

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.

FIRE AT WILDLIFE RESCUE!

There was a terrible fire at Wildlife Rescue recently, and even though it destroyed a large barn and our prized gas golf cart, thankfully all the animals were saved.

Luckily Bill and Barbara were home when the fire started and they discovered the gas golf cart that Bill had just used and parked next to the barn, was in flames. Since it was engulfed in flames and so close to the barn, it caught the barn on fire too. They opened the lower barn doors to get the farm animals out, but in the adjoining barn upstairs in the finished loft area, there were two domestic bunnies and two cats who lived there. Barbara tried to get up the stairs but the smoke was so thick she couldn't see or breath. Barbara pulled the back door open and pushed a heavy refrigerator out of the way so hopefully the cats could escape on their own. At that moment the fire trucks arrived just minutes after they called 911. She ran to the firemen to tell them there are rabbits and cats inside and she begged and threatened to go in herself. She was going to do whatever she had to, to get them to go in and get the rabbits and cats out because even if they were injured, she didn't want them to suffer. Then fire truck after fire truck came bringing more water since there aren't any hydrants in the country. The barn was hosed down just enough so they



Amazingly the cats and rabbits survived!



All that is left of our EZ Go Utility Vehicle



could go in with masks and bring out two very wet and smokey rabbits as well as one of the cats. The other cat ran out on his own and showed up the next morning. They also found two baby raccoons that were living in the attic that no one even knew about. When the firewoman asked what she should do with them, Barbara said, I am a wildlife rehabilitator so they are in the right place and I will take care of them. The next day a Mom raccoon was hanging around looking for her babies so Barbara was able to reunite them. She thinks the Mom raccoon may have already taken other babies to safety.

Dr. Keith Gold saw them right away. The rabbits and one cat were stressed and had some smoke damage to their respiratory systems, but everyone would be fine after some TLC.

Now the barn and shed have to be rebuilt and Barbara needs a new golf dump cart with all the lugging she has to do for the animals. What a horrible night it was, but it could have been so much worse if all the animals had not been rescued. Thank you to Hereford, Middletown, Maryland Line and Rose-New Freedom Fire Companies!

Volunteers thought humor might help, so they brought Barbara a temporary toy vehicle.

As you can see the barn needs to be rebuilt and she needs to replace the utility vehicle to help take care of the animals.

Please help by donating today!



“Babies Go Wild Raffle”

Looking for a great stocking stuffer!

Give raffle tickets for a chance to win a \$500.00 bond

We need your help to continue to be there for both you and Maryland’s wildlife. Please donate today!

Please Don’t Touch!

This past Spring some very well intentioned firemen saved a baby fox from a storm drain. It was wonderful that these men were compassionate people and wanted the baby fox to get a second chance at life. They were featured on television petting and handling the fox. They did not know that any rabies vector animals such as fox, raccoon, skunks or bats are not allowed to be handled by anyone who has not been given the rabies vaccine. The fox had to be turned over to the Health Department and tested for rabies, which cannot be done without euthanizing the animal. The Health Department is more concerned about public health and safety and not about the welfare of an animal.

Capt. William Vanardale, a fire station supervisor, said the team that participated in the fox rescue had no idea



Baby Fox at Wildlife Rescue

their interactions would prompt it’s euthanization. The fox was tested and the results came back negative. At least the well meaning fire- fighters would not have to undergo prophylaxis treatments for exposure to rabies. “We’re just a little upset and disappointed, because we were doing the right thing and then they put the fox down” he said.

At Wildlife Rescue we know only too well how this can happen. Anyone who bottle feeds or handles baby foxes, raccoons, or skunks has received a series of expensive rabies vaccinations. It is rare that an animal comes into the Rescue with rabies but precautions still need to be taken and it is the law. If you need help with any of these animals or have any questions, please call Wildlife Rescue.

