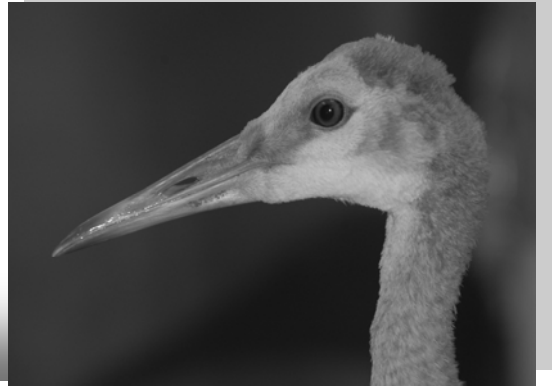


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WildLifeLine

The Volunteer Newsletter of the Wildlife In Need Center



Twelve Days of Christmas at WINC

On the first day of Christmas
a rescuer sent to WINC:
A Pelican in some Fishing Line

On the second day of Christmas
a rescuer sent to WINC:
two Spastic Mourning Doves
and a Pelican in some Fishing Line

On the third day of Christmas
a rescuer sent to WINC:
Three Famished Foxes
Two Spastic Mourning Doves
and a Pelican in some Fishing Line

On the fourth day of Christmas
a rescuer sent to WINC:
Four Coughing Cranes
Three Famished Foxes
Two Spastic Mourning Doves
and a Pelican in some Fishing Line

On the fifth day of Christmas
a rescuer sent to WINC:
Five Enthusiastic Volunteers
Four Coughing Cranes
Three Famished Foxes
Two Spastic Mourning Doves
and a Pelican in some Fishing Line

On the sixth day of Christmas
a rescuer sent to WINC:
Six Canada Geese a Limping
Five Enthusiastic Volunteers
Four Coughing Cranes
Three Famished Foxes
Two Spastic Mourning Doves
and a Pelican in some Fishing Line

On the seventh day of Christmas
a rescuer sent to WINC:
Seven Swans not Swimming
Six Canada Geese a Limping
Five Enthusiastic Volunteers
Four Coughing Cranes
Three Famished Foxes
Two Spastic Mourning Doves
and a Pelican in some Fishing Line

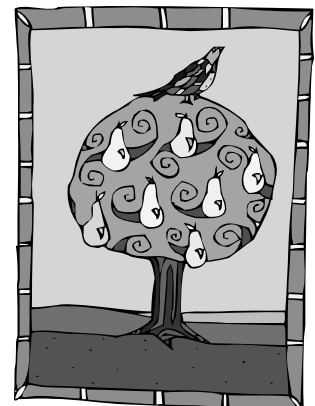
On the seventh day of Christmas
a rescuer sent to WINC:
Eight Raccoons a Mushing
Seven Swans not Swimming
Six Canada Geese a Limping
Five Enthusiastic Volunteers
Four Coughing Cranes
Three Famished Foxes
Two Spastic Mourning Doves
and a Pelican in some Fishing Line

On the ninth day of Christmas
a rescuer sent to WINC:
Nine Falling Fledglings
Eight Raccoons a Mushing
Seven Swans not Swimming
Six Canada Geese a Limping
Five Enthusiastic Volunteers
Four Coughing Cranes
Three Famished Foxes
Two Spastic Mourning Doves
and a Pelican in some Fishing Line

On the tenth day of Christmas
a rescuer sent to WINC:
Ten Squirrels a Spinning
Nine Falling Fledglings
Eight raccoons a Mushing
Seven Swans not Swimming
Six Canada Geese a Limping
Five Enthusiastic Volunteers
Four Coughing Cranes
Three Famished Foxes
Two Spastic Mourning Doves
and a Pelican in some Fishing Line

On the eleventh day of Christmas
a rescuer sent to WINC:
Eleven Frostbitten Opie's
Ten Squirrels a Spinning
Nine Falling Fledglings
Eight raccoons a Mushing
Seven Swans not Swimming
Six Canada Geese a Limping
Five Enthusiastic Volunteers
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On the twelfth day of Christmas
a rescuer sent to WINC:
Twelve Dandy Donations
Eleven Frostbitten Opie's
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WHOOO'S New at WINC?

