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\$1000 Reward issued to find person(s) responsible for maimed raccoon

Wildlife non-profit sees injuries, deaths nation-wide from traps

GEORGINA, ON – A wildlife non-profit is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the identification and conviction of the person(s) responsible for setting and leaving a trap that maimed a raccoon in a Georgina, Ontario neighbourhood.

The 4-month-old raccoon was found with a snare wrapped around his hind leg; due to the complete loss of digits and extent of damage, it is believed the snare was on his leg for several weeks. He was found on Virginia Boulevard and taken to Procyon Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Centre. A veterinarian made the determination to amputate his hind leg and a possible release to the wild is expected for fall or next spring. “This raccoon suffered immensely for several weeks because of this trap,” says Debra Spilar Custodian Director of Procyon Wildlife. “We’re hopeful that this little guy will recover and return to the wild, but this is a stark reminder of the damage caused to animals when traps like this are used.”

Non-target species, pets and even people can be injured or killed when traps are set, explains Lesley Fox, Executive Director of The Fur-Bearers. “We see these types of injuries nation-wide when traps are used, and it is often left to volunteers or non-profit groups like Procyon Wildlife and other rehabilitators to care for the suffering animals,” Fox says. “This reward may help bring out information that can aid investigators in determining what happened, as well as promote what traps ultimately do: cause pain.”

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Ministry of Natural Resources tip line at 877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667).

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Procyon Wildlife is a registered non-profit charity dedicated to rescue, rehabilitate and safely release orphaned and injured wildlife. Established in 1953, The Fur-Bearers is a non-profit society working to protect fur-bearing animals in the wild and confinement.

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