WISH LIST

Paper Towels
Contractor Grade Trash Bags
Kitchen Drawstring Trash Bags
Towels, Linens, Blankets
Bleach
Baby Wipes
Whole Corn, Sunflower Seed
Nuts - All Kinds in Shells

Gift Cards for:
Petsmart
Petco
Loew’s
Home Depot
Walmart
Target
The Mill

Scoopable Cat Litter
Dry and Canned Dog Food
Dry and Canned Cat Food
Carefresh Rabbit Litter
Oxbow Rabbit Timothy Hay
Oxbow Rabbit Pellets
Bird Seed
Wildlife Blocks

Our Miracle Baby & Other Cuties

By Barbara Connor

Our 1st raccoon this year was an experience. We received a call from a young man who saw a very small raccoon in his back yard - eyes still closed. When asked if he could scoop it into a box without touching him and keep him warm, he said he couldn't find him. He called first thing the next morning (after a horrible rain storm) and said he thought he heard him, faintly, but couldn't find him. We went to his house but heard nothing. When he showed us where he last saw the baby raccoon, we found him wedged between a privacy fence and his neighbors shed. He looked dead. I wasn't going to leave him there even if he was. He was ice cold and soaking wet, but when I picked him up he moved. He was our miracle baby this year and he was released in September.



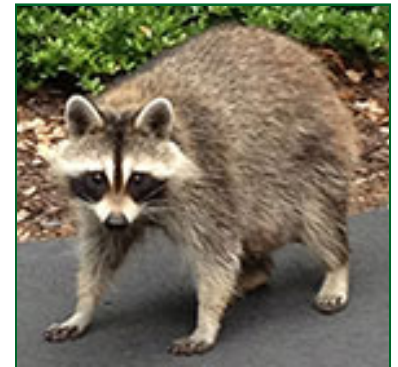
Rosie Raccoon *By Lierra Lenhard*

In the last newsletter I wrote an article called "Foxes and Raccoons Seen During the Day." We, at Wildlife Rescue wanted to let people know that just because you see foxes and raccoons out during the day, it does not mean they have rabies or are sick. Pregnant and nursing animals are very hungry and need more food, so they will come out during the day to find extra food. This summer, after I wrote the article, a female raccoon followed me around my yard. What was going on?

Every morning, I feed birdseed, sunflower seed and peanuts to the birds and squirrels. One morning a raccoon started following me. It definitely got me a little nervous because the faster I walked the faster she followed me. I stopped by one of the birdfeeders and put my bucket down. She waited. After I filled the feeders, I threw the peanuts on the ground. She ran over to them and ate like she was at a banquet. For almost two months every morning, and now evening, she would meet me by the garage door and follow me, until she got her peanuts. She was not sick, she was just hungry! It was obvious when I watched her eating her peanuts she was nursing. I thought about her babies often, wondering where they were.



One day in August when I went out the garage door, to my surprise, there were five raccoons waiting for me. They were Rosie's babies. I was very honored that she trusted me so much, she brought her babies to meet me, but the babies were kind of confused. Rosie followed me as usual but the babies



weren't sure what to do. They chirped to one another and finally made it over to their Mom after stopping in the garden and peeking out at me from behind a bush. One baby was really brave and ran all the way to Mom without hesitation. Two babies came along fairly quickly but one was very shy and waited until I left to join the other siblings. This went on for about a week and then one day they stopped coming.

I missed Rosie, but I think, since her babies were eating on their own and she wasn't nursing any more she just wasn't so hungry and could wait until dark to forage for food. I still left her peanuts at night and I have seen five raccoons eating them from my window so I know she is O.K. It was wonderful that she let me into her world for a short time when she needed me and I just hope I get to see her again. Maybe next summer.

Lyme Disease? Don't Fear the Deer

by DJ Shubert *Wildlife Biologist, AWI*

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Lyme Disease is endemic to the northeastern and north central United States. In 2011, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control, there were a total of 24,346 confirmed cases of Lyme disease. The blacklegged ticks that transmit the etiological agent of the disease, the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi*, are often linked to deer which consequently triggers demands for deer kills.

