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WILDLIFE IN NEED CENTER



Anything But Net

By Mandy Feavel

Every year the Wildlife In Need Center receives many calls from people who've found wildlife entangled in string, nets, or fishing line. This past November, the Center received a call from the New Berlin Police Department regarding a Great Horned owl. The large female owl was found early on a Sunday morning, hanging by both wings, struggling to free herself from a soccer net.

Upon receiving the call, two animal care volunteers (Lynn Rice and Jeannine Bladlow) headed out to New Berlin to help the police remove the owl from the net. The group worked diligently to free her without causing any more body or feather damage. After about 20 minutes of maneuvering, and cutting the net, the owl was finally free!

Once rescued, she was transported back to WINC to have her injuries examined. The owl was very dehydrated from the inevitable loss of fluids from the lengthy struggle she endured. In addition, a deep abrasion was found on the patagium of her right wing due to the rubbing of the net. The patagium is the webbing of feathers, skin, muscle, and tendons that aid in extending and contracting the wing during flight.

Although the abrasion was small, the injury has not been an easy fix. She is still currently at the center recovering from four minor surgeries required to suture her patagium together.



Because Great Horned owls hunt at night, they rely more heavily on their hearing than their sight, so it is likely that she didn't see the net when swooping down after her prey.

Due to the dangers strings and nets can pose, it is important to keep our wildlife friends in mind when leaving kite string in a tree, broken fishing line on the ground, or soccer nets up when not in use. If you or someone you know plays outdoor soccer, suggest that the league take down the nets after the game or tournament. It only takes a few minutes to save an owl or another wild neighbor from serious injury.

You can find more information about our patients and photos for this story on our website at:

www.helpingwildlife.org/newsevents/featureanimal.htm

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The Wildlife In Need Center recently received a wonderful gift from the UPS Foundation.
Find out more on page 3

Still trying to decide what to get that special someone for Valentines day?

Consider "adopting" one of our animals to show them your truly care.

Visit our website at:

www.helpingwildlife.org/getinvolved/animaladoption.htm

The Director's Den

From the desk of Michael Guzniczak



As we look back on 2009 I have to say a genuine thank you to all of our members and friends for their support this past year. For many people it was not an easy year but your continued generosity allowed us to weather the year better than we had hoped.

So, on behalf of all of us at the Wildlife In Need Center, including the animals, thank you.

Now we need to look forward to 2010. It seems like just yesterday we were preparing for the collapse of every computer system due to Y2K. While we achieved many great things and saw a lot of positive changes in the last 10 years, the next 10 will be even more exciting.

Since our fall issue we have received full approvals from both the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents as well as the State Building Commission. We are currently applying for our building permits from both the Town of Ottawa and Waukesha County and hope to get those approved by March. With this timeline in mind we are planning for a ground breaking in mid-spring with the hopes of occupying our new facility by the end of the year or in early 2011.

Our collaboration with UWW continues to grow and strengthen as we move forward with this project. Even prior to our actual move we are currently working on opportunities for both organizations to benefit including expanding internship opportunities and developing academic programming.

Even though our target is to occupy the new building before the 2011 spring season, we have a lot to do between then and now, including getting our current facility ready for the 2010 season. We have begun working with architects from the Kubala Washatko firm out of Cedarburg with assistance from Graef Engineering and designs are currently being developed.

Plans for the new facility include such features as areas for on-site education programs which will allow us to expand our growing educational efforts. Although our main focus will still be creating the most up-to-date care clinic possible, we are also planning for other opportunities to educate the public especially regarding habitat restoration and conservation through on-site habitat restoration projects. Through the installation of a water retention system, our goal is to capture 100% of our roofline waste water for uses around the facility like cleaning outdoor enclosures. We also plan to increase our capacity for research with more adequate lab space and better diagnostic tools.

