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WINC'S MISSION: ANIMAL CARE

WINC Goes Hog Wild for an Eastern Hognose Snake!

On September 3rd, WINC admitted a unique patient, an Eastern Hognose Snake. This snake was found upside down in the driveway of the Kettle Moraine State Forest Southern Unit headquarters in Eagle. Blood was also visible on the road where the snake was found so animal care staff is fairly certain that the snake was hit by a car.

On the initial exam upon admit, staff found the snake to have some swelling in the lower spine, near the tail, along with a small laceration. The snake's right eye was cloudy and also had blood present in it. Anti-inflammatory/pain medication, antibiotics, and medicated eye drops were started immediately.

Eastern Hognose Snakes are native to the majority of Wisconsin, except the north-central region of the state. They live in woods and fields where there is sandy soil. These snakes dig through the sandy soil with their distinctive turned up snouts (hence how they got their name). They eat toads, salamanders, and frogs. When threatened, they raise their head and flatten their neck, looking very similar to a cobra. Animal care staff had the opportunity to witness this

fascinating behavior when handling this snake for daily medications.

The snake made a trip to the veterinarian three days later for radiographs and a more in-depth exam. Radiographs revealed bruising in the lungs and rib fractures near the tip of the tail.

The eye exam showed either a superficial abrasion on the cornea or a corneal ulcer that had already healed. Also blood was present in the mouth, which most likely was caused by the bruising on the lungs.

The veterinary treatment plan included oral anti-inflammatory/pain medications (which also allowed staff to monitor for blood in the mouth on a daily basis) for 3 and 1/2 weeks and medicated eye drops twice a day (to help dissipate blood) for 2 weeks. After a final veterinary visit on September 27th, medications were discontinued and the snake was given the go ahead for release. The release took place two days later in Eagle near where the snake was found. See the release video on WINC's Instagram from October 3rd!



Above: Eastern Hognose Snake being released back to the wild



Story By Jen Brei

Mission Statement

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

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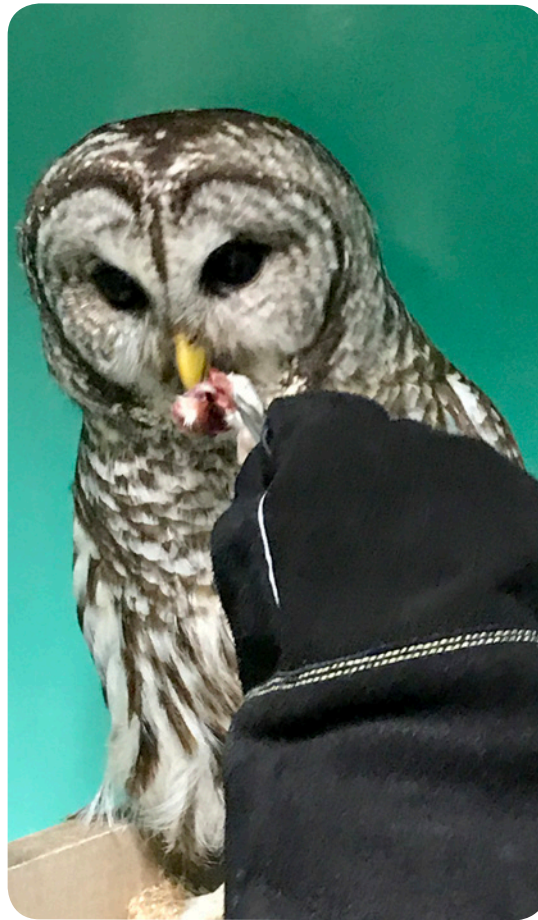
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Dazed and Confused