The fact that “deer tick” is another common name for the blacklegged tick is largely responsible for this enduring association. When it comes to transmission of Lyme Disease, however deer may be more innocent victim than vector. Indeed, many efforts to reduce the incidence of Lyme disease by substantially reducing deer numbers have not worked, as the ecology of Lyme disease has proven to be a complex tale woven with a variety of animals, predator-prey dynamics, habitat structure, tick biology and ecology, and more

During its two-year span, the blacklegged tick exists in a larval, nymphal, and adult form. Ticks become infected during the larval and nymphal stages, during which time they engorge on blood from previously infected animals-primarily the white-footed mouse and eastern chipmunk- known to be effective carriers for *B. burgdorferi*. While adult

ticks do often feed on larger animals (including deer), such animals are not particularly effective hosts for the disease. A number of studies, including a 2012 study from the National Academy of Sciences, found no significant correlations between deer density and human cases of Lyme Disease. In fact, according to a 2010 study published in the journal *Nature*, the key to controlling Lyme Disease (and many other diseases) may lie not with eradication-but, rather, abundance.

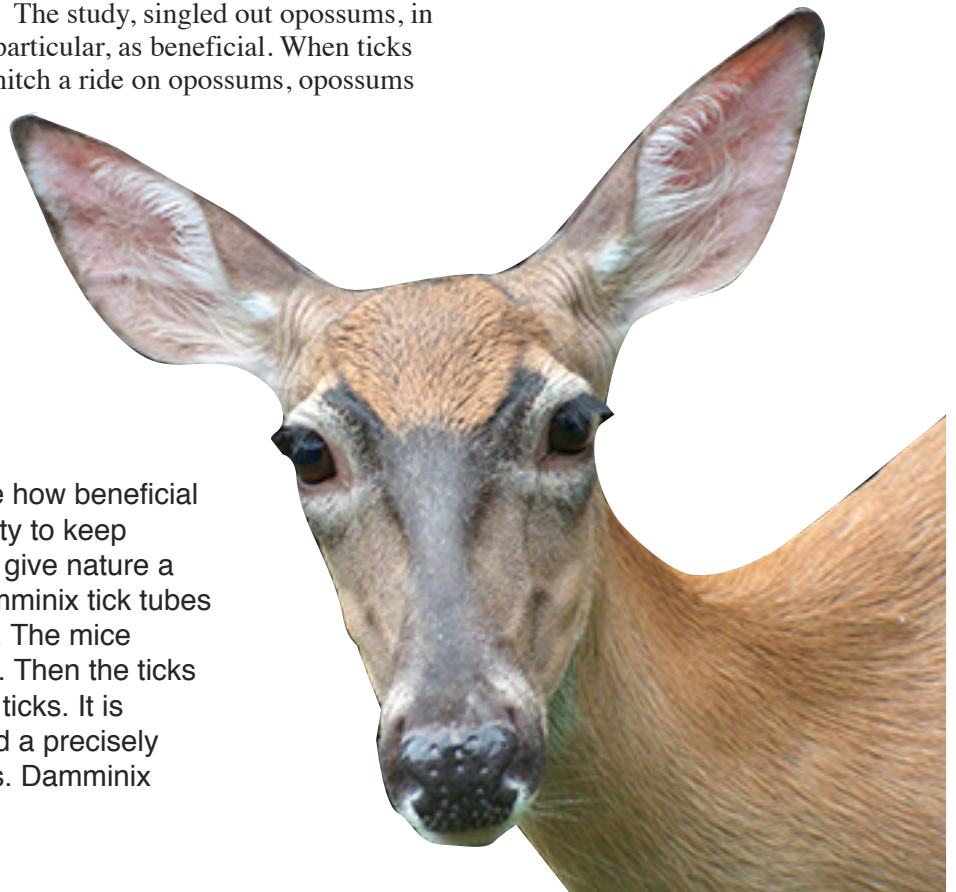
When it comes to Lyme Disease, there are other hosts for the tick, including gray squirrels, raccoons, and even some lizards. However, these animals are not competent “disease reservoirs” meaning they don't do a good job of providing the pathogens with safe harbor and a helping hand into the next generation. Thus, they act to dilute the potential for disease to survive and spread.

