

Winter 2012 - 2013

WILD NEWS

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OUR MISSION

Established in 1994, Wildlife Rescue, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating the suffering of sick, injured and orphaned animals.

We assist Maryland residents with wildlife emergencies, rescue and rehabilitate wildlife with the goal of release back to nature. We are dedicated to helping people find humane solutions for co-existing with wildlife. We believe there is always a humane answer to any wildlife issue.



Photo Gallery Baby Season 2012

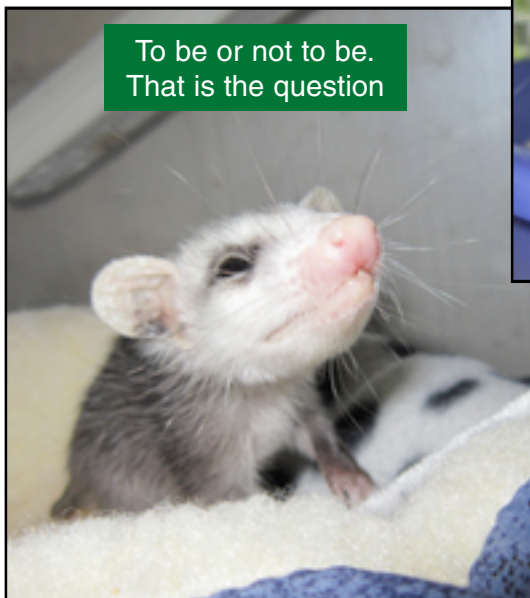


Quack

Bet you didn't know baby opossums could be so cute!



High Five!



To be or not to be. That is the question



Thank you to Cathy Jones for these very cute and creative photos

Can't a guy get a little privacy?





"Babies Go Wild Raffle"

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Wildlife Blocks

Excuses

by Janet Riddle

To those who enjoy the unfair fight
and destroy those weaker with delight
Many excuses the hunter will use
in all of them the animals lose

"Overpopulation" ~ a common claim
they eagerly kill, yet animals are to blame?
It is said this murder is a must
but make no mistake, this killing is lust

"It's fair their senses are good" ~
tell that to the deer roped to a hood

He'll be beheaded and fit to a frame
morbid decor, have we no shame?

"Heritage" ~ another excuse to maim
a ruthless bloodsport in heritage's name
Teaching children callous death
and to eagerly watch a dying breath.

Living beings filled with lead
fallen animals whose blood was shed
Barbaric "sport" that leaves a bloody trail
Classic example of where our ethics fail

Living In Harmony with Raccoons

by Laurie Kuhn

Having moved to an old house in a very rural area with woods and farm land all around we were looking forward to all the wildlife we would get to experience. Unfortunately the house came with its own feral cat colony too, so we had trapping and spaying and neutering (so we didn't end up with hundreds of cats) and vaccinating to do along with providing food and water outdoors for the cats. Of course leaving food and water outside attracts all kinds of wildlife looking for an easy meal. Over the years we've had opossums, raccoons, squirrel, birds and even foxes on the porch.

Growing up in the country I became accustomed to living in harmony with wildlife, however one raccoon put my tolerance to the test. Luckily she and the wonderful volunteers at Wildlife Rescue, Inc. taught me a valuable life lesson about raccoons.