In addition to our dedicated staff, volunteers and supporters who have stuck with us throughout this process we are fortunate to have such a talented group of individuals on our Board, many of whom have had experience in the building and development of commercial property. Our Board President John Rodell especially, is going to be working hard with both staff and architects as the coordinator for the project.

In conjunction with the new facility our goal is to raise a total of \$1.2 million for our capital and endowment fund of which over half has already been raised. This has allowed us to begin making progress on the project however, we will soon be launching a public campaign to raise the remainder of the funds we will need to complete the project.

Digging out from our most recent snowstorm, our 2010 season seems a long way off; the reality is that it's just around the corner. The staff is already working hard getting everything set for spring. You have to be here to truly know the feeling that spreads when that first orphan comes through the door. It's wonderful, but at the same time you know that for the next 4-5 months there will be little time for anything other than the care of our patients.

We have got some really great plans for 2010 and I invite you to keep up to date with all of our activities by visiting our website at www.helpingwildlife.org. You will find our calendar of events as well as some very useful and interesting information about the center as well as our wild Wisconsin neighbors.

Thank you again for all the support each of you has shown throughout the past 15 years. I look forward to your continued support as we move forward into the next decade and beyond. - M.G.

The Gift of Education

By Leslie Kiehl

2009 has been a successful year for our efforts to educate the public. Staff, volunteers and of course our animal ambassadors worked hard to conduct 107 outreach programs, presenting 19 in May alone! Through these efforts over 8,000 people learned more about the Center and our mission to help our wild neighbors. Most of our programs are scheduled by request and advertised by word of mouth, but because we have to cover the costs of feeding and housing our outreach ambassadors in addition to constantly developing and improving our outreach efforts we do ask for donations. These donations often come in the form of donations of consumable goods which we use to clean, feed and care for all of the animals here at the Center. Knowing that 2009 was a financially demanding year we were heartened by the fact that attendees of these programs still provided the Center with over \$3,200 worth of in-kind donations from our wish list; even more than last year! These items are vital in helping to keep the clinic stocked with common necessary items and educational program donations account for over 35% of these type of donations the Center receives. The ambassadors and education staff have enjoyed a wonderful and relaxing holiday season but are ready to head back to work soon. We've already got scheduling into the summer months so contact us soon regarding any education program requests you may have. Call our office at 262-968-5075 or email us at education@helpingwildlife.org. Our wish list can be viewed on our website at www.helpingwildlife.org/getinvolved/wishlist.htm. Should you be interested in donating any in-kind items they are accepted in our office seven days a week from 9AM to 5PM.



The Gift of Education Continues

Wildlife In Need Center volunteer, Sherry Christian, and her associate Karen Pacioni with UPS of Wisconsin lent a helping hand to WINC in more ways than one in 2009. In April over 20 UPS employees visited the Center and, despite the rain, assisted in preparing many of our outdoor habitats for use throughout our busy spring and summer months. This winter the Center was also awarded a \$5,000 grant from the UPS Foundation to upgrade and expand our educational programs through better technology and learning materials. With the equipment and materials purchased through this grant, we hope to have an even greater impact. We accept these funds with great excitement as they represent a new chapter for our educational programming which WINC is now about to embark on through the construction of its new facility this spring.

Our educational team also recently received a gift from the Lake Country Women's Club. Their \$200 will be used to purchase books and learning tools that will help to deepen and expand the impact our programs have.

The Wildlife In Need Center is grateful for these wonderful gifts.

Please visit our website for pictures and more information regarding these and the other wonderful gifts we've received this year.

MISSION STATEMENT - To provide wildlife rehabilitation to Wisconsin wildlife with the intent to release back to their native habitat, conduct research designed to further the positive impact of rehabilitation, and provide quality community education programs and services.

VISION STATEMENT - It is the vision of the Wildlife In Need Center as an established and valued asset to the community to rehabilitate the ever increasing numbers of injured, ill and orphaned wildlife native to Southeastern Wisconsin. We will continue to provide prevention and educational programs to promote the idea of "Connecting people and wildlife through education and rehabilitation". The Wildlife In Need Center will enhance its status as a respected member of the community at large and the other related organizations it serves.

