

Spring 2015

# 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 provide assistance to the public with wildlife emergencies through the rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife with the goal to release back to nature. We provide educational opportunities to communities to foster a respect for our wild neighbors and implement humane non-lethal programs. We are dedicated to providing humane solutions for co-existing with wildlife. We believe there is always a humane answer to any wildlife issue. We are an all volunteer organization and no one gets a salary.



## Baby Foxes First to Arrive!

### HELP US "FEED THE BABIES" RAFFLE TICKETS ENCLOSED

Your donation is how we help  
and care for the animals.  
We receive no government funding.



## Never Doubt the Power of the Press by Enid Feinberg

In 2011, after years of investigation into non-lethal methods for co-existing humanely with whitetail deer, Wildlife Rescue, Inc., funded a research program to prove the efficacy of sterilization spaying of deer, instead of killing them. Over these past 4 years we have spoken with private citizens, communities, government entities and the press throughout the United States about our groundbreaking project.

One of those interviews was with WTOP reporter, Michelle Basch which led to the Humane Deer Management group in Fairfax, VA asking us to do presentations. From there the first non-lethal deer spay project in the history of Virginia in Fairfax City was put into motion and they just completed their second year. Tom Jackman, a reporter for The Washington Post then did a series of articles about the Fairfax project. Then the Humane Society of the United States issued a press release where Stephanie Boyles Griffin, Senior Director of Wildlife Response said: "We are proud to support Fairfax City and applaud the city's groundbreaking efforts to develop and implement a humane, effective and sustainable deer management program that everyone can live with, including the deer..." Then from the HSUS press release I received a phone call from Dr. Charmaine Foltz, DVR Director of the National Institutes of

Health in Bethesda, MD inquiring about our deer project. From that call NIH, the #1 institution in the U.S. who looks out for the health and well being of the American citizen, met with our principle researcher and chose deer sterilization spaying over using any other form of lethal or non-lethal deer management. And to quote the NIH Record on Dec. 5, 2014 "After looking at all options, particularly non-lethal methods, the NIH identified the most effective approach that will manage, stabilize and potentially reduce the population in a long-term, safe, humane and socially and biologically acceptable manner," said Dr. Alfred Johnson, director of the Office of Research Services.

It gets even more exciting because we have now accomplished what many said would never happen. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources, recently approved surgical sterilization as a deer management technique and it is no longer research in Maryland. Both NIH and our Wildlife Rescue project, in February 2015, were done under the first ever Deer Sterilization Management permits. We want to thank the MD DNR, Wildlife & Heritage division for having the courage and foresight to be the first state to permit sterilization as a management tool for deer population control. con't on page 2

# 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 11/1/14 to 4/30/15.



**Tullulah**

~Marsha Goldberg

**Scotty**

~ Barbara G. Cunliffe

**Katie, my best friend for over 16 years**

~ Elizabeth L. Grove

**Hanna Crafton**

~ Ann Logsdon

## In Memory of:

**Melvin Oscar Carlson, Jr., True lover of Animals**

~ From his sister & brother-in-law, Cookie & Dick Larrick

~ Edward & Mary Gahan

~ Donald Ross & Eileen Steinberger

~ Carl Carlson Family

~ Dorothy Dutterer

~ Harvey & Ruth Bair

~ Christopher & Debby Borst

~ Joe & Kristie Shields

~ Robb & Kim O'Connor

~ Yong Kim

**My Brother, Anthony Michael Wicks** ~ Ron Wicks



**Pumpkin**

~ Lierra Lenhard, Enid Feinberg

**Toes**

~ Beverly Drake

**Tia Sands**

~ Leigh Sands

**Pauline E. Mattison, the Mother of Linda Mattison Vail**

~ Peg & Ray Jones

## In Honor of:

**Jean Ayres** ~ Sara Zulauf & Girls

**Theo - my blind & deaf bunny** ~ Janelle Dietrich

## Wildlife Parents:

**Fox Adoption In Memory of Vera Dunnigan** ~ Kelly Hupfeld

**Fox Adoption for** ~ Bill & Patti Hampton

## Never Doubt The Power Of The Press con't from front page

From the Village of East Hampton in NY to the Villages in San Jose, CA and states in between, the word is spreading and deer sterilization spaying is being used and considered. So "Never Doubt The Power Of The Press", because just one interview can be the catalyst to saving the lives of our precious wildlife.



Dr. Reger, Sharon Sieck & Dr. Gold

7 months of pregnancy and 3 months of nursing fawns. We observed spayed does eating for significantly less time than pregnant lactating does who ate up to 3 times longer. We observed how even though they still reside in the community, they serve as infertile placeholders who help keep out new deer while consuming much less. We observed how sterilized deer do not

### UPDATE: Deer Sterilization Spay Project 2015 advances in MD as deer management!

In February of 2015, we were permitted to manage our deer population in an open suburban community in Baltimore County, MD using the non-lethal deer sterilization spaying procedure. The MD DNR licensed Deer Cooperator who was our original principal researcher darted deer to immobilize them for the veterinarians to perform the rapid ovariectomy spaying procedure.

We are now seeing natural mortality reducing the deer population. It is sad to see some of our older does pass away, but it would be much sadder to see them killed. The contribution of observing them day in and day out to show the major benefits of non-lethal deer sterilization birth control proved invaluable. Benefits like less browsing because deer do not have the caloric requirements of almost



Jean Ayres, Dr. McDonough & Dr. Burks



Charles Evans, Matt Matthias & darted deer!

go into heat and they are not chased by bucks during rut, reducing deer vehicle collisions! Our observations confirmed lower deer populations can be achieved in a humane manner without killing deer.