The study, singled out opossums, in particular, as beneficial. When ticks hitch a ride on opossums, opossums

respond by eating them with great gusto. And these oft-overlooked mammals (who do better in more intact habitats) have robust immune systems that effectively quash the disease. Hence, a plethora of opossums means more *B. burgdorferi* end up at the end of the line without a ride.

In a post appearing on a New York Times blog, the lead author of the *Nature* study, Dr. Felecia Keesing of Bard College, along with Dr. Richard Ostfeld of the Cary Institute of Ecosystems Studies, summed it up by saying that “in many Lyme disease zones, reducing the deer is unlikely to substantively affect tick abundance. Reducing mice is more likely to be effective. This is best accomplished by allowing natural predators like weasels, coyotes, foxes, and owls to do their job. And the best way to increase their numbers is to maximize the size of forest patches.”

At Wildlife Rescue we always tell people how beneficial our Maryland red foxes are for their ability to keep rodent populations in check, but we can give nature a little help by using Damminix tubes. Damminix tick tubes use the natural nesting instincts of mice. The mice collect treated cotton to build their nests. Then the ticks feed on the treated mice, which kills the ticks. It is environmentally friendly, easy to use and a precisely targeted solution to kill blacklegged ticks. Damminix tick tubes are available on Amazon.com



A Wonderful Donation

A Letter From the President

At Wildlife Rescue we get lots of calls about our deer project from people from all over the United States. One call we received was from a lovely woman in Virginia who is a life long animal advocate, Elaine Miletta. Her organization Pets LTD helps with hardship medical cases and low cost spay and neuter of cats and dogs. She is also in a group called 21st Century Deer Management For Fairfax County which advocates for non-lethal deer management. She explained her group heard about us on WTOP in Washington, DC and was very excited about our humane deer spaying project. She wanted to know if there was any way we could come to Virginia and talk to the other members of her group in hopes of emulating our project there.

Since we had a lot in common we talked about Wildlife Rescue and she told me about a really nice trailer they had been using for the spay/neuter clinics. She said they were thinking of donating it since they purchased a larger one. Of course I thought of Wildlife Rescue, wondering

if it would work for the deer spaying and knowing Barbara could use more space for our wildlife babies. Elaine said first they would like to visit our rescue and so the weekend before the horrible fire Elaine and Michelle Raiszadeh drove to Maryland to see Wildlife Rescue. They were very impressed and they could see how crowded we were since baby season was in full swing with lots of squirrels, bunnies, opossums, and raccoons.

Now we needed to go to VA and give a presentation to her deer group. Then we needed to find someone who could drive to West Virginia and hook it to their truck and bring it to us. Board Members Meredith Callahan and Dave Matthias brought it to Hagerstown and then it was brought the rest of the way to Wildlife Rescue. It is a beautiful trailer with cages, sinks, heat, surgical area, air conditioning, generator and the surfaces are covered in materials that are easy to keep clean. Thank you to Elaine Miletta and Pets LTD!



The trailer that was donated to Wildlife Rescue by Pets LTD. Thank you so much Elaine!



Michelle Raiszadeh, Elaine Miletta, Lierra Lenhard, Barbara and Bill Connor and the farm animals enjoying the beautiful weather at Wildlife Rescue.

Trapping and Relocating Wildlife Is Not A Good Idea

Many people think that it is O.K. to humanely trap and relocate wildlife. For too many reasons this is a bad idea.

Most animals have their babies in the spring, which makes spring and summer an exceptionally dangerous time to trap any animal. Taking a mother away from it's babies is a death sentence for the little ones. Depending on the animal and when the babies were born you cannot know when the babies can make it on their own. Separating families is devastating to animals just as it is for people. Even when babies are older they need to find their own way when they are ready. Without Mom's life lessons they will have a difficult time surviving. Squirrels and raccoons have babies in the spring and in the fall which

means there is never a good time to relocate them.