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2009 Patient Statistics



2009 Patient Totals

1034 birds of 77 species
58 reptiles/amphibians of 14 species
1023 mammals of 28 species
Total Patients admitted: **2115**

Busiest Month - June with 557 admissions

Busiest Day - June 5, 2009

Eastern Cottontail	18
Mallard	15
Virginia Opossum	1
American Crow	1
Mourning Dove	1
Raccoon	2
Wood Duck	1
Painted Turtle	1
Red-Tailed Hawk	1
Total	41

Top 10 Species of 2009

American Goldfinch	51
House Sparrow	55
Mourning Dove	56
Virginia Opossum	86
Wood Duck	90
American Robin	141
Mallard	146
Raccoon	182
Eastern Gray Squirrel	192
Eastern Cottontail	364



Top 10 birds

Canada Goose	31
Cedar Waxwing	31
European Starling	37
House Finch	38
American Goldfinch	51
House Sparrow	55
Mourning Dove	56
Wood Duck	90
American Robin	141
Mallard	146

Top 6 reptiles and amphibians

American Toad	2
Eastern Plains Garter Snake	2
Three-toed Box Turtle	2
Eastern Garter Snake	3
Snapping Turtle	12
Painted Turtle	28



Top 10 cities of 2009

Delafield	59
New Berlin	67
Pewaukee	68
Mukwonago	76
Watertown	93
Dousman	96
Brookfield	102
Hartland	115
Oconomowoc	265
Waukesha	405



Top 10 mammals

Meadow Vole	11
Big Brown Bat	16
Red Squirrel	23
White-footed Mouse	25
Eastern Chipmunk	28
13-lined Ground Squirrel	35
Virginia Opossum	86
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If you would like to view a complete listing of our patients from 2009 please visit our website at www.helpingwildlife.org/aboutus/patientstat.htm. Each year we try to incorporate more information on our website. Not only is information there available 24 hours a day seven days a week, it also helps us keep in touch with more people without the costs associated with printing and mailing. Many of our members have also chosen to "go virtual" and view our *Wildlife Tracks* newsletter online. Not only do many of the pictures in this newsletter appear in color on our website, the most up-to-date information on upcoming events, recent news and even archived materials can be found online! The next time you're online you can also check out our blog. Many of our posts involve questions received by our phone counselors or unique patients who arrive, but you can bet that each week we post something we hope you will find both interesting and educational and most of all, helpful in saving more of our wild neighbors. You can find our blog at wisconsinwildlifeneighbors.blogspot.com.

The Year in Review



By Animal Care Director Cheryl Diehl

It is winter. All of the Bluebirds are gone, except for the ones staying here that is. Looking out from a window in our Intensive Care Area, the landscape is covered in snow. Our Bird Nursery is quiet now: the summer soundtrack made up of dozens of peeping orphaned mallards and the chips, cheeps, chirps and assorted other sounds of hundreds of other birds has given way to the occasional hoot from a Great Horned Owl that is receiving treatment for a serious wing laceration; the “honk” of a human-imprinted Canada Goose resting under my desk, and the sound of a Ruddy Duck, being treated for a chest wound, splashing happily in the bathtub in the bathroom down the hall.

Looking back, in some ways it was a typical year: all of our staff, interns and volunteers working at full speed to address the needs of the many animals that were in our care. But there were important changes, too. Volunteer Baby Bird Feeders (BBFs), guided by two seasonal interns, weighed every baby bird every day, provided gentle care and delivered feedings, as often as every half-hour, to what seemed, mid-summer, to be countless tiny, gaping mouths. All summer long our wonderful “BBFs” also provided care for hundreds of Mallard ducklings and dozens of Wood ducklings, cleaned bird incubators and enclosures, provided clean nesting material, prepared food, washed an endless stream of dishes and watched our fluffy little orphans for signs of illness. It can’t be said enough how much we appreciate these (mostly) junior assistants!