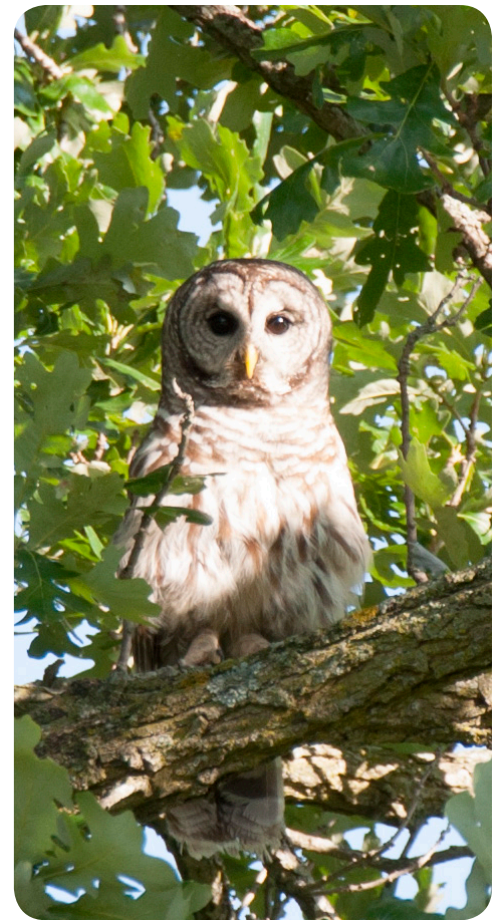
On Monday April, 17th the Wildlife In Need Center received a Barred Owl as a new patient that had been found grounded on the side of the road in Fort Atkinson acting dazed and confused. The finder had contacted the Jefferson County Humane Society, who directed them to bring the owl to us.

During our staff's initial exam, we found the adult male Barred Owl had severe head trauma which resulted in some symptoms of central nervous system issues including a slight torticollis (head tilt) and head drift. The owl was quite lethargic and still in shock, most likely from being hit by a vehicle.

Staff scheduled treatments including fluids and medications to help with the head trauma. Due to the state of the owl, we knew he could not eat on his own so he was initially being tube-fed for the first



Left: Barred Owl being hand fed while in ICU



Right: Barred Owl perched after release

week in care. After that week, we began hand-feeding mouse/rat meals to encourage the owl to eat on his own. After a week of treatment, signs of his head trauma were still there, but he was more alert. Hand-feeding and medications continued for nearly a month until he finally ate his first meal on his own overnight...staff was thrilled to finally have a breakthrough in his recovery! After three more weeks of rest and eating on his own, staff was no longer seeing any residual signs of head trauma. He was stable enough to move outside to a larger enclosure.

Three weeks in a large outdoor enclosure conditioned and prepared him for release, which happened nearly three months after he was initially brought to our wildlife rehabilitation center. He was released back into the Fort Atkinson area he was found (away from any roads).

Story By Mandy Feavel

FROM THE DIRECTORS

Kim Banach, Board President

Tis the Season to be Thankful

It's that time of the year when I find myself reflecting and remembering those who helped further WINC's mission this past year. Whether a member, someone who brings in wildlife in need, a donor, a corporate sponsor, a foundation supporting WINC through a grant, a volunteer, a board member, or an education program host – you all contribute importantly to WINC's mission.

Our team could not provide free medical care to injured, orphaned or sick wildlife, nor provide wildlife education programs without your enduring support. You each remain a special part of our community.

This past summer we had two power outages. While our generator supports vital functions of the Center, such as incubators, refrigerators, and certain lighting, it does not power everything. To deliver essential care to our wild patients, staff, volunteers and interns wore headlamps and used lanterns during various power outages.

Volunteers and Interns had to bring water from a nearby spring. Not to miss a step, the front office remained open, accepting admissions and a delivery of 10,000 mealworms. Seeing first-hand the teamwork required to care for over 350 wild animals in our hospital during those non-illuminated days was truly amazing. Don't miss the power outage photos on page seven.

A special thanks to the Roberts family, long-time supporters of WINC, who wanted a lasting memory to memorialize their daughter, Laura Roberts Adams. A heart-felt thanks to Dean Pipito and Aquatica for building and donating the turtle pond as a lasting way to remember Laura Roberts Adams. Turtles now in animal care can bask in sunlight in the outdoor turtle pond, sporting waterfalls.

This pond allows our turtle patients, many with injured carapaces, some valuable natural sunlight.