As with the research phases, we were overwhelmed with the outpouring of volunteers who donated their time to save the deer. This year we had 7 veterinarians, who took time off from their practices and donated their services. We would like to send a Very Special Thank You to our "Deer Spay Team 2015", Dr. Keith Gold, Dr. Tamie Haskin and Dr. Karen Burks of Chadwell Animal Hospital, Dr. Emily Reger, Dr. Danielle Anthony, Dr. Joshua Woosley and Dr. Susan McDonough who volunteered for almost every shift! Chadwell Animal Hospital's vet techs Melissa Goodman, Claudia Johnson, Michelle Hull, Sharon Sieck and Nicole Ruble. Volunteers Debbie LaTorre, Matt Matthias, Meredith Callahan and Jean Ayers for your untiring dedication year after year. We cannot do it without you! And a special thanks to Brooke Bready Photography.

# LIFE-SAVING Rescue or Kidnapping?

The guidelines below will help you decide if a rescue is in order or if the baby is fine and should be left alone.

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## Baby Birds

It's a myth that the parents of a wild bird will reject a baby touched by human hands. The fact is birds have almost no sense of smell. Baby birds that have fallen from their nest should be returned, as long as the nest can be safely reached. If the nest cannot be reached, hang a wicker or woven basket not too deep, close to where the original nest was. Woven baskets make perfect substitute nests; they resemble natural nests and allow the rain to pass through so the birds don't drown. You should watch for an hour to make sure the parent birds return to the new nest to feed their chicks. If they don't return, then help is needed.

## Baby Opossums

Typically, baby opossums are born during March and April and then again in July. Mom carries her little darlings in her pouch while she forages for food at night or sleeps during the day. If you see an adult opossum that has been killed on the road (and can pull over safely), check for babies in her pouch. Our volunteers routinely raise baby opossums that survive car accidents.

If you find a "kitten size" (or smaller) opossum, rest assured, it's an orphan that needs rescuing!

## Baby Bunnies

If you see a rabbit's nest that has been disturbed, do not touch the babies. After wiping your hands on the grass, carefully replace the fur and other nest material. Place two small twigs across the nest in an "X" or other pattern the mother will disturb when she comes back (sprinkling flour around the nest will also work – you will see Mom's footprints if she returns). Stay away until morning. Mom will only return to the nest at dusk and dawn.

If the twigs (or flour) are not disturbed in 24 hours, the mother has not returned, or if the babies have been injured or moved from the nest by a cat, dog or lawn mower, bring the babies to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator like Wildlife Rescue.

## Baby Squirrels

If you find a squirrel's nest on your lawn after a storm, or encounter infants lying on the ground, place them near the tree they fell from and watch from inside your home for Mom to return to rescue her babies.

Typically, Mom will build a new nest, which can take an hour or more, and come back for her youngsters. If she doesn't return or the infants are cold, covered with flies or ants, or appear injured, a rescue is in order immediately.

## Fawns

Fearing her scent may attract predators, a mother deer leaves her fawn alone most of the day. She only visits to clean and nurse her baby. If you encounter a fawn lying quietly by itself – and it looks healthy – leave it alone! Mom is close by. Unless you know the mother is dead, do not touch the fawn. Deer are wary of human smells. If you have touched the fawn, take a towel and rub it on the grass and then wipe down the fawn to remove human smell. Using gloves return the fawn to where it was found. If the fawn is wandering and crying, call us, it may need help.

## A WORD ABOUT TRAPPING

Please note that the live trapping of "nuisance" wildlife often leads to wild animal babies being unintentionally orphaned. This is because spring and summer are when many wild animals attempt to use chimneys, attics, and outbuildings as sites in which to raise their young. It may seem like a kind solution to trap and relocate a wild animal, but a high mortality rate among relocated animals, and orphans being left behind to starve, are the all-too-frequent results. We strongly discourage the trapping of wildlife for these reasons.

[www.urbanwildliferescue.org/humane](http://www.urbanwildliferescue.org/humane) will tell you lots of ways to use humane eviction without trapping and without harming the animal if an animal is in your house, attic, yard or a visiting nuisance.

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

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

For credit card donations, please call or go to [www.wildliferescueinc.org](http://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. or more. Please check one animal below)

For each adoption you will receive a certificate with a color photo of the animal species of your choice, a beautiful Wildlife Rescue reusable tote bag or a T-shirt and in the next newsletter you will receive recognition of your adoption.

Bird     Duck     Raccoon     Fawn     Rabbit     Squirrel     Fox    **Circle:** Tote or T-Shirt

## Winter Raffle Winners

1st Prize *Roy Upton*

2nd Prize *Diane Barrett*      3rd Prize *Connie Richardson*

*Thank you to all our raffle winners for donating their prize back to the animals!*

*Thank You!*

**All Our Volunteers** – For donating so much of your time for our wildlife babies!

**Becky Wolff of Dramatic Visions LLC** – For our great website!

**Mike Masenoir, Barbara & Pam, Print Shack** – For the printing & mailing support!

**Our Vets, their Staff and the organizations who work hand in hand with us!**

## RESCUE DON'TS

Don't give water or food (including milk which is especially deadly) to an injured or orphaned animal.

Don't leave pets or children outside when a fledgling is on the ground.

Don't cut a tree down without checking for wildlife-squirrel, bird or raccoon nest.

Don't allow pets or children to disturb a rabbit's nest.

Don't keep a wild animal as a pet.

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**Barbara Connor,**  
*Wildlife Director*

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