Although our seasonal interns took tremendous care of the many baby mammals we had in our care this summer it is our wonderful Home Care Volunteers who once again stepped-up to provide compassionate, personalized care for hundreds of other little orphaned Cottontails, Opossums, Gray Squirrels and Raccoons, greatly expanding our life-saving capabilities for baby mammals in need. As for our Mammal Nursery, the almost constant din of a dozen or more hungry baby raccoons pleading for their next bottle of formula has been replaced by occasional chatter from the Barn Swallow, Cliff Swallow and Chimney Swift housed in a new aviary that temporarily takes up most of the Mammal Nursery area. All three birds are spending the winter with us because their fall migration has long passed, and they were not ready for release earlier in the year. And the last of our late-season orphaned Gray Squirrels are now spending the winter in an outdoor habitat, complete with fresh food, comfy nest boxes and snug hollow logs.

As for our permanent resident animals, we officially added a disabled Red-tailed Hawk to our cadre of educational animals this fall. Volunteers and staff created housing for this bird by renovating our old crow cage with new interior wooden slats (these keep the bird from hurting its feet and feathers on the cage wire). We also added new perches for our hawk, custom-made by one of our volunteers, and a new roof too. Dakota the Great Horned Owl and Indigo the American Kestrel each also had their habitat interiors renovated, with new perching and resting areas. And for our very own weather prognosticator; while he is in an indoor enclosure for the winter, using mostly donated materials, volunteers created an outdoor three-season habitat for Waldo the Woodchuck over the summer.

Thanks to your support we provided care for 2,115 animals in 2009! And I want to thank you in advance for your support in 2010; support which will enable us to provide help for thousands more animals in need that will come through our doors in the coming year.



Daphne's Dispatch

News and Events at the Wildlife In Need Center

Upcoming events:

Spring is nearly here, really, it is.

Help us Celebrate Groundhog Day! Tuesday, February 2nd 10AM in the Upper Ballroom of the Waukesha Elks Club on Springdale Road. We will have a presentation of our educational programming followed by Waldo's prognostication at 11AM. Afterwards guests will be invited to meet-and-greet our entire educational ambassador crew.

Spring Kringle Sale: Order your Original Racine Danish Kringles today!

Kringles, cookie dough, frozen baked goods and new this year, Stone Creek coffee!

An order form can be found on page 10; You can also pick them up in our office or download them from our website at www.helpingwildlife.org/newsevents/fundraisers.htm. All orders are due with payment on:

Thursday, March 18th and will be available for pick-up at the Center after noon on **Tuesday, March 30th**.

It's nearly time for our Pancake Breakfast and Baby Shower!

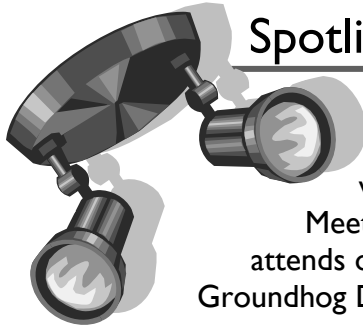
Sunday, March 21st from 8AM to 1PM at the Dousman/Ottawa Lions Club

This annual spring event is a fun way to help us prepare for our busiest season of the year. Providing our supporters and neighbors an opportunity to meet our educational team, find out more about our wild neighbors and enjoy some great food too!

You can't put a price on wildlife Our Annual Banquet and Auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we want your help to celebrate a very exciting year for us! With plans for our new facility underway, 2010 is the year we would like to recognize that *you can't put a price on wildlife*.

Friday evening, April 30th at Western Lakes Golf Club

For more information check our website at www.helpingwildlife.org/newsevents/banquet/htm



Spotlight on recent news

It's official, Raenah, meaning to reign over or be queen, is our newest educational ambassador! We want to thank everyone who submitted a name for our contest and we can't wait to host the winners here at the Center!

