Superintendent Losquadro Introduces Newest Residents of the Holtsville Ecology Site & Animal Preserve
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Farmingville, NY – Melina, a chocolate skunk, and Bert and Ernie, miniature kune pigs, are the newest residents to call the Holtsville Ecology Site and Animal Preserve home. Joining wild mustangs Callie and Valor, resident American black bears Pooh Bear and Honey, and miniature horses Desert and Storm, Bert, Ernie and Melina will reside among the 100 injured or non-releasable animals available for viewing, free of charge, at the Animal Preserve.

One-year-old Melina was purchased as a pet outside of New York State, where she was spayed and de-scented. Since it is illegal to keep a skunk as a pet in New York, Melina's owners realized they could no longer care for her and surrendered her.

Bert and Ernie were surrendered and came to reside at the Animal Preserve two months ago when they were just eight weeks old.

"We are excited to welcome Melina, Bert and Ernie to our Animal Preserve family," said Brookhaven Town Superintendent of Highways Daniel Losquadro. "All three animals are thriving in the care of my compassionate and knowledgeable staff at the Ecology Site. If you haven't already done so, I invite you to come spend a day at one of the Town's best-kept secrets -- the Holtsville Ecology Site and Animal Preserve."

During the summer, visitors can view the animals seven days a week; in addition, tours are available, for a fee. Ecology Site staff offer self-guided, group and behind-the-scenes tours for animal lovers looking for more information on the animals and how the Animal Preserve operates. Call 631-758-9664 for more information or to schedule a tour.

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