

**Mikayla Raines / SaveAFox Owner-Founder**

**(Intro)**

1. Please introduce yourself.
2. Where are we? Where is SaveAFox Located? Please introduce your rescue/org.

**(Mikayla – Personal Bgd)**

3. Briefly tell me your story. Where did you grow up? Did you have pets?
4. **How did you first get acquainted with foxes? (Fostered one at 15)**
5. What attracted you to those animals?
6. What was your experience like being a fox foster mom?
7. How did that experience lead you to get further involved with foxes?
8. **How did that experience lead you to where you are today?**
9. What is it that most interests you about working with foxes?

**(SaveAFox – About the Org)**

10. **What is “SaveAFox?”**
11. What is unique about “SaveAFox”?
12. What are your organization’s key goals? (*ie. Do you provide a forever home? Act as a rehoming agency?*)
13. Is it a petting zoo? (*not*)
14. How does your work engage the community? (*ie. Do you run any local events with foxes? Is your work helping address any wild animal problem etc*)
15. Do you offer tours/visits? What’s the usual visitors’ response like?
16. **Are there many other such organizations, in US or elsewhere?**
17. **How big is your space?**
18. **How many animals do you keep?**

**(SaveAFox - Backstory)**

19. **When did you first open your rescue?**
20. How many foxes did you start with?
21. Where did those first animals come from?
22. What condition were they in and what needs did they have?
23. How has your rescue organization changed since those early days until today?
24. Are you still in the same space as in the early days? (*she expanded, has couple other locations*)

**(Foxes – about SAF foxes)**

25. How many animals do you have today?

- 26. How do you come up with names for your foxes?
- 27. Tell me about their distinct personalities?

**(Foxes – about Foxes in general)**

- 28. Most people are familiar with cats or dogs and their ways. How would you define foxes?
- 29. Talk to me about the natural way of life of those animals?
- 30. Do they live alone or in packs?
- 31. What do foxes normally eat?
- 32. How many foxes still live in the wild?
- 33. What challenges, if any, do fox populations face in the modern world?

**(Rescue Work – Typical Days & Activities)**

- 34. Is caring for foxes different from cats or dogs? How so?
- 35. Is caring for foxes easy?
- 36. Can your rescued animals be released into the wild?
- 37. Guide me through a typical day at SaveAFox!  
*(ie. We start the day by feeding the foxes at X am. They play until noon, when we let them out to roam around. By 2pm we gather them back to the enclosures. Once a week, we get a vet visit and they have dinner by X pm. Sometimes we also have volunteers who stop by to play with the animals.)*
- 38. Where do your animals come from?
- 39. Do your foxes stay with you for their whole lives?

**(Fur Farming)**

- 40. What is your relationship with the local fur farms?
- 41. Are animal furs still commonly made/sold/bought?
- 42. Could you give me any numbers? *(ie. 10,000 foxes are killed each year for their fur – or – animal fur sales are still an X million \$ a year industry etc)*
- 43. How does that make you feel?
- 44. Do you consider fur farms as evil/unethical?
- 45. What can each of us do to help/save those animals?

**(Social Media / Entrepreneurship)**

- 46. You have a very strong online presence (yt videos). Has being a social media personality helped you in your work with SAF? How so?
- 47. How can small business/organization owners learn from you and improve their work with the use of online video and social media?

**(The Challenges & The Future)**

48. What has been your biggest challenge with SaveAFox?
49. How have you worked to overcome it?
50. Has covid and the recent global instability had an effect on SAF? In what ways?
51. With a lot of uncertainties in the world – how do you see your future and the future of SAF playing out?
52. What future do you hope for/imagine for each of your foxes?
53. Is that future realistic?
54. How can we as individuals and communities work to make that future happen?

**(The Relevance)**

55. What most appeals to you about foxes?
  56. What lessons can foxes teach us humans?
  57. What lessons have foxes taught you?
  58. What is the value in connecting with animals?
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**Staff**

1. Please introduce yourself.
2. What does your daily work with the foxes entail?
3. What do daily lives of your foxes here at SAF look like?
4. How is caring for foxes different than other animals?
5. What's challenging? What's fun?
6. Do you have a favorite fox?
7. Can your rescued animals be released into the wild?

**Veterinarian**

1. Please introduce yourself.
2. Are there any common health issues new foxes coming to SAF face?
3. Have you seen the animals' condition change over their time at SAF?
4. Have any of the foxes faced unique/rare problems that needed novel healthcare?
  
5. How does your community benefit from the work SAF is doing?
6. Is caring for wild foxes different than captive-bred foxes?
7. Why is it important to care for animals?
8. What is the value in connecting with animals?

**Adopter (Zoom Interview – TBD: MIGHT NOT HAPPEN)**

1. Please introduce yourself.
2. What was your first connection to foxes?
3. How did you get connected with SAF?
4. What lead you to adopt your own fox?
5. How is raising a fox different than cats or dogs?
6. What's the experience like, caring for a fox?
7. What lead you to open your own fox rescue?
8. Talk to me about the challenges you face in your work?
9. Talk to me about your collaborations with SAF?
10. What is the importance of connecting with animals?

**Local Teacher (TBD: MIGHT NOT HAPPEN)**

1. Please introduce yourself.
2. How did you first hear about Save a Fox?
3. How does SAF get involved with your local community?
4. What did you gain from the school fox-visit experience?
5. How did your students react to meeting foxes?
6. What did you and your students learn from this experience?
7. What is the importance of connecting with animals?