Meet her on Tuesday, February 2nd as she attends our public education program on Groundhog Day 10AM at the Waukesha Elks Lodge

We are also pleased to announce that Wildlife In Need Center volunteers were awarded **2nd place** for their table display at the World's Greatest Cookie Sale this year! They were also responsible for setting up and selling over 350 dozen cookies that volunteers and supporters made for the event making this year even more successful than last year! Pictured at right are volunteers Susan Saliga, Nancy Meier, Katie Pfaff, and Sue Strasburg. We also want to thank volunteers Rob Marquardt, Kathy and Jessica Wickersheimer, and Mike and Mia Schumacher who helped out that day.



We want to thank all of our supporters for helping us to weather what was a financially challenging year for many. It is you who provided the pain medication, the nutritious food, the needles, tubes and fluids, the warm safe bed, the trained staff and volunteers and the second chance at life for over 2,000 patients this year. Our dream is to be here for the animals who need our help and because of you we have been able to achieve that goal for over 15 years.

Below is a list of those supporters whose contributions valued \$300 or more in the past year towards helping us put the wild back into wildlife.

-Thank You

Doty Adcock
Jeff and Susan Allen
Tom and Barb Anderson
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Wisconsin Waterfowl Association Inc.
WLDB B93.3 FM
Zoological Society of Milwaukee County

Check our website for a more complete listing of the people who make it possible for us to help wildlife in southeastern Wisconsin

A Bird's Eye View

Scouting for a Project?

Throughout the year WINC is contacted by Boy and Girl Scout groups wanting to perform community service or to work on larger scale projects. This fall was no exception, as fourteen year old Peter from Brookfield needed to fulfill his duties in order to achieve the level of an Eagle Scout. Peter and I met to discuss the project details and to agree on a final deadline. The project he chose was to make thirty-four raptor perches. The Center had only a limited number of them and with winter approaching, our raptor patients would need a variety on hand. In order to begin the project, Peter needed materials. He obtained donated lumber from Stock Lumber in Sussex and screws to fasten the perches together from Jenkins True Value in Waukesha. One person alone couldn't have accomplished a project of this size, so Peter enlisted the help of his father and several scouts from his troop. First, Peter's father was put in charge of designing, cutting and drilling the sixty-eight perch-end sections. Then, Peter and his dad collected and cut to length the maple, oak and birch needed to build the remainder of the perches. Finally, ten scouts met at Peter's home one Sunday to sand and assemble all thirty-four perches. The project was a big undertaking, but due to proper planning and assistance it paid off, as Peter completed the project two weeks ahead of the promised date! A heartfelt thank you to Peter, his father and the scouts of Troop #21. You provided a great service to the Center and to our current and future raptor patients.

By Karen Freitag

Did you know?

Raptors need a variety of textured surfaces to perch on or they can develop painful lesions on their feet. If not treated properly, this condition referred to as "bumblefoot" can disable a bird completely.



Mother Nature's Donation to WINC



Mother Nature really brought a mixed bag of weather to the Waukesha area this past December. There was snow, then rain, then sleet, then snow. The weight of this precipitation, aided with a little wind, snapped many tree limbs and boughs. When storms take trees out to this degree in the summer months we usually end up taking in many orphaned or injured squirrels and

birds, but this time we received a different type of gift. It was a typical morning when I was called out to do a rescue off of Waterville road and noticed the large numbers of damaged trees. Then an idea struck me. In the winter all animals need shelter from the elements including the animals that are being rehabilitated here at WINC. With the help of several volunteers upon returning to the Center, a flyer was created and then distributed to the residents in the area I had just been. The question we asked was whether WINC could use any of the fallen boughs and limbs from their property. Of the fifty flyers we distributed, we received five calls regarding our request. So early this January, I and several WINC volunteers collected what Mother Nature had created for us. Along the way we made new friends and were able to share the mission of the Wildlife in Need Center too. We now have a great supply of enrichment materials for enclosures, habitat and cover for animals residing on the property, and multiple types of perching surfaces and great windbreaks for our furry and feathered patients. Thanks to the volunteers that helped on this adventure: Bridget Carpenter, Keith Koppennolle, Sarah Breit, Megan Esgar and John Lotz, as well as our neighbors for their generosity.