On October 20th, we hosted our annual Fine Wine and Dine event, A Journey Around the World, and raised over \$34,000 to help

fund our mission. While it has been said before, a special thank you to our big-hearted guests and loyal sponsors, including von Briesen & Roper, s.c, Winter Kloman Moter & Repp s.c, Associated Bank, Action Graphics and R&R Insurance Services.

Missions such as WINC's commands a community to deliver and provide the care necessary. Each changing season brings its challenges, but we know that WINC seeks to make a difference one day at a time. Because of your dedication to and appreciation for our history and assignment, we embrace our special task ahead of us faithfully. Thank you always for being part of the WINC community today and for the seasons ahead.

Story by Kim Banach



Top Middle: Close-up of Western Painted Turtle enjoying the new pond
Left: Mandy Feavel with Western Painted Turtle at edge of new pond



Chloe Best Personality Tammy Chatman

Feathers in Focus Winners

A very special thank you to the 22 professional and amateur photographers who joined us September 16th for Feathers in Focus, WINC's photography workshop. Each of the photographers had the opportunity to take photos of WINC's feathered ambassadors, and enter those photos into a contest. Thank you to judges, Sean Merewood, Ryan Hill, and Alex Schlecht, who had a difficult time deciding on the winning photos. They chose a Best Personality and Best in Show for each of the educational ambassadors. See all the winners on our Facebook page, and watch for the winning photos to be gracing the walls of our gathering room soon! Watch our website and Facebook for the 2018 date.

The winners are as follows:

*• Best Personality:
Chloe: Tammy Chatman
Dakota: Linda Catterson
Grace: Kimberly Fudali
Raenah: Joan Broughton
Sova: Linda Catterson*

*• Best in Show:
Chloe: Joan Broughton
Dakota: Joan Broughton
Grace: Dan Malsiah
Raenah: Linda Catterson
Sova: Joan Broughton*

*• Honorable Mention-Best in Show:
Chloe: Dan Malsiah*

Coming soon: The Winners photos will be featured on our Facebook page and website

Story by Heather Meerwood

What's the BUZZ?

Remembering Special People

This year there has been a substantial outpouring of gifts from donors to WINC in honor or memory of special people in their lives. This issue recognizes these very special gifts.

In Honor of my wonderful cousin
Rebecca Richards
Paul Cohen

In Honor of Earl & Jezebel Jungbluth
Marcia Jungbluth

In Honor of your volunteer, Sally
Harthun
Donna Herschleb

In Honor of Tracy & Jim Johnson's
Anniversary
Gwen & Jerry Puerner-King

In Honor of Brad Johansen
Jenna Lara

In Honor of Fran Rauscher
Hans Gugel

In Honor of Susan & Brian Riordan
Bridgid & Mark Riordan

In Honor of Dean & Angie Pipito of
Aquatica
Jeffrey & Patricia Trader

In Honor of St. Francis
Cathy Duszynski

In Honor of Leslie Smith's Birthday
William J. Hansen

In Honor of Brad Johanson
Jenna Lara

In Honor of Dennis La Fratta
Amy La Fratta

In Honor of Tom Roberts Birthday
Mary Budde-Roberts
John & Lisa Draves

In Honor of Sue Skaros Birthday
Mary Budde-Roberts

In Honor of Sparky the Chipmunk
Jennifer Leszczynski

In Memory of Thomas P. Massnick
Nancy A. Massnick

In Memory of my Dad
Kate Winckler

In Memory of Myrtle Alderson
Toni Bernhardt
Mara Rohde
James & Barbara Harrison
Gary & Lynn Benton
Judith E. Alderson
David & Evelyn Fahrback
Richard & Julie Selin
Dorothy Kroeber
Geri Naymick

In Memory of Noah
Donna Mihm

WINC's MISSION: EDUCATION

Training Birds of Prey to Teach Others



Alex Schlecht operant condition training with the male American Kestrel

On June 19th, 2017 WINC admitted a juvenile, male American Kestrel that was found in a barn in Watertown that appeared to be suffering from several injuries. WINC's animal care staff completed a thorough examination and found him to have a fractured right leg and a severe injury to his right eye. Due to the extent of his injuries, the kestrel had several vet appointments to see Dr. Nicole Mueller at Brook-Falls Vet Hospital and Exotic Care. It was determined that his fractured right leg could heal with strict cage rest but his right eye would need to be removed because of the presence of a severe corneal ulcer, swelling and an infection.