Please welcome the following new Animal Care volunteers:



Tim Brass
Cindy Pannemann

Winter Water Rules - FOR OUTSIDE CAGING -

Do not dump water from bird baths, or water bowls on the ground of cages. The water will freeze and create an icy hazard for volunteers and animals. Also, electrical cords will be frozen to the ground and unable to be moved.

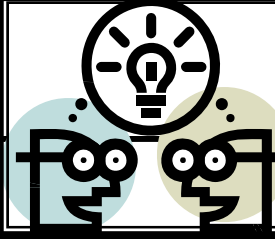
Instead, please take a bucket out to the cage, pour the animal's water in the bucket and later, empty the bucket inside the clinic.



**DID YOU COUNT YOUR PELLETS TODAY?
REMEMBER TO LOG THE NUMBER OF
PELLETS FOUND PER RAPTOR. THAT
MASS OF FUR AND BONES CONFIRMS,
THAT FOOD IS GOING IN BY WHAT IS
COMING OUT!**

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(I didn't know that!)



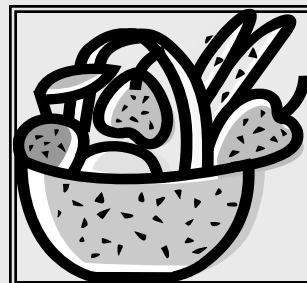
Did you know that your arrival time at the Center, is the time you should post on the sign-in sheet? That's correct! Your volunteer hours begin when you arrive at the Center and end when your shift is over. Your time to and from WINC is just like when you drive to work, your employer doesn't pay for your travel and the Center can't log this time as volunteer hours.

If you have more questions, please see
ACD—Cheryl Diehl, or
Lisa Rowe—Administrative Director.

EXTRA, EXTRA!!

Do you find yourself with extra fruit and vegetables that will just go to waste at home? Or maybe they aren't "just so" for people? Well before you throw them away, consider bringing in those "extras" to the animals! and greens in need. about a few rooms, squash?

those share with Berries are always How mush-yams, or Take a second thought before you toss, the critters will appreciate it!



HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS



Costume Contest Winner
Karen the "Looker" McDonough



Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Winner
Catherine Patek



We're rehabbing what???

'Tis the Season

End of the busy season, and the snow bird volunteers have migrated south. We'll see them come March. It's winter time, where snow brings a quiet hush to the earth and trees, plants and some animals take a short rest for a few months. The leaves have all blown away, so no longer is there the dry rustling sound of fall. It's winter, a time at WINC for cleaning and organizing, for reviewing the past season and anticipating the next. The best time for passing on knowledge through teaching and training. Winter's slower pace allows new volunteers to not feel so rushed as they learn about animal care. Less hectic days also allow for volunteer assessments and preparation for the new year's upcoming training classes. Winter's white blanket holds promises just below the surface; like the continued progress towards a new facility, or another "W" woodchuck in training. So take a breath, breathe the crisp air and reflect on all that you've experienced, shared, given and received. Know that you have made a difference. And like the bright star that shines in the East, know too that hope and peace reaches out to all in the upcoming year.

Many blessings to you, your families, and all creatures great and small.



Caring for Critters Christmas Ornaments, now available when you make a one dollar donation at Friends of Nature - Menomonee Falls and Oconomowoc and at Wild Birds Unlimited - Delafield. Stop, shop and support!

Calendar of Events

January

End of January thru April
Volunteer Training Classes
Dates and times TBA.
Sign-ups sheets to be posted.

February

Monday
Feb. 2nd Groundhog Day

Saturday
Feb. 7th 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm
Volunteer Holiday Party
Thunder Bay Grille
- RSVP to WINC by 1/30/09

March

Tuesday thru Saturday
March 10th -14th
NWRA Symposium
Indian Lakes Resort
Bloomington, IL
- For more information go to
www.nwrawildlife.org

Wednesday
March 25th
Kringle Orders Due

Sunday
March 29th
Pancake Breakfast - Baby Shower
Dousman