Caring For Critters in Creative Ways

By Karen Freitag

The Caring for Critters fundraiser program celebrated its second year during the 2009 holiday season. This year, WINC volunteers and staff created paper ornaments in holiday colors displaying silhouettes of an owl, squirrel, rabbit or songbird. Each ornament had a phrase stating things like, *I gave a hoot about wildlife* or *Have a hoppy New Year!* Area businesses accepted these ornaments and offered their customers the chance to write their name on the ornament of their choice and have it displayed on a Christmas tree or in a store window for a minimum contribution of one dollar. This year several new businesses worked to support WINC in addition to our returning business partners. Perhaps you made a contribution to the Center while shopping at one of these businesses? Or maybe you will choose to frequent them in the future knowing that they care about our wild neighbors like you do? The numbers prove the program is a success, as it raised \$350 and helped us to inform many new people about the mission of the Wildlife in Need Center.



Left: Julie Mortier and Isabel Davis from Friends of Nature in Genesee Depot who sold the most ornaments during this year's program.

Below: Debbie Triplett of Wild Birds Unlimited in Delafield whose store raised the most total donations.



Many thanks to our business supporters:

Wild Birds Unlimited – Delafield
The Irish Bar – Third Ward, Milwaukee
Friends of Nature – Genesee Depot
Animal World Adventures – Oconomowoc
Friends of Nature – Menomonee Falls and Slinger

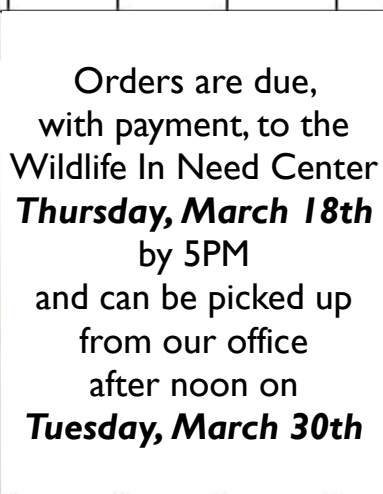
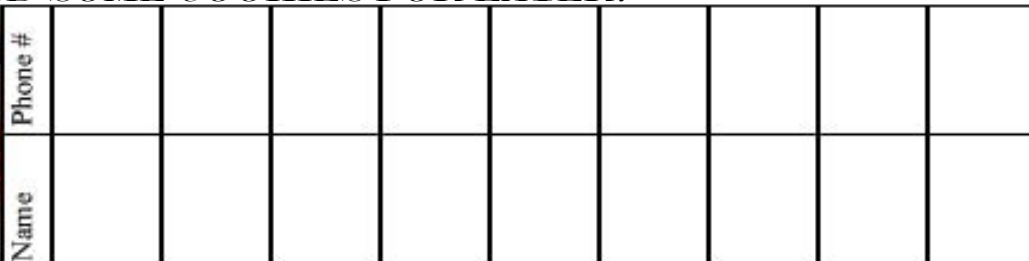
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The Salamander Boutique – Wauwatosa
Garden Gate Nursery - Delafield
The Garden Mart - Mukwonago



Peep, Peep, Peep!

A little birdie told me that the Wildlife In Need Center would like to thank Becky Milne and the Milne Family Foundation for their 7th year of support and their pledge to fund our baby bird feeding program for the 2010 season! Our many Baby Bird Feeding Volunteers and Interns as well as the hundreds of peeping baby birds we plan to take in this year are grateful! If you want to find out more about our baby bird feeding program, how to volunteer or the exciting plans we have to kick-off this years' season please visit our website at www.helpingwildlife.org/getinvolved/volunteer.htm.

