

# THE 2013 WILDLIFE WATCH HUMANE AWARD GOES TO 14 YEAR OLD ALI KHALIL



L to R: Amal Maseer, Ali's mother; Supervisor Susan Zimet;  
Ali Khalil, Anne Muller

In early August, Wildlife Watch received a hotline call at 11:30 p.m. about a skunk who had gotten a Yoplait yogurt cup suctioned onto his face. Fourteen year old Ali Khalil, a high school student, spotted the skunk and wasn't able to sleep because he realized the skunk would die without human intervention. The skunk's eyes, nose and mouth were covered by the cup and he was just walking around in a circle. Ali had tried to pull off the cup, but it wouldn't budge.

He confessed that he didn't really like skunks, but he didn't want to see the little guy die like that, so he Googled "Wildlife Help" and found our number. Anne and Peter Muller who operate the organization brought over a little olive oil, a turkey baster, and some steel mesh gloves. While Peter held the skunk, Anne drizzled a little olive oil around the rim of the cup and gently pulled. The cup popped off almost immediately and Peter released the skunk. Fortunately for all, the skunk ran into the woods without looking back to say "thank you."

**New Paltz Town Supervisor, Susan Zimet,** attended and gave a talk in honor of Ali's compassion for an animal in distress.

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