

Shocking tale: Zapped raccoon loses its tail

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DELTA, B.C. — A raccoon is recovering after suffering an electrical shock in a Vancouver suburb that cost the critter its tail.

The animal was climbing up a transformer tower in Delta when it was hit with a jolt of electricity, said Yolanda Brooks of the Wildlife Rescue Association of B.C.

"As well as putting out the power at (local business) WWL Vehicle Services, the animal lost its tail before plummeting to the ground," said Brooks.

Staff at WWL Vehicle Services — an automotive warehousing and distribution company — spotted the injured raccoon and called the B.C. SPCA, who, in turn, notified the wildlife rescue association.

After a surgery to remove the rest of its tail, the raccoon is recovering and rehab staff have high hopes for its survival, Brooks said.

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