AND SOME COOKIES FOR LATER!

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Join the Wildlife In Need Center

Did you know that in addition to admitting and caring for 2,000 or more orphaned and injured animals, the Wildlife In Need Center also does over 100 educational programs and counsels thousands of people over the phone each year? By supporting our mission through your donations, your volunteer time, or your sponsorship during critical fundraising events, you play an important role in not only helping wildlife in need, but also educating the public on issues facing Wisconsin wildlife. We receive no government funding, so whether you support us through becoming a donating member or a volunteer, making a pledge to the center each month to help with costs, just giving when you can, or a combination of all four, your donations are fully tax-deductible and make all the difference in helping the wildlife of southeastern Wisconsin stay wild.

Become a Member

Name:
Address:
Daytime Phone:
Evening Phone:
Email:

- ◇ \$35 (Our minimum membership donation)
- ◇ \$50
- ◇ \$100
- ◇ \$250
- ◇ \$500
- ◇ \$1000
- ◇ Other _____ (any amount helps!)

◇ My gift is in honor / memory of (please circle one)

◇ Please send a notification to _____

You can also find out more about membership benefits and gifts of membership on our website

Method of payment

☐ My Check is Enclosed, Payable to the Wildlife In Need Center

Please charge my ☐ Visa -or- ☐ Master card

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Become a Volunteer

Name:
Address:
Daytime Phone:
Evening Phone:
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Date:

How would you like to help?

_____ Baby Bird Care
_____ Animal Care
_____ Transport
_____ Office and
_____ Phone Assistance*
_____ Maintenance and
_____ Grounds*
_____ Fundraising and
_____ Marketing*

*Requires no animal handling

When can you help?

Morning _____
Afternoons _____
Evenings _____
Weekends _____

Are you over 18? Y _____ N _____

Wildlife In Need Center Winter Wish List

Donations of food, cleaning supplies, and equipment are critically important to our life-saving efforts for the animals in our care. You can be a part of this important work by donating items from our wish list. If you have ever wondered who eats the foods we ask for on our wish list, we've included some examples of the types of animals who eat each of the foods listed. We also included about how much these items cost.

Portable electronic digital scales Price: \$50.00-\$200.00
(measuring gram units from as low as 0g to as high as 908g or 2lbs):

For weighing patients and food

Mixed seed Price: 10lbs for about \$20.00

Northern Cardinals, Mourning Doves, Blue Jays, Eastern Chipmunks

Finch seed Price: 5lbs for about \$12.00

House Finches, American Goldfinches, Pine Siskins

Berries (fresh or frozen) Price: \$2.50-\$5.00 per container

Cedar Waxwings, American Robins, American Crows, Gray Catbirds, and several species of woodpeckers

Earthworms Price: 1 dozen for \$2.50

Over-wintering reptiles and amphibians like the Northern Redbelly Snake and Western Chorus Frog

Also our educational Ornate Box Turtle, Jewel

Mealworms and Waxworms Price: 1 dozen for \$2.99

American Robins, Barn Swallows, Eastern Bluebirds, Chimney Swifts, and many others

Puppy Chow Price: 35lbs for about \$30.00

Eaten mostly by orphaned baby raccoons and opossums

Bungee Cords Price: 24 pack for \$16.00

These make setting up habitats with real boughs and limbs for both residents as well as patients much easier and flexible

Extension Cords Price: \$25 for a 100 foot cord

We use these to power heat lamps and heated water bowls in order to make sure our outdoor enclosures are comfortable

Ceramic Crocks, especially in medium to large sizes Price: \$5-\$10 each

Because they are heavy and less likely to tip over, it makes leaving dishes with patients overnight much safer

Do you have a desktop or laptop computer or a flat screen monitor that needs a new home?

The Center needs to upgrade some of our equipment and is looking for donations in this department.

If you think you can help please contact us at 262-968-5075 with details. Thank you!



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