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Skunk family rescued after falling into a 14-foot-deep hole

Menlo Park, CA—Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) rescued a family of three skunks who had fallen into a 14-foot-deep construction hole on a construction site in Menlo Park, CA.

“A worker on the construction site spotted the skunk family deep in the hole and contacted our rescue staff for assistance,” said PHS/SPCA’s Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. “We couldn’t reach the skunks by hand, so our staff used an extendable catchpole that could be expanded to twelve feet in length, enabling us to safely net the animals and bring them to safety.”



PHS/SPCA rescue staff were able to pull the mother skunk and her two babies out of the deep pit one by one. They were then placed in secure crates so they could be evaluated for possible injuries.

“The hole was quite deep, and the skunks were unable to climb out by themselves,” according to Tarbox. “Without human assistance to help them out of the hole, it is likely they would have perished. Despite being scared, none of the skunks sprayed our staff, and seemed grateful to have been safely rescued.”

All three skunks were checked on the scene for possible injuries. Despite their harrowing ordeal, they were all determined to be in good health and released on the back side of the property, well away from the construction holes.

Photos are courtesy of PHS/SPCA.



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About the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is a local, private, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to animal welfare. Among our major programs, PHS/SPCA adopts fully 100% of the healthy dogs and cats in our care and also, through our charitably funded Hope Program, makes well and finds homes for thousands of animals who come to us sick, injured, or too young to survive without supportive care. PHS/SPCA is truly an open admission shelter, not only accepting many pet animals who might be refused at other shelters, but also taking care of injured and orphaned native wildlife from San Francisco through San Mateo and the northern half of Santa Clara County. Our work means 5,700 lives saved each year. Please visit www.phs-sPCA.org to learn about all our programs and services, ways to help our animals and special events.

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