

Timothy Casey (Secretary to the Board)

From: Sophia Yousif <yousifs85@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 9:46 PM
To: Toni Preckwinkle (Presidents Office)
Cc: Bill Lowry (Board of Commissioners); Stanley Moore (Board of Commissioners); Deborah Sims (Board of Commissioners); Donna Miller (Board of Commissioners); Alma Anaya (Board of Commissioners); Peter Silvestri; John Daley (Board of Commissioners); isuffredin@aol.com; Scott Britton (Board of Commissioners); Kevin Morrison (Board of Commissioners); Frank Aguilar (Board of Commissioners); Sean Morrison (Board of Commissioners); CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); social.mediacc@cookcountyil.gov
Subject: Release Rocky

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Dear County Commissioners,

I am writing to let you know how disappointed I was in the decision to deny the release of Rocky, the coyote, from his inhumane existence at River Trail Nature Center in Northbrook, IL. I live in Cook County and will vote for candidates who protect animal welfare in November's election. I will make a commitment to never visit, lodge, dine or shop in Northbrook or the Cook County Forest Preserves until can Rocky can live in a sanctuary. Thank you for your time.

Sophia Yousif

Timothy Casey (Secretary to the Board)

From: Brittany Michelson <brittany@idausa.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 7:56 AM
To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)
Subject: Written Testimony for 7/26 Board Meeting

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Please share this written testimony on behalf of Rocky the coyote, who is being held at the River Trail Nature Center:

Dear Cook County Forest Preserve Board Members,

As the Captive Animals Campaigner for In Defense of Animals, an international animal advocacy organization with a major following and a 39 year history, I am writing to request that Rocky the coyote be surrendered to an accredited wildlife sanctuary. The alert we prepared for Rocky has over 20,000 supporters who are requesting this transfer.

Rocky exhibits numerous signs of stress, such as pacing back and forth, biting and licking his paws, and scratching to alleviate itching, for which he is on antidepressant and anti-anxiety medications. Throughout the winter months, his water bowl was observed repeatedly frozen solid. Rocky's environment violates the USDA blue book Forest Preserve policy manuals on housing wildlife and Illinois' Humane Care for Animals Act, as well as the Forest Preserve's own Mission Statement.

Rocky's true needs are not being met. It is inhumane to keep him alone in a small cage for the rest of his life simply because he was mistaken for a dog, and ended up deposited there. He deserves to have plenty of space

to roam, hide in underground tunnels, have the opportunity to integrate with his own species, and be taken off the drugs that are used to address his stress.

For his well-being and his long-term health, Rocky should be surrendered to The Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg, Colorado. He should be free to live in as natural an environment as possible, and living at the sanctuary will provide him with the life he deserves. Just because he interacted with humans instead of other coyotes at a young age, doesn't mean he should be deprived of the opportunity to socialize with members of his own species. There are solutions for integration that the sanctuary has plenty of experience with. Even wild animals who have been domesticated have instincts to roam, run, dig tunnels, and interact with their own kind, and these things are denied to Rocky in his enclosure at the nature center.

We are requesting that the board exercise compassion for Rocky and surrender him to the wildlife sanctuary.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brittany Michelson

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For the animals,
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Timothy Casey (Secretary to the Board)

From: Jose Perez <fabiolaaraz31hot.com@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2022 10:43 PM
To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)
Cc: social.mediacc@cookcountyil.gov
Subject: Rocky Sanctuary

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Please release Rocky the coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Weld County, Colorado

I live in Cook County and I'm forward on voting for candidates, that are pro animal welfare

Thank you

Jose Alberto Perez

Sent from my iPhone

Timothy Casey (Secretary to the Board)

From: Jose Perez <fabiolaaraz31hot.com@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2022 10:39 PM
To: Toni Preckwinkle (Presidents Office)
Cc: Larry Suffredin; Scott Britton (Board of Commissioners); Kevin Morrison (Board of Commissioners); Frank Aguilar (Board of Commissioners); Sean Morrison (Board of Commissioners); CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board); social.mediacc@cookcountyil.gov
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Timothy Casey (Secretary to the Board)

From: Phoebe Conner <spykerstar18@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2022 3:27 PM
To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)
Subject: Rocky

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Please allow Rocky the coyote to live out his life at the Wild Animal Sanctuary. He is not receiving the care he needs at the River Trail Nature Center.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6HmO6eqxkg>

Thank you,

Phoebe

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Timothy Casey (Secretary to the Board)

From: Irene Sewell <irenesewell@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2022 1:01 PM
To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)
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Subject: A plea

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Dear Commissioners,

Please find warmth in your heart to give Rocky the best life possible. Please allow him to roam, to hide, to be as free as possible. Humans erred when they thought he was a dog as a young coyote pup. It is time to correct the wrong, to do the next best thing for this animal who is not ours to claim. We cannot change the past but we owe it to him to change his future. Please provide him with the most humane surroundings possible and surrender him to a better life at The Wild Animal Sanctuary. No cage is big enough to correct the wrongs. If you love him, allow him to live like a coyote. Give him the life that so many other wild animals raised in captivity, even in people's homes, are now enjoying. The transformation is beautiful to witness. Give Rocky the same freedom. It is the right thing to do.

Respectfully,

Irene Sewell

Timothy Casey (Secretary to the Board)

From: Ester Gonzalez <ester.gonzalezlax@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2022 11:48 AM
To: CookCounty Board (Secretary to the Board)
Subject: Free Rocky the coyote

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Dear Cook County Commissioners,

Thank you very much for giving the public an opportunity to comment on Rocky the Coyote, who is currently confined (jailed) at the River Trail Nature Center in Northbrook, IL.

As you may or may not know, Rocky is a coyote that was mistook to be a dog when he was a puppy. So what happened afterwards was unfortunate. He was placed in a cage for the rest of his life and this is horrible and inhumane. The people that did this are not capable of making good decisions, maybe they don't care that the coyote is suffering. They should have surrendered it to a wildlife rescue center.

Luckily, there is an opportunity to have him transferred to a wildlife refuge center. I urge Cook County Commissioners to commit to the release of Rocky, the coyote, from his inhumane existence at River Trail Nature Center in Northbrook, IL and allow him to go to the Wild Animal Sanctuary as soon as possible.

There is video of Rocky losing his mind running around in circles, stress pacing. Please help him!!!

Thank you for accepting my comment.

Ester Gonzalez
Los Angeles, CA

