Superintendent Losquadro Announces Amnesty Day for Protected, Endangered and Threatened Animals
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Farmingville, NY – For the second year in a row, Brookhaven Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro is hosting an Amnesty Day at the Holtsville Ecology Site. Residents will have an opportunity to turn in any protected, endangered and threatened animals that require special New York State Department of Environmental (NYSDEC) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service permits on Saturday, October 10th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be no penalties and no questions asked.

Last year’s Amnesty Day at the Ecology Site was the most successful the Suffolk County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) has ever had, with a total of 25 animals turned in. Amongst the animals turned in at the event were a western diamondback rattlesnake, one green anaconda, four boa constrictors, an American alligator and two marmoset monkeys.

“All too often people will harbor unlicensed or illegal pets without realizing the dangers they pose or the amount of care they require,” said Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro. “This often leads to these animals being dumped by someone who once had it as a pet. An example of this is the 25-pound alligator snapping turtle that was recently found in the Nissequogue River in Smithtown. Amnesty Day provides residents an opportunity to do the right thing for the safety of their neighbors and for the well-being of these animals. I want to thank the Suffolk County SPCA, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and United States Fish and Wildlife Services, along with the outstanding staff at the Ecology Site for making this event possible.”

“The purpose of this effort is to get these illegally possessed animals into a controlled environment where they can be cared for properly,” said Suffolk County SPCA Chief Roy Gross. “People who are in possession of these animals unlawfully can turn them in to us without fear of prosecution. No one will be asked to give their name.”

Trained professionals from the Suffolk County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), NYSDEC and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, along with employees at the Ecology Site will be receiving the animals. Any animals that cannot be kept at the Ecology Site will be relocated by the Suffolk County SPCA, NYSDEC and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Amnesty Day is taking place Saturday, October 10th at the Ecology Site, located at 249 Buckley Road in Holtsville from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For further information, please contact the Suffolk County SPCA at (631) 382-7722, NYSDEC at (631) 444-0250 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (516) 825-3950.

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