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WATERFOWL FUNDRAISER

The Wildlife In Need Center is caring for four waterfowl and they need your help. We are accepting monetary donations to help fund for their care and donations in kind. The information to donate, purchase supplies and list of supplies are provided below. The waterfowl are being housed in our two heated indoor aquatic aviaries. The waterfowl were admitted due to injury or illness, infected with internal parasites and lead poisoning (though not all required treatment). Staff and our volunteers are working long hours to provide the care they need. Please read their stories below.



This majestic *Trumpeter Swan* was rescued by the Western Lakes Fire District on 12/13/21 from Pretty Lake, Wisconsin.

By the time he was rescued he was thin, dehydrated, and weak. Upon admission he had a respiratory infection, internal parasites, and severe lead poisoning. X-rays revealed metallic fragments in his GI system and a broken bone in his neck. Blood tests confirmed the metal was lead. We were able to remove most of the metal during an extensive surgery. It took our amazing veterinarian nearly five hours to remove most of the metal. Throughout his care he has been treated with iron for his anemia, antibiotics, medications for nausea and gut issues, pain medication (especially after surgery) as well as chelation drugs to remove the lead. He has had extensive fluid therapy including IV fluids and lots of oral Pedialyte to manage his condition. Throughout his care most of his nutrition has been through tube feeding a critical care diet. Our staff and volunteers have worked long hours to manage this bird and keep him alive. He is sharing the aviary with the Canada Goose featured below.

This *Canada Goose* was rescued from Frame Park in Waukesha He was admitted on 10/26/21 thin, dehydrated and with fishing line embedded to the bone on both of his legs. Staff were able to remove the fishing line and take care of his injuries, but he is still building up strength in his legs. Throughout his care he has been treated with subcutaneous fluids, antibiotics, anti-inflammatories, and chelation treatment. Early on he was tube fed a critical care diet but now has been eating on his own.





This *American White Pelican* was rescued by three area residents of Muskego on Bass Bay Lake who had been seeing him for several months with a visible injured wing. Thankfully, they were finally able to rescue him! By the time he was rescued on 1/4/22, he was thin, dehydrated and tested positive for lead. He is being treated for his wing injury. Initially he was treated with IV fluid therapy and nutritional support. He is now stabilized and eating a lot (4-6lb fish daily) to regain weight to get back to a healthy weight.

This second *American White Pelican* was rescued by Palmyra Police Department. The pelican was rescued on 1/16/22 by the Palmyra Police Department after receiving many calls about a pelican in the ditch on the side of the road. He is very weak and his physical exam shows he is likely suffering from septicemia. We are consulting with specialists from Florida and California to ensure we are providing the best care. Currently he is getting fluids and aggressive antibiotic therapy. While he is eating 4-6lb of fish daily, he is also receiving an supplemental liquid diet and Pedialyte by tube feeding to help with his recovery.

General Wish List click here Medical Wish List click here

Donation in kind supplies needed are – whole fish 8 inches or less, Pedialyte or generic substitute, Powdered Pedialyte, visa gift cards for medical and veterinary supplies, stamps, washable incontinence pads, AstroTurf door mats and an oxygen concentrator.

Donate Here to help our waterfowl patients









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