



HARRISBURG TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT SICK OR INJURED WILDLIFE POLICY

The Harrisburg Township Park District is dedicated to providing a natural habitat for wildlife animals. There is always a chance that wildlife animals may become sick or injured.

I. DEFINITIONS

The following words shall have the following meanings when used in this Policy.

“District” means HARRISBURG TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT.

“Board” means the Board of Commissioners of the District.

“Employee” means any individual in the employ of the District.

“Policy” means this Sick or Injured Wildlife Policy.

"Animal" means every living creature, domestic or wild, but does not include man.

II. POLICY / PROCEDURES

- A. If a person or employee finds a sick or injured wildlife animal their first reaction is to want to help. Sometimes the best thing to do is nothing. Unless the person or employee is a trained and licensed animal rehabilitator, any action they take may endanger the animal as well as themselves. Moreover, they may be in violation of Federal or state wildlife management laws.

It is illegal to care for sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife in Illinois unless you have a permit from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Individuals with wildlife rehabilitator permits may assist injured wildlife if necessary.

Persons or employees should not attempt to assist an animal if there is a risk to personal safety or to the safety of others. If rabies is suspected, call the local animal control agency so that the animal can be captured and tested.

If a person or employee finds a sick or injured wildlife animal, either

- i. leave the animal where it was found and let nature take its course; or
- ii. call a wildlife rehabilitator.

Call the local animal control office or police department for assistance if the animal poses a threat to public health or safety.

Untrained individuals should not handle wildlife animals. Wild animals can inflict serious injury. They can also be carriers of disease or parasites that are transmittable to humans.

- B. The following website contains additional information regarding sick or injured wildlife in Illinois and contact information for wildlife rehabilitators:

<https://www.wildlifeillinois.org/get-help/help-injured-or-orphaned-wildlife/>

<https://www.wildlifeillinois.org/get-help/help-injured-or-orphaned-wildlife/help-for-sick-or-injured-wildlife/>

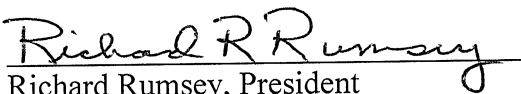
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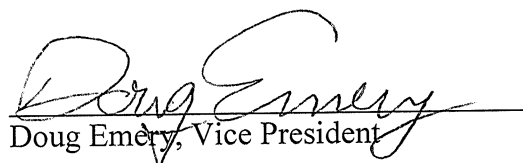
III. AMENDMENTS

This Policy may be amended by the District at any time. If the Policy is amended, the District shall file a written copy of the Policy, as amended, with the Board and shall also advise all District employees of the existence of the amended Policy. A copy of the amended Policy will be made available to District employees.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

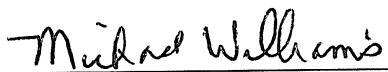
This Policy becomes effective APRIL 16, 2021.


Richard Rumsey, President


Doug Emery, Vice President

ATTEST:

4/14/2021
Date Signed


Michael Williams, Secretary / Treasurer