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Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA rescues two Gray Foxes trapped in a window well

Portola Valley, CA—Two very lucky Gray Foxes are now safely back in the wild after being rescued by Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) yesterday.

“An individual who was cleaning the windows in a Portola Valley home spotted two foxes confined in a deep concrete window well and called us for help,” said PHS/SPCA’s Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. “Somehow the two foxes fell into the 10 feet high window well and were unable to get themselves out. PHS/SPCA rescue staff literally plucked them from their perilous predicament, saving the lives of the two beautiful native Gray Foxes.”

PHS/SPCA arrived quickly after the call and the staff person was able to carefully remove the foxes. It is unknown how the duo ended up in the window well or how long they had been trapped there.



“The drop into the window well was so high that our rescue staff was initially unable to reach the foxes. So, with permission from the homeowner, he entered the house, opened the window from the inside of the home to access the window well and was able to securely grasp the foxes



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putting them in cages and taking them outside for evaluation,” according to Tarbox. “No obvious injuries were found on the foxes, so they were released and they happily fled back into the wild. Since the foxes were unable to climb out of the steep concrete enclosure they most likely would have perished without our assistance. These are two very lucky foxes!”

Gray Foxes are native to the San Francisco Bay Area. They are believed to be monogamous and are important to the ecosystem helping to control small rodent populations.

Photo is courtesy of PHS/SPCA.

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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