

Winter 2018-19

# 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.

## YOU CAN NOW VISIT US ON FACEBOOK

Look up Wildlife Rescue Inc. in Freeland, MD for lots of info., stories, pictures, videos & all the latest news

## FAWN FOUND TIED TO TREE IN PARK

Mom had just left her baby as mother deer do from dawn till dusk. Her little fawn was curled up completely still. Then the big mistake happened, some people picked up the fawn and took it away from its' mother and home. They kidnapped her, not considering how the mother deer would feel losing her baby. To make it even more challenging, the people were homeless, lacking resources for themselves, let alone caring for an infant fawn. The people living in the woods put a collar on the fawn, tied it to a tree on a leash, feeding her berries and milk which is a terrible diet for a fawn.

Luckily young Audrey Bresnick and her brother saw the fawn tied to the tree. Fearing as they should that someone might harm it. They took it home and called the Maryland Natural Resources Police. "It had a collar and a big, long leash," said Bresnick. "We thought it was a dog at first. My brother went looking and said, 'No, it's a deer.' We didn't know how many days it had been down there. It was hollering and whining like it was hungry."

Candy Thomson, public relations officer with Maryland Natural Resources Police explained "It was tied to a tree, and therefore, it could be a crime because it's wildlife in a capture situation," Thomson said the fawn appeared in good health which unfortunately did not turn out to be the case. But regardless, she warned, removing a baby deer from its habitat is dangerous and is often deadly to the animal. A mother deer will leave the baby alone to avoid attracting predators with her own scent. They are too small and fragile to travel with her as she forages. Like a human baby, a fawn that is just born does not do much more than sleep and eat for at least a month.

Luckily for this little fawn, she was brought to Wildlife Rescue, Inc. where she was diagnosed with malnutrition and severe diarrhea from the poor diet she was fed. After being under our care for months, until she could survive on her own, she was released back to nature where she belongs. If you do suspect a wild animal is in need of help, you're urged to contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitation center.



Maryland Natural Resources Police pick up the too friendly fawn with a collar and bring her to Wildlife Rescue



Hanging out with the other deer and learning to act like one

## What Many People Do Not Know About Maryland's Whitetail Deer

**Did you know there are almost 30% less deer in Maryland now than there were 10 years ago?** These numbers are reported by Maryland's Department of Natural Resources. It just seems like there are more deer because of over development. With all the new homes, roads, shopping areas that are built, the deer are pushed into smaller and smaller green spaces. Where they used to live in seclusion they must now live among us. So just because you see more deer, doesn't mean there are more.

**Deer DO NOT starve to death in Maryland in the winter.** There is still enough food here in Maryland in the winter for our deer. The deer bulk up during the summer and fall as all wild animals do and their metabolism slows down so they do not need as much food in winter. Hunters often mislead people saying it's better to hunt them, then to let deer starve to death. Deer very rarely starve in Maryland. Our winters are not that harsh.

## We Get Many Calls When An Adult Deer Has A Broken Leg

**Unfortunately adult deer break their legs a lot!** Concerned citizens want to know if we can help or if there is anything they can do. Here at Wildlife Rescue we are licensed to rehabilitate fawns. That means baby deer that still have spots. When an adult deer breaks a leg it is impossible to do anything because the stress they would endure to medically treat them could actually kill them. Adult wild animals are instinctively terrified of humans.

A broken leg is definitely painful for the deer and some may have trouble walking and running which can make it harder for them to forage. Food such as apples and corn will help in their recovery. The leg will eventually heal on it's own to some degree and in most situations they will be able to put weight on it again. Many deer actually do OK on three legs and you would be surprised how fast they can run when they feel they need to, especially if humans come too close.

### MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES

Memorial and Tribute Gifts honor a special family member, friend or pet while supporting Wildlife Rescue's programs from 11/1/17 to 10/15/18

#### *In Memory of:*

**Our Daughter, Hanna Crafton** ~ Jim & Lise Crafton  
**Hanna Crafton** ~ Grace & Rick Batton  
~ Ann Lodsdon  
~ Jonathan & Molly Bartlett  
**Gerda Deterer** ~ Carole J. Harris  
~ Marion DeGroff  
**Ray & Angie DiBlasio** ~ Pat & Bill Hampton  
**Mel Carlson** ~ Betty Carlson  
**Mel & Diane Carlson** ~ Dick & Cookie Larrick  
**Officer Amy Caprio, murdered in May by thugs**  
~ Gordon & Dreena Jones

