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Inverted Pyramid Practice

News articles are not written in chronological order, but in the order of importance. This is called the “inverted pyramid” style, with the most important information at the beginning of the article, and the least important information at the end. We put the climax at the beginning. It’s the result that readers care about.



You are given this information for a news story to write for tomorrow’s paper. Rank these facts in order of importance.

___ A female coyote was captured Thursday.

___ The coyote had been roaming the streets of Lower Manhattan in New York City.

___ With the increase in coyote sightings in the past few years, several New York agencies have been working together to develop a plan on managing the population, said Kevin Jeffrey, a deputy parks commissioner.

___ The city wants to prevent people from harassing the 30-pound coyote in her search for a more suitable habitat, said Vickie Karp, a spokeswoman for the department.

___ By law, coyotes captured in the city must be released within the five boroughs.

___ Officials at the parks department refused to say Friday where in the city they intend to release her.

___ A coyote captured uptown in January was set loose in Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx.

___ “We pick the largest and most suitable natural habitat for the coyote,” said Vickie Karp, a spokeswoman for the department. “And for the sake of people, we’ll put the coyote somewhere

with plenty of open space so people don't have to say, 'You parked him in front of my house.'
____ The coyote is being monitored at the Animal Care and Control shelter on East 110th Street, parks officials said, adding that the animal is resting comfortably in the and they did not know when she would be released.

Put the numbers in the correct spot on the inverted pyramid.