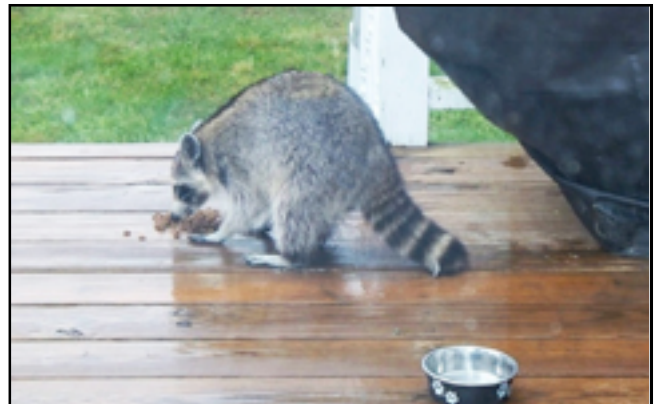
Spring, 3 years ago a small raccoon showed up and made a nest under our porch. She was different from the other raccoons we were used to seeing who came to eat the cat food at night. They always came to eat and even brought their babies (so precious) but they always came at night and were very afraid of us. This girl was out at noon and didn't seem very afraid at all. I would be gardening in the middle of the day and turn around and she would be 5 feet from me eating blueberries off the bush. We would be in the driveway and there she was, eating the cat food 3 feet from us. If we waved our arms and yelled get out of here, she would run, but she would hide behind the tree and peak out at us as if to say please don't chase me away. Of course (like most people would think) we thought, she is out during the day and not scared of us, SHE MUST have rabies!!! We thought we have to protect ourselves and our pets!! So we trapped her and called our Wildlife Rescue friends Lierra and Enid and said we have this raccoon trapped and this is why,



Often people are afraid that raccoons will hurt their cats. In the 7 years I have been caring for feral cats I have seen the cats and raccoons interact around the food without problems. I have seen raccoons walk up and sniff sleeping cats who wake up, look at the raccoon and then go back to sleep. The one time we had an altercation it was a cat chasing a raccoon and the raccoon ran away. The raccoons will protect their food from other animals but usually they just blow up and make themselves look big and mean so the other animal backs off.

so what do we do with her? The answer we got was not what we expected at all. They said let her go. She probably has babies. Contrary to popular belief it's not unusual for pregnant or nursing raccoons to be foraging during the day and since she has been there for months, if she had rabies she would be dead by now. They suggested that we move some cat food away from the house so she wouldn't be forced to come so close, and they said give her a few months to raise her babies and she'll probably move on. Although it still made us uncomfortable to have her around and our instincts said, just get her out of here, we decided to follow their expert advice and they were absolutely right. She ate out of the bowls we put further away and moved on in August. We never did see her babies but often she would come around after wading in the stream and we could see that she was lactating.

Now every spring for the last 3 years, right around the middle of April, just when we have had enough time to forget about her, we will be walking down to get the mail or taking the dogs for a walk or gardening and then suddenly we see a small raccoon in the afternoon. Since we have forgotten, we wave our arms and yell, get out of here and then we get that familiar blank stare that says, why are you chasing me. We realize it is her again coming to nest for the summer and every year like clockwork she disappears in the middle of August. Now instead of being afraid of her, we enjoy her company and feel privileged to be able watch her live and eat so closely. I have to admit if she stops coming we will miss her dearly.



Have questions or concerns about wildlife? Go to our Wildlife Rescue, Inc. website for more information, www.wildliferescueinc.org. And we are just a phone call or email away!

To Whom It May Concern,

In the summer of 2011, a neighbor here in Armagh Village found 4 baby raccoons that had fallen from a large tree in her front yard. The babies became a neighborhood project for several days. We tried to coax the mother down out of the tree to take her babies back and tried to nurse them the best we could. After several days, we realized that the mother was never coming for her babies.

Your organization was kind enough to take all four babies from us. I hope that they grew up and thrived and that they were able to return to nature.

This summer, some of the children in the neighborhood held a lemonade stand and they would like to donate the proceeds to your organization to thank you for your help.

Debbie Vaughn



Hand-drawn signatures of children: Andrew, Laura, Lilly, Natalie, Katie, and Emma. Each name is accompanied by a simple drawing of a face or a raccoon.

Wildlife Rescue is happy to report all 4 raccoon babies did well and were released back to the wild. We would like to thank these wonderful compassionate children, for the future of our wildlife depends on them.



There's A Tiny Fawn Crying Outside

by Lierra Lenhard

We get up early to take care of all the animals and to feed the deer. Just as I was ready to go outside I looked out the window and a very thin doe was standing by the driveway waiting. I know I had not seen her for at least a few weeks so I hurried to get outside and give her some food. She followed us out to where we feed and on my way back a tiny fawn jumped up from the garden and started crying. Not many people know what a crying fawn sounds like, but I can tell you it can be loud! The little fawn scared the daylights out of me and I dropped my bucket and scoop and scared the daylights out of her. We pieced things together and realized the baby must belong to the



thin doe that was by the driveway waiting for us, so we looked for her, but she was gone.

