



Years of Saving Wild Lives



Mange Red Fox

Late summer/Early fall of 2011 we admitted an adult male Red Fox that was suffering with Mange. The Fox was found in the Mukwonago area and the landowners had noticed that the fox was missing fur, so set live-traps to safely catch it. Once it was in a live-trap they brought it to WINC for an exam and care. The fox was severely emaciated from being sick for so long. Severe patches of fur were missing, especially on his back legs. Dead, dry skin had built up on his body causing the fur loss and areas of his skin were so bad they had cracked open and he had open wounds. Staff began pain medication, antibiotics, wound treatment and critical care diet. After a couple weeks of gaining strength back the fox was safely sedated to allow staff to give a bath to remove all the dead skin. The condition was so bad, the fox ended up needing two baths to remove all the dead skin. Once baths were done the fox needed time to gain healthy weight and regrow fur before being released into Wisconsin fall weather. This process takes several weeks, maybe a couple months of care. Eventually, he was released with a beautiful coat of fur.

Cost of mange care - \$200
Food cost of care - \$100