



Points East

By:
Ike Adams

Almost every evening, coming home from work and sometimes in the early morning, I see him along side the road. He brings a stunningly beautiful red fox who has learned to avoid being hit by an automobile and obviously much smarter than the squirrels, possums, raccoons, rabbits and polecats that have recently fallen prey to automobiles as they try to cross Highway 21 between Paint Lick and Berea.

I know he is a fox because I've seen his hindside as he ducked, tail-held high, over the shoulder of the road when I rounded a curve and nearly caught him scavenging a dead squirrel that had been hit by a car.

This evening when it was just dark enough for headlights but light enough to see without them, I saw him scamper off the road nearby, struggling to carry a full-grown fox squirrel, so named because they look remarkably like the predator that carried it.

Instead of jumping the barbed wire fence just beside the road he hastened under it and posed, left paw lifted and stared at me from the

grazed-down, pasture grass as I slowed down to check him out; the squirrel still in his mouth. He dropped the squirrel, cocked his head quizzically, perked an ear and simply stared back. We sat that way for perhaps a minute after I rolled down my window. Both of us stopped dead in our tracks. Me in the middle of the highway and the fox safely out of it.

Maybe he was thinking that I was as stupid as the squirrel he was having for supper that had met its death by stopping in the middle of the road and refusing to give way to whatever automobile had smashed it. Maybe he was wondering how he was going to pack me if I did get hit and whether or not I came in pieces. All I know for sure is that I have seen curiosity in animals' eyes many times before and I know how to recognize it.

Anyways, after about a staring each other down I started to open the truck door and the fox promptly picked up his supper and started to trot away while acting as regal as he could carrying a road-killed carcass that weighed at least a quarter as much

as he. I thought my horn and he went into high gear—flying into the twilight with his huge bushy tail and the squirrel's waving in the air.

We've an abundance of small game here along the Garrard/Madison County line anymore. I'm among those formerly avid rabbit and squirrel hunters who have given up the hunting sport because the game has become so tame that there's really no sport in it anymore. I'll gladly clean a couple of rabbits or a mess of squirrels if someone brings them to me but I can't bring myself to shoot a wild animal if it's in a clump of grass or on a hickory limb staring back at me. And obviously I'm not the only who feels that way.

Preventing problems with casts

Presented By: Dr. James Sierra
Casts are used to keep broken bones in place until the bones have a chance to mend. They completely enclose the area that is injured.

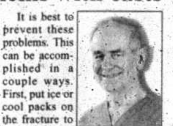
This narrow tube, which has to be tight enough to hold the bones in place, can also cause some problems. Within the confines of the cast, bleeding and swelling from the fracture may put too much pressure on the arteries and nerves.

Several symptoms develop when this sort of compression occurs. The veins are occluded first which causes swelling of the hand or foot. As the arteries become compressed, the pulses are lost and the color of the skin becomes purplish. The loss of circulation will cause severe pain.

Damage to the nerves will cause weakness, such as inability to straighten the fingers, and loss of sensation. Any of these symptoms should prompt you to check with your doctor immediately.

Just ten years ago it was almost strange to see anything other than an occasional skunk or possum road-killed along the 10 mile route between Paint Lick and Berea. Now it's mostly rabbits and squirrels and even raccoons and they average one per mile year round. Ten years ago I could count on the fingers of one hand the number of foxes I'd seen in broad daylight because hunters and their dogs kept them chased into the hinterlands. Now I see one nearly every day.

I just hope that he stays smart enough to live off the road kill without getting hit by a car. I guess, I'm not sure why, but I would give over this old fox if I found him dead on the road.



Dr. James Sierra

It is best to prevent these problems. This can be accomplished in a couple ways. First, put ice or cool packs on the fracture to decrease the swelling.

Swelling, ice can even be put over the cast to help cool the area. After the cast is applied, the most important step is elevating the arm or leg to use gravity to draw the swelling out of the area.

If the swelling becomes excessive, the cast may have to be removed and a splint applied. Some doctors will apply the cast, then cut along each side so it can expand in case there is excessive swelling. Any constricting jewelry, such as rings, must be removed until the risk of swelling is over.

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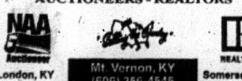
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