The baby settled down and everything seemed fine for a few hours until she got up again, circling the house bellowing for her Mom. She was tiny. Possibly just a few days old. She looked clean. There were no flies around her and her eyes looked clear. The crying went on all day. She would cry herself out, sleep for a few hours and then the crying would start all over again. It took all my willpower not to go out there and just grab her and bring her to Wildlife Rescue. I knew I should wait until dusk when her Mother would come back for her. When fawns are small, for at least the first month, the mother deer will leave her baby in what she believes to be a safe place for as long as 8 hours. At this age the baby has no smell and predators are unlikely to detect them. When people call Wildlife Rescue we always tell them to leave the baby alone unless it is crying, there are flies around the baby or you know it has been hurt or orphaned. It is always better to leave any baby with it's mother, but determining that the mother is alive and well enough to take care of the baby can be hard to ascertain.

It was a very long day in June. Finally the sun was going down and some does started showing up. The poor baby

would cry and run up to them. It was terribly sad when they just looked at her without any pity and walked away leaving her to stand there all alone with her head down crying softly. It was more than I could bare, when at long last we spotted her mother. She was eating with the other deer. The baby moved from where her mother left her and fell asleep about 50 feet away in the woods. We continued to watch out the window and finally the mother came back to the garden where she left her baby and stood smelling the spot where her baby was supposed to be. She smelled the area for quite a while and then decided to lay down. It was really

getting dark and I knew we would not get any sleep that night until we saw the baby nursing from her Mom. I slipped out the front door, went into the woods behind the baby and nudged her up. Sure enough, she jumped up and started screaming for her Mom, which woke her Mom up and finally they met in the middle and we saw the baby nursing.

The doe was definitely not feeling well so we concentrated on getting her healthy. Mom stuck around looking better and better as the weeks went by, but we did not see the baby. I worried that the baby didn't make it and I thought maybe I should have grabbed her when I had the chance. I asked neighbors if they heard any baby deer crying although I knew they would call me if they had. In mid September, I had given up hope but was extremely happy one day to see Mom and baby eating side by side. Mom had finally put weight on and the baby looked really good. She was a good mother although she was young and took care of her baby even when she was clearly ill.

I now know how hard it must be for the caring people who contact Wildlife Rescue when they find a little fawn alone without a mother. We always say please leave it alone, just wait to see if their mother comes back and this time she did.

MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES

Memorial and Tribute Gifts honor a special family member, friend or pet while supporting Wildlife Rescue's programs. The following Memorial and Tribute Gifts were received from 4/20/12 to 10/31/12.

In Memory of:

Cadbury ~ Beloved rabbit of Marge Martin, rescued from a John Hopkins Lab Experiment by Wildlife Rescue but was lucky enough to be adopted, loved and spoiled by Marge ~ Lierra Lenhard

Pilito & Murcia ~ Dr. Myrna T. Estruch, MD

Beloved Chihuahua, Santana ~ Bob, Tina, Mackenzie, Devin Turk

"Bubba" ~ Marsha Goldberg

Katherine Sorrentino ~ Rosemary Bongiorno

**Bell the Beagle, Dearly loved by the Ford and Gwiazdowski families,
Companion of Oreo and Lava** ~ The Andersons

Hanna Crafton ~ Grace and Rick Batton

"Wildlife Parents"

Fox Adoption In Memory of Anna Pravasani ~ Jesse Cox

Rabbit Adoption In Memory of Snoopy, Lucy, Linus & Petey ~ Karen & Chuck Dunlap

Bird Adoption ~ Cindy Candelori

Thank You!

