

# The Leopard Gecko Rescue

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One Monday morning, as I was doing my homeschool, my black cat named Kevin decided to get into some mischief. I was inside doing my school work, when I forgot Kevin was outside. Around noon, I took a break. I went outside and I realized Kevin was there. He was at our Pygmy Palm when I noticed his tail lashing rapidly, and him making weird cackling noises. "Uh oh!" I said "That means he's hunting something." Kevin then started running to the fence. He slashed his claws here and there, and I decided to see what he was attacking. I ran over to the fence, shooed Kevin away, and looked underneath. I couldn't believe my eyes. It was a Leopard Gecko. They are my favorite lizards! It was stuck in-between the fence and a rock. Unfortunately I then noticed it's tail was missing! "KEVIN!" I yelled "DID YOU EAT IT'S TAIL?!" Kevin looked at me and hissed. I tried to get the little fella out, but he was stuck tight, so I tried to get him out the smarter way. I grabbed the rock, pushed up the fence as much as I could, then I gently pulled the rock towards me. He pushed his way out and then tried running away, but Kevin had other plans. Kevin ran towards the Leopard Gecko without warning and tried to eat it. I grabbed a rock and banged it as hard as I could on the metal part of the fence. Kevin ran off and I had the opportunity to save the gecko again. I rushed to save the little gecko, and I wanted to make sure he was okay. I got there, picked him up, and checked to see if he was hurt. I looked around to see if I could find his tail. All that I found was rocks. The gecko sat in my hand for a while, and I could see that he was only a baby. I named him Tailless after a character in my favorite movie. After a while of sitting with him and talking to him, I released him into one of my plants. I went into my house and was sad, but I knew that I did the right thing, and saved a life. I also knew that he would stay in my heart forever no matter what happened.