



Porcupine Road Trip

We got the call over the Fourth of July weekend. Evidently, a HUGE porcupine had been found at an auto dealership and needed to be rescued.

My husband and I hopped into the car with a large crate and drove to Larry Miller Toyota to pick up this huge porcupine. When we arrived, we were guided to the side of the building. In the corner by the front door of the dealership was a small, juvenile porcupine who looked quite scared. Apparently his size was a matter of perspective!

The people at the dealership were really concerned about the porcupine. They had put out water and half of someone's sandwich for him. While we were getting him into the crate, a large crowd gathered—I think he made quite an impression!

No one knows how the porcupine got there, as porcupines generally don't live this far south in Arizona. One theory is that he walked south—apparently for many miles!—along a wash that ended at the location of the dealership. However he got there, he was a very hungry porcupine. He ate a whole banana on the trip back to Southwest Wildlife.

He is called Larry, to honor the nice people at this dealership who cared enough to call for help and did the best they could to keep him comfortable. Larry is doing very well in the porcupine exhibit in the education section of Southwest and seems to enjoy his new porcupine friends there.