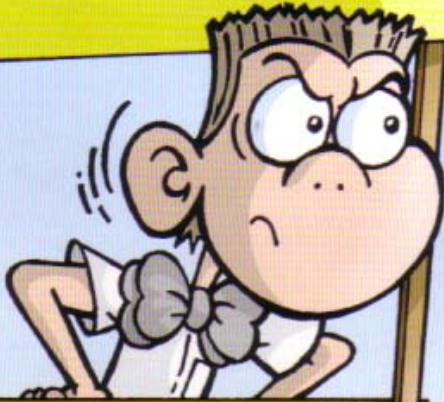


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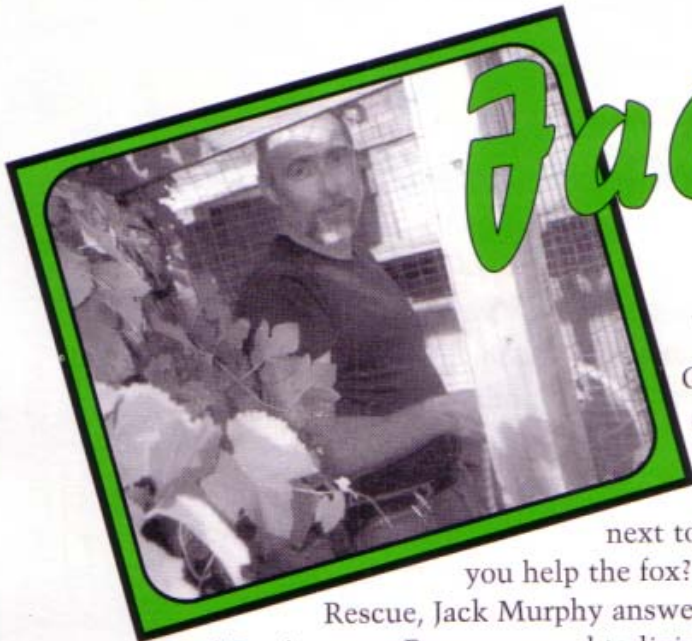
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# Jack's Job

by Michelle M. Barone

On your way home from school, you see red fur, a canine face, and slender, black legs. A fox is standing next to the post office. How can

you help the fox? If you call Urban Wildlife Rescue, Jack Murphy answers.

"Don't worry. Foxes are used to living around people," says Jack. "Foxes are pretty smart. I've seen them standing on the side of the road, watching traffic until it was safe to cross."

Now that Jack knows about the fox, he'll keep an eye on it. If someone tries to harm it, he'll notify the authorities. That's Jack's job.

Jack has liked animals since he was a boy. He and his wife Penny started Urban Wildlife Rescue when he realized he wanted to help people and save animals. When animals are in a place where they are a nuisance or not appreciated, Jack tries to encourage them to move.

Jack and Penny got a license to keep injured



wildlife at their house. They've cared for bats, prairie dogs, long-tailed weasels, foxes, squirrels, coyotes, and raccoons. The best part of Jack's job is when he helps an injured animal and it survives.

The scariest part of Jack's job is when he has to go up high places to catch or

rescue an animal. One time, he was called to get a raccoon out of a chimney. Jack carefully inched his way up the steep, slick, slate roof. He pulled himself to the top of the chimney and pecked inside. The raccoon's face was only one inch from Jack's nose! They both screamed! Jack scared that raccoon, but it scared Jack right back.

Once there was an emergency call regarding a bear. A family was sitting outside after dinner. Their three-year-old went in to get a Popsicle. She returned and said, "There's a bear in the kitchen!" The parents rushed inside to find a bear eating salad and a bouquet of flowers on the table.

The bear left on his own. Jack says, "People in the mountains have to put food away. Bears just want to eat."

How can kids help? Jack says, "Learn to co-exist with wildlife. Some of you may enjoy having foxes and other animals on your property. An animal in your yard is easier to handle than one in your house. If you want a job like mine, read about wildlife. Go outside and observe." Jack learned a lot about animals by spending time in the New Jersey woods when he was a boy.

Jack will be watching that fox you called him about. He'll tell you the fox found a mate and four kits were born in the spring. He'll tell you he watched them until the grass grew so tall he couldn't see them anymore. He'll say, "Don't worry about the fox. Foxes are pretty smart."

If you have a problem with a wild animal, look for rescuers like Jack Murphy. It's a great way to help the animal and yourself.

