

Nicole Carion - RE: squirrel rehabber

From: Trish Jackman <tjackman@projectwildlife.org>
To: Nicole Carion <ncarion@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 11/2/2012 11:02 AM
Subject: RE: squirrel rehabber

Hi Nicole,

Hi Nicole,

If it's ok. **I think we can make it clear to her that she is never to do this again.** At least she wasn't trying to keep it as a pet, but it remains to be seen if we can wild it up enough.

The CCWR member was M. Cummins. I guess she thought she was talking to another rehabber.

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From: Nicole Carion [mailto:ncarion@dfg.ca.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2012 4:44 PM
To: Trish Jackman
Subject: Re: squirrel rehabber

Hi Trish,
We can forward the info to enforcement and let them decide on how to handle. Do you know your local warden?, If not, I can find out who the local warden is and forward her info. Thanks for getting the squirrel.
Who did she contact in CCWR?

Nicole
>>> Trish Jackman <tjackman@projectwildlife.org> 11/1/2012 12:25 PM >>>
Hi Nicole,

I now have the squirrel in our possession that the woman illegally raised.
Do you want to pursue this any further? We have not alerted to the fact that she is not allowed to do what she

did yet, in case CDFG wants to contact her.

I am concerned that she will do this again and it concerns me that the other rehabber that she contacted CCWR members and got rehab advice.

I have her contact info if needed. The name again, was Terri Harrington.

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February 17, 2012

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RE: My wildlife rehabilitation permit

I realize you are retired now but I could really use a favor. I think you left CADFG around 2005. Nicole Carion became rehab coordinator for all rehabbers in the state around October 2004. I think some documents got lost in the transition or maybe she just doesn't know how to find them.

I met you at a region five meeting at the DFG office in San Diego. I submitted my original permit application to you. If you remember I was a satellite on Dave Thraen's A.W.R.E. permit around 2001. Rebecca Dmytryk referred me to him after I took her 2001 Wildlife Paramedic class. There was a falling out then I was a satellite on Janet Mackenroth's permit until I got my own permit in 2003.

I applied for a native species permit and was rejected because they said I wrote incorrect information on my application. They do not see that I was a satellite before I got my own permit. They claim I've only been permitted since 2003. I have one permit that Dave gave me but it shows 2002. I'm sure I was his satellite on a previous permit but I can't find that.

Could you send me a short email saying that I was a satellite on another rehabbers permit around 2001? I'd really appreciate it. Janet has since gotten divorced, changed her name and I can't find her. Thanks.

Hope you and the wife are well.

Sincerely,

Mary Cummins

Exhibit 3

From: Nicole Carion
To: mmmayinia@aol.com
Date: 3/12/2007 1:01:38 PM
Subject: Re: Report South bay wildlife

May

Although I appreciate your input on how I should handle the department's statewide coordination of the wildlife rehabilitation program, I would like to remind you that you are a volunteer wildlife rehabilitation permittee and I, as the statewide coordinator, will send a warning letter or deal with other permittees issues when I see the need and will not report to you whether I have or have not

I documented the site where I saw the video in the letter. I do not have a copy other than the link.

I would like you to be more aware of the conditions of your MOU and move forward. I would very much appreciate your cooperation.

Please also be advised that reports given to licensing agencies and/ or enforcement agencies are confidential. If you have clarifying questions I suggest you call our legal dept.

Thank You,

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>>> <mmmayinia@aol.com> 3/12/2007 9:23 AM >>>

Ask Camarillo Wildlife and LA Animal Control. The guy gave me some of his cages. This was felony animal cruelty and a health department complaint. It was her satellite. He was then evicted from the property. Please, take away her license and permits.

I have sent in a few complaints about these people and you've never sent them a warning letter. I feel that I'm being discriminated against. I will start making complaints about all of their real violations. You seem willing to listen to their many false complaints. I've been keeping records of all of their violations. I have all of their message and group board posts where they admit to these violations. I have photos. I wasn't going to report them because we need rehabbers desperately but if they are reporting me for false allegations, I will report them for real ones. Here is another report.

Brenda Varvarigos has a reptile without a reptile permit in a small terrarium in her garage. She keeps cages within 30' feet of residential dwellings. This is a violation of her LA City wildlife permit. She allows her five and seven year old children to play with, handle and

From: Nicole Carion
To: mmmaryinia@aol.com
Subject: Re: educational outline

For rehabbers (other than at Nature Centers/ zoos that have static displays) I have asked for the same documentation- caging picture, letters from a vet, educational outline and a person's experience.

The only difference between everyone else and you is that they usually provide the proper documentation without question unlike you who argues about everything and falsely accuses me of treating them differently

>>> <mmmaryinia@aol.com> 5/22/2007 9:36 AM >>>

I just sent this to him and he will reply.