The eye removal surgery was completed without any complications and his fractured right leg did heal with cage rest but it healed in a slight abnormal position. Although otherwise healthy, these permanent disabilities made the kestrel non-releasable.

By this time, we had gotten to know the kestrel's personality and we believed he had a great temperament for educational placement. His young age as a first year kestrel paired with a few months of dedicated

medical care made his adjustment to socializing with people very smooth.

This was the perfect training opportunity. Whether this kestrel was going to become a permanent resident at WINC or be an educational ambassador at another center, he needed to be introduced to an educational form of handling versus being handled as a medical patient.

The kestrel was introduced to operant conditioning training using positive reinforcement at the beginning of August. Operant conditioning is a method of training that can enhance daily management, health and enrichment of the education animals in our care. We can use operant conditioning to teach education animals how to willingly move into a crate, stand on a scale or perch on a glove in front of an audience. The use of positive reinforcement increases the chances of a particular behavior happening again and this is something the animal will work towards; the kestrel's positive reinforcement was his daily diet.

The training process can be slow to start because you have to first build a relationship based on trust before the bird may willingly come near you. At first, this involves spending time in their enclosure without interacting with them. Next, you work towards them eating in front of you and eventually taking food from you and finally perching on your glove willingly and eating with you. We've worked together for 3 months now, training 5 days a week with 4 training sessions every day lasting approximately 10-20 minutes



Remembering Special People

*In Memory of Tracy Malone
Laurie Malone
Jodi Malone
Heidi & Robert Gaertner*

*In Memory of Harold Siegel, Angela Nirk's father-in-law
Jay & Jacqueline Quinn*

*In Memory of Yvonne Stilp
David & Carol Steger*

*In Memory of Sandra Falk
Dale Falk*

*In Memory of Chelsea (Tom & Mary Roberts Dog)
Susan Skaros
Kathryn Budde-Jones
Rose Clancy
Jean & Henry Kranendonk*

*In Memory of Antoinette Mulligan
Jaye Wirbinsky
Sally Wellenstein*

*In Memory of Dawn Dalton
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*In Memory of Robert A. Doyle
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Ken & Pat Cunderman
Patricia Moore
Rachel & Chuck Aumann
Eddie & Mary Sue Short
Mary Ann Wilde
Lucille S. Domecki
Jacqueline M. Brown
Kristina Nestingen-Palm & Frank Palm
Guo Rui & Betty Chan
S.J. Daley
Sharon Bloom
Steven & Dawn Jensen
Ronald & Barbara Cooper
Wilde Automotive Management of
Wisconsin
Donald & Sara Doyle
New Resources Consulting*

Welcome Angela!

each. The kestrel has learned a handful of new behaviors including stepping up and perching on a gloved hand, taking food gently from a bare hand, standing on a scale for daily weight management and staying still for equipment replacement.

This male kestrel was introduced to Grace, our female, educational kestrel at the beginning of our training because if he were to stay at WINC, they would need to become roommates in order to conserve cage space. They spent hours together soaking up sun in an outdoor enclosure all while minding their own business. However, staff became aware that physically altering either kestrel wasn't an option and at that point realized we did not want to take the chance that they might reproduce.

Although bitter sweet, we agreed that he would be much better suited as an educational ambassador for another wildlife rehabilitation center. This male kestrel has been a pleasure to work with both as a patient and as an educational ambassador in training. We were happy to get him ready to move onto the next chapter in his life. We are so pleased that he has found permanent placement at a wildlife rehabilitation center for birds of prey, Aves Wildlife Alliance in Neenah, WI.

Story by Alex Schlecht



We would like to welcome Angela Nirk as our new part-time Wildlife Educator! Angela started as an animal care volunteer with Wildlife in Need Center in 2010, and shortly thereafter also started volunteering in the Education Department. For the summer 2014 season she was hired as a part-time Animal Care Staff member, where she received further in-depth training in wildlife triage and rehabilitation.

