Holtsville, NY - 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 Saturday, May 10th at the Brookhaven Wildlife and Ecology Center. There will be no penalties and no questions asked. Click here to view the flyer.

"This is a chance for residents to do the right thing for the well being of these animals and the safety of their neighbors," said Daniel P. Losquadro, Brookhaven Town Superintendent of Highways. "I strongly encourage residents to turn in any dangerous or exotic animals they may be harboring on May 10th."

Supervisor Ed Romaine said, "These protected, endangered or threatened animals are not meant to be household pets and need special care and handling. I urge anyone who owns one to participate in the amnesty program."

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, May 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.