Fall is when animals need to put on weight and fatten up for the cold months. Taking any animal away from it's home during this crucial time is also very dangerous for the animal. The animal will have to relearn where to find food, losing precious fat since this takes time and can be difficult. Each species has a nest or a den that they depend on for sleep and warmth and comfort. In the winter they can easily die without this warm place to take shelter. If wildlife is a nuisance, go to the Wildlife Rescue website and learn how to humanely deter them. And remember we are just a phone call or email away!



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 4/1/13 to 10/31/13.

In Memory of:

Molly McBreen, Daughter of Ann & Tom Breen ~ Marsha Mangold
My Parents ~ Sandra Markowitz
Hanne Crafton ~ Raymond & Elizabeth Logsdon
Damian & Sparky ~ Brendan T. Carr
Baby Amos, the kitten I adopted from Gerda in 1998, who just passed in
February 2013 ~ Pam Stewart

"Wildlife Parents"

Fawn Adoption In Memory of Catherine & Adam Gwiazdowski ~ Patricia & Thomas Ford
Fawn Adoption In Memory of Gerda ~ Kelly Hupfeld
Rabbit Adoption In Honor of Jasmine, Cody & Theo ~ Janelle Dietrich
Rabbit Adoption In Honor of Henry & Lily ~ Karen & Charles Dunlap
Fox Adoption In Memory of Rusty ~ Norman & Margaret Zellers

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, Who Continue To Work Hand and Hand with Wildlife Rescue – Thank you so much for partnering with us for the animals!
Carroll County Humane Society – For all of your support!
NESAP Thrift Store – For all the bedding, towels, playpens and more!
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 Ann Maddox
2nd prize Jean Flurie
3rd prize Arlette Allen

Thank you to all the Raffle Winners 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.

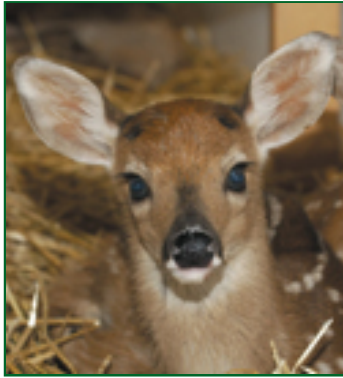


For each adoption you will receive a certificate with a color photo of the animal species of your choice, A Wildlife Rescue, Inc. T-Shirt and in the next newsletter you will receive recognition of your adoption.

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



Certificate of Fawn Adoption
In Memory of Gerda Deterer

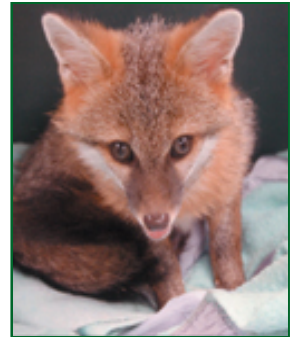
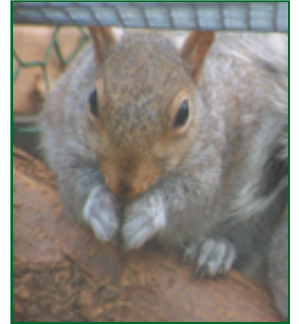


I am a white-tail deer fawn

I was rescued and brought to Wildlife Rescue, Inc. Fawns come here when their mom's are hit by cars, from domestic dog attacks, and lawn mower and farm equipment injuries.

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

Financial statement available upon request by calling 410-357-5179. Documents and information filed in accordance with the Maryland Charitable Organization Solicitations Act available from the Secretary of State for the cost of copying and postage.

**Please Consider
Remembering
Wildlife Rescue
in your Will!**

Wildlife Rescue, Inc. receives no government funding of any kind. It is through the generosity of our donors and supporters who have made planned gifts in the past that secure the future of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife.



**Looking for a
great holiday gift ?
(See page 7 for details)
Give the gift of
becoming a
“Wildlife Parent”
for that special
animal lover in
your life!**

To our dismay, deer hunting started Sept. 6th 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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