Angela has a background in finance from DePaul University, and started her career as a stock trader on the floor of the Chicago Stock Exchange. But once she and her husband migrated north to Wisconsin she quickly discovered her true passion for learning about and working with wildlife. Finding the Wildlife in Need Center and the volunteer opportunities offered has definitely been a way to "feed her soul," as she says. And nowadays she gets a thrill from being able to introduce our Animal Ambassadors to people of all ages and educate the public about their species. It is also very important to her to be able to teach how we can harmoniously coexist and share the planet with our wildlife neighbors.

She will be the first to tell you that chipmunks are her favorite species of Wisconsin wildlife, but she does not play favorites when it comes to our Animal Ambassadors. They are all equally adored by her and she considers it a privilege to be able to work with each of them.

Please join us in welcoming Angela aboard our team of staff!



Grace, one of WINC's Educational Ambassadors (right), hanging out with the male American Kestrel

What's the BUZZ?

Remembering Special People

In Memory of Charlie (Lauryn Banach's beloved cat)
Kim and Lou Banach

In Memory of Ginger and Princess (The Banach family's beloved dogs)
Kim and Lou Banach

In Memory of Wendy Setterlin
Richard & Kathryn Kallenberg

In Memory of my mother Louise Ott Van Antwerpen
Nevin Van Antwerpen

In Memory of Donald Kiefer
Judith A Salentine

In Memory of Claire Gilles
Lynn Gilles

In Memory of Frank Rossi
Mary Rossi

In Memory of Leslie Kiehl
Diane Kortsch

In Memory of Danny Garcia
Carol Boeck



Dakota Best Personality Linda Catterson

Save the Date
24th Annual Banquet
April 27th, 2018
6:00 - 9:00pm
Western Lakes Country Club
Family style dinner featuring
Saz's award winning ribs



Grace Best Personality Kimberly Fudali

DAPHNE'S DISPATCH



Baby season was still going strong in August and Sept with admissions of mammals and birds. Staff and volunteers were surprised at the volume and young ages of many patients. August 2016 we admitted 260 infant and juvenile patients, in 2017 381. September 2016 we admitted 121 infant and juvenile patients, in 2017 160. Infant and juvenile admissions that were strongly up were: American Goldfinch 245.45%, Eastern Chipmunk 140%, Eastern Gray Squirrel 53.23%, Red Squirrel 366.67%, and Virginia Opossum 218.52%. These babies requiring multiple-a-day hand feedings are very labor intensive at the time when our summer interns and teenage baby bird feeding volunteers are leaving to go back to school. Thank you so much to staff and volunteers who put in extra shifts to help care for all these late babies. I hope these wildlife moms know somehow that we will be having a mild winter to help these inexperienced animals survive.

WINC's gift shop is now selling long sleeved t-shirts, crew neck sweatshirts, pull over hoodies, zip hoodies, fleece vests, and fleece jackets with WINC's logo as well as some styles with our Dakota Society logo. Get your cold weather gear here and help wildlife.



Orphaned American Goldfinch being fed every half hour in our avian nursery



Joey Opossums exploring outdoor enclosure

How Can You Help?

Become a member!

Good Harvest Market in Pewaukee gives an EcoToken to shoppers who bring a reusable bag. Shoppers donate those tokens to local nonprofits at the store. WINC receives 10 cents per token.

Bring us your grocery receipts from Albrecht's Sentry in Delafield, BKT Sentry in Waukesha, and Piggly Wiggly in Hartland and Oconomowoc. We turn them in for a portion of the totals.

Get a Kwik Trip Rewards Card and have your rebate go to WINC. Kwik Trip donates an additional 1% too.

Use www.smile.amazon when shopping. It's all your benefits at Amazon, designate the Wildlife In Need Center as your charity of choice, and we will receive a portion of your purchases.

Check with your employer to see if they match charitable donations.

You can bring your used Christmas trees to WINC. Just take all the decorations off and no tinsel. We use them in outdoor caging to provide perches, shelter, and windbreaks

And don't forget your local wildlife. Water is hard to find in winter. Consider a heated bird bath or water bowl or just put out a shallow container of water on warm days for your local wildlife. Your wild neighbors will appreciate it!

