions labeled as "educational".

I myself have tried encouragement to view this necessary change as an opportunity for the Parks and Commissioners to TRULY educate. To get media involved in the transfer, a feather in their caps, figuratively. I have tried bringing up costs. I have tried to impart what a wonderful place the Sanctuary is as I am a Supporter. So far I have been unsuccessful in receiving a direct response from any Commissioner on WHY they are pushing back so hard against this relocation. I understand that the wheels of government turn slowly. But we have heard little more than the old chestnut that it will kill him, or that this is the only home he has ever known, which is not true. If we make assumptions that are unflattering of the Board, who can blame us? The Commissioners spend their time after our comments undermining us. Hot mic moments of "Bull#h!" have been directed at us. Why? Do they believe like one commenter that we should not have a voice? Like Rocky does not?

We are told that "experts" are being consulted. I would ask how that process is moving along? Although I cannot conceive that any real expert would condone Rocky living out his life alone as an exhibit. He is a wild animal, you are the first to admit that. But somehow it is a good idea to teach him tricks with treats and now leash and clicker training, which he clearly is unhappy with as shown in videos taken by visitors? This is just wrong.

In conclusion, what do we need to DO to get the powers that be in public service in Cook County to do the right thing by this beautiful creature? He will be safely transported, safely and lovingly treated with respect for what he is by the Sanctuary, and given the most normal and healthy life he is comfortable with there! He may be LIVING, but what kind of LIFE does he have compared with what he could have? Please, this is not about you or to place blame, this about doing BETTER for Rocky. Why would you not want that? If you have legitimate reasons I have not heard them. If you are weary of us, trust me, we are weary of this, too, but we are not giving up on Rocky and will continue to advocate for his release.

Sincerely,
Katherine Grant
Golden, Colorado

Sent from my iPad

From: [Zerk Sabin](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Send Rocky to Wild Animal Sanctuary
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 10:29:35 AM

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Dear Cook County Board of Commissioners,

Rocky could have been released by now and living a better life. Why are you prolonging his misery?

Citizens have provided facts, videos, and acquired FOIA documents that show laws are being broken. Yet Superintendent Arnold Randall calls them liars! We expect more professionalism from our community leaders who are clearly incapable of accepting constructive criticism. That's not healthy for positive growth as a society! It's time for laws to change and for the Forest Preserves to stop keeping animals captive.

We aren't going away.

Regards,

Zerk Sabin

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From: [Barefoot Yeti](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: The release of Rocky
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 10:28:04 AM

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Please I urge you to reconsider captive animal programs and release rocky ro the wild animal sanctuary at no cost ro the taxpayers.

Thank you
Douglas Beattie

From: [Wendy Hollis](#)
To: [CookCounty Board \(Secretary to the Board\)](#)
Subject: Rocky
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 8:07:18 AM

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