Our Board of Directors – Each of you have made contributions of your time and talents in your own special way!
To Each and Every One of Our Volunteers – For always going “above and beyond” to make our rescue work possible!
Our Vets and Their Staff, as well as the Other Organizations That Have Worked Hand and Hand with Wildlife Rescue – Thank you so much for partnering with us for the animals!
Mary and Kathleen Harriman Foundation – For their generous Grant
Michael Masenior, Barbara and Pam, Print Shack – For your support in printing and mailing this newsletter.
Becky Wolff, Dramatic Visions – For our great website.
Lierra Lenhard – For writing and designing this newsletter.

Summer Raffle Winners

1st prize Rosemary Bongiorno

2nd prize Keith Gold, DVM

3rd prize Dolores Krasauskis

***Thank you to Rosemary Bongiorno and Keith Gold, DVM
for donating their prizes back to Wildlife Rescue!***

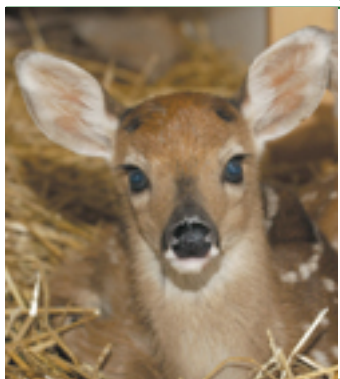
Looking For a Great Holiday Gift?

By donating \$100.00 or more you can Give the gift of becoming a “Wildlife Parent” for that special animal lover in your life

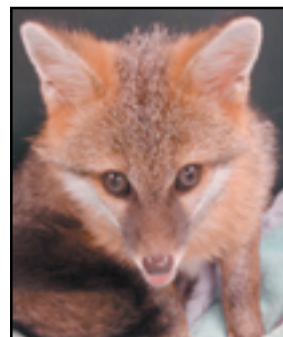
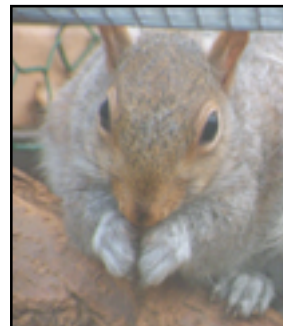
Your adoption will contribute to their daily care which includes veterinary treatment, food, housing and special treats.

For each adoption you will receive a certificate with a color photo of the animal species of your choice, A Wildlife Rescue, Inc. T-Shirt and in the next newsletter you will receive recognition of your adoption.

Adoptions can be “In Honor of” or “In Memory of” or just to show your love of wildlife.



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Certificate of Fawn Adoption
In Memory of Gerda

I am a white-tail deer fawn.

I was rescued and brought to Wildlife Rescue, Inc. Fawns come here when they are attacked by domestic dogs, suffer from lawn mower and farm equipment injuries, or when their Mom's get killed.

Here I will be bottle fed 3 times a day and stay with other rescued fawns in a fenced in pasture. I will start to nibble on grass and hay at about 6 weeks old and will be weaned off my bottle slowly and given whole corn and deer pellets to supplement my diet. When I am about 3 months old, I will still have my spots but I will be strong enough to forage for food on my own and I will be released back to the wild.

Fearing her scent may attract predators, a mother deer leaves her fawn alone most of the day. If you encounter a fawn lying quietly by itself - and it looks healthy - leave it alone. Mom will be back.

To Adopt or Donate please fill out the donation form below.

Please fill out this coupon and mail it to: Wildlife Rescue, Inc., P.O. Box 330, Monkton, MD 21111

YES! I want to help save animals in need. Here's my tax-deductible donation of:

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____ Telephone: _____

For credit card donations, please call or go to www.wildliferescueinc.org and select Make A Donation

This donation/adoption is in Memory of _____ or in Honor of _____

I want to adopt and become a “Wildlife Parent” (Donation must be \$100.00 or more. Please check one animal below)

Bird Duck Raccoon Fawn Rabbit Squirrel Fox

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web, Wildlife Rescue,
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To our dismay, deer hunting started Sept. 7th until Jan. 31st.
Studies prove that when hunters invade our woods, deer are
scared into the roads when their peaceful habitats are disturbed.

Please drive carefully and be aware.

Go to www.deersolutionsmd.com for tips on living with deer.

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