VOLUNTEERS

Hands-on Volunteers

Wildlife In Need Center's generous volunteers have donated over 21,600 hours through October this year. Our teenage and adult baby bird feeding volunteers donated over 2,204 hours this summer alone. Without volunteer help we could not fulfill our joint missions of wildlife rehabilitation and education about wildlife. We are always recruiting and training new volunteers. Our volunteers do hands-on animal care, admit patients, answer phone calls, help with office tasks, help with education programs, assist in fundraising events, and maintain the gardens and facility here at WINC.

Many volunteers come to WINC because they found a wild animal that needed help. They may have called their veterinarian, or a humane society, or local law enforcement looking for help for this animal. And then they found WINC. We help native wild animals and the people who care about animals in our local communities. Our volunteers see wildlife up close in ways they never would in the wild. It's especially rewarding to see and aid the baby animals to grow up. Releases are the reward for the hard work our patients and people do together. To see a Red-tailed Hawk soar into the air once again, strong and free - to watch an Eastern Gray Squirrel scamper up a tree looking for the top of a cage only to realize there is no cage anymore - those are the rewards of volunteering at WINC. To see small children's eyes widen in wonder as they



look into the golden eyes of Dakota and hear his whoo-who-who-whooooo is beyond amazing.

We have volunteer applications and more info on volunteering on our website at <http://www.helpingwildlife.org/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/>. We offer several orientations each year where you can hear details of volunteer opportunities and see if WINC is a match for you. Won't you join us in helping Wisconsin wildlife?

Story By Lisa Rowe



Top: Intern Tim Aspenson hand feeding an orphaned Eastern Gray Squirrel during power outage at WINC
Left: Volunteer Kathy Schutz and Alex Schlecht in the avian nursery during power outage
Right: Intern Caroline Titel caring for orphan song birds during power outage



Sova Best in Show Joani Broughton

Whooo Loves Wildlife?

If you love wildlife, don't miss out meeting Sova, the Barred Owl and fellow Educational Ambassadors at the Wildlife In Need Center on February 10th from 1:00 – 3:00pm. Our Educational Ambassadors will be out in our classroom space with handlers. Guests can see them up close, ask their handlers questions, and take pictures. We only hold a couple of Meet & Greets every year so this is great chance to get to see these wild animals up close.



Grace Best in Show Dan Malsiah



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CALENDAR 2018

February, 2018

Tuesday, February 6th 6:30–8:00pm
Adult New Volunteer training, Wildlife In Need Center

Saturday, February 10th 1:00–3:00pm
Valentine's Meet and Greet, Wildlife In Need Center

March, 2018

Wednesday, March 14th 6:30–8:00pm
Adult New Volunteer training, Wildlife In Need Center

Sunday, March 18th 7:30am–1:00pm
Annual Pancake Breakfast
Lions Club, 235 N. Main St.
Dousman, WI 53118

April, 2018

Friday, April 27th, 6:00–9:00pm
24th Annual Banquet

Saving Wildlife - A Love Like No Other
Western Lakes Golf Club, W287 N1963 Oakton Road,
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Monday, April 23rd, 6:30–9:00pm
Adult New Volunteer training, Wildlife In Need Center

August, 2018

Wednesday, August 15th 6:00–8:00pm
Meet and Greet, Wildlife In Need Center

September, 2018

Saturday, September 29th, 4:00–8:00pm
Spaghetti Dinner
Lions Club, 235 N. Main St.
Dousman, WI 53118

October, 2018

Friday, October 26th, 6:00pm–9:30pm
Annual Fine Wine and Dine
Westmoor Country Club, 400 S Moorland Rd,
Brookfield, WI 53005

November, 2018

Tuesday, November 27th, All day-Midnight
Giving Tuesday, Wildlife In Need Center

December, 2018

Saturday, December 1st, 10:00am–12:00pm
Holiday Meet and Greet, Wildlife In Need Center

Watch our website for updates on

Dates for
Baby bird feeding orientations
Feathers in Focus