I go to his office all the time. The opossum is in a big cage in the back. He doesn't display any animals in his waiting room. He doesn't treat it like a pet. He loves to educate people about opossums. He has a huge library of books on opossums. He's thinking of writing a book about them and has been talking to an opossum researcher.

I think all the members of the Opossum Society have educational opossums, most more than one. I don't think you've ever asked any of them for their bio, educational outline, photo of cages... Some animals never go to educational events at all. I've taken some of their classes, gone to their events. What has changed?

For the record I've never heard of anyone letting an opossum just run around an office or roam free like a cat. That would be disgusting as not all are litter box trained. The opossum could also be stepped on, attacked by a dog or accidentally escape. They aren't too smart and could easily get into trouble outside of a cage. They are definitely not like cats.

-----Original Message-----

From: Nicole Carion <ncarion@dfg.ca.gov>
To: mmmaryinia@aol.com
Sent: Tue, 22 May 2007 9:15 am
Subject: Re: educational outline

An educational outline is:
What type of presentation will be given about the animal in an outline form. What information will verbally be presented. How will he present the animal? In a cage? on a harness. Displayed in the waiting area with a sign? How often will the opossum will be used for education. I do not want a quotes from a manual.

I want to know from him what he is going to say about opossums in reference to this animal. and? is he only going to occasionally show clients at his vet office or is he actually going to do educational programs? I do not want the opossum running around the vet office as

From: Nicole Canon
To: mmmaryinia@aol.com
Subject: Re: Response to your letter

Mary,

I appreciate your prompt response. I will attach it to your letter of warning as a your official response.

I must clarify a couple of key points because you have misinterpreted a couple of things. They are numbered in accordance with your response.

1. I am aware that the volunteer was your husband. The problem in the video is that a small opossum from someone that appeared to be in the public(from the other side of the table) handed back a baby opossum to your husband. With this in mind, whether or not it was a rehab animal or an educational animal the public should not be handling this animal. He also was giving a talk about the animal to the person that just handed it back to him. This is relevant because he would not have been telling the information to someone that was a rehabber. Because you did not get this animal approved by the department I don't know whether it is an educational animal or not.

2. I know that there are disclaimers on your website, the pictures are still inappropriate.

3. Please see my other email regarding this information.

4. Mary, you told me that Dayna kept some of your animals while she was recovering from surgery specifically, the opossum. She had pictures of the opossum crawling on her. Again, this is still a problem because it portrays the animal as a pet which is in violation of the MOU.

5. No, I do not mean Anna Reams. Anna Dresden was watching the bobcat kitten for you while you were taking some classes. I had to ask three times where the kitten was before you divulged the information.

Mary, Please be advised that this was a "warning letter" not a revocation letter. I could have written a revocation letter, but I choose not to. I want you to learn from this letter, so that I do not have to revoke your permit.

Nicole

>>> <mmmaryinia@aol.com> 3/10/2007 12:19:07 PM >>>

I just received your letter and I am responding. First, I asked if there were any complaints or reports in my file. You said no. Your letter includes complaints and reports dating back to 2005. I again am requesting a copy of the original complaints. I need to know who made these complaints. If one is charged with a violation, one legally has the right to know the identity of the person making the charge. It's illegal to file a false report. That's the law. These complaints are not the complete truth. I am responding to each item now.

1. That was not a member of the public. That was my husband who is trained. Lt. Joe Baima said I didn't have to make my husband licensed in order to handle wildlife. That is an educational opossum, not a rehab opossum.

2. That animal was an educational animal. It was not a rehab animal.

There is a disclaimer in my site which explains all of the photos.

Please, read my disclaimer.

<http://www.animaladvocates.us/disclaimer.htm>

From: <MMMARYinLA@aol.com>
To: <ncarion@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 10/27/2004 10:18:15 AM
Subject: Investigation?

I had promised to give a talk on wildlife at a private school in Santa Monica. I was going to bring my licensed exhibit opossum and my entire booth setup. Their insurance company supposedly called Fish & Game and F&G said that I was currently "under investigation." For this reason I cannot go to this event. This was not only an educational event but a fund raiser for my group.

I asked Lt. Marty Wall and he said that no one had made a report against me. Someone merely asked if my class was accredited or not. Could you please tell me what is happening? Has another false report been filed? Please let me know by whom so that I may sue them for it most assuredly is false. This is interfering with my legitimate non-profit organization. I'm one of the few rehabbers that follows every single rule there is. I'm even the only rehabber in LA City who has the necessary LA City wildlife permit.

If a report has been filed against me, I must legally be informed by whom and for what so that I may respond. Please give me a copy of this false report. Supposedly they spoke to someone who handles rehabilitation permits so I assume that is you. Thank you.

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