**Betty Jane Diehl** ~ Margaret Zellers  
**Ellen Parsons** ~ Elizabeth Grove

**Chuck Dunlap, Best Bunny Dad Ever** ~ Karen Dunlap  
**Tom & Diana Waesche & their Cats** ~ Jaqueline Kendall  
~ Kathy, Linda, Mary & Jackie  
~ We worked with Tom & Diana for many years to help spay & neuter cats in our old neighborhood. Their tragic deaths broke our hearts, but what happened to their cats broke our hearts even more.  
~ Lierra & Enid

#### *In Honor of:*

**Don Fischer** ~ Constance Warren  
**Mr. & Mrs. Wade Kach** ~ Beth L. Wiseman  
**Jim & Lise Crafton** ~ Molly Bartlett

#### *Wildlife Parents:*

**Rabbit Adoption** ~ Janelle Dietrich

**Jean & Greg Ayers** ~ Our Beautiful Forest was destroyed in a terrible devastating micro burst of wind in a hailstorm that came through our property, felling several of our tallest and oldest red oaks. As they crashed to the ground they took with them over twenty additional forest trees, including a beloved sassafras tree that stood watch over our pet cemetery. Our woods - the most cherished part of our landscape - has been obliterated by the damage. Our daughter Autumn, a horticulture major who was home from college at the time, aged the oaks at over 90 years old.

Flashlights in hand the night of the devastation, we searched the ground for baby animals displaced by the damage. We found none, but I am haunted by the likelihood that some were missed in the chaos.

We are so deeply saddened by the changed "forest" and know that it was habitat to so many of our wildlife neighbors. We hope our donation will help to save others.

# PATRICIA (Trish) CANTLER

## Wildlife Rescue, Inc. Rehabilitator Apprentice

Trish has been volunteering at Wildlife Rescue, Inc. for 2 years. She has become indispensable to Barbara caring for many of the animals. She started helping at Wildlife Rescue and enjoyed it so much she is now a Rehabilitator Apprentice which involves classes and many hours working with a licensed Rehabilitator. She also started and posts on our Facebook Page, so please take a look and follow Wildlife Rescue, Inc. in Freeland, Maryland



The squirrel in this picture with the cast was rescued by a woman who spotted him in the middle of Reisterstown Road and risked her life to bring him to us. Trish examined him and noted swelling in his leg and that he would not put any weight on it. She made an appointment with Dr. Tamie Haskin at Chadwell Animal Hospital the next day and it was determined he had an injured ankle. The cast needed to stay on for two weeks and then he was released.



Trish picked up this very small squirrel from a woman's home. The squirrel had multiple puncture wounds he received from her cat. He is doing fine now, but is currently still with us.

### We want to Welcome Michele Bowersox as a new Apprentice at Wildlife Rescue

Claudia Johnson, a vet tech at Chadwell volunteered to give our special need fawns the extra care they required to heal and grow strong. Dr. Keith Gold did surgery on the fawn who had a broken jaw and another with a broken leg. The one with the broken jaw pictured at left was difficult to feed and required lots of time and patience. The fawn with the broken leg wanted to go outside. Note the plastic on her back leg to cover the cast and keep it dry. Both did very well and were released.



*TOO*

*CUTE!*

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:**

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

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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 \$100.00 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

*Without you, we could not be there for our little wildlife babies! You make it possible for Wildlife Rescue to be there when you and the animals need us.  
Thank you for your continued support and donations.  
May your holidays be as wonderful as you are!*

## Summer Raffle Winners

**1st Prize Ann Roberts**

**2nd Prize Justin & Rose Bland 3rd Prize Alice Tucker**

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

## Thank You!

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

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

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

**Lierra Lenhard** – For donating the writing, designing and printing of the newsletter!

**We are an all volunteer organization. No one at Wildlife Rescue gets paid which takes incredible dedication and compassion.**

**We also receive no government funding, so your donation is the only way we can help and care for the animals.**

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**Barbara Connor,**  
*Wildlife Director*

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## "Babies Go Wild



**Please donate today!**

In September we release many of our Spring babies, but some babies like squirrels and raccoons need to stay the winter with us. Some may have been born later in the summer and still need time to grow. Others may have injuries that need more time to heal. The wintered over babies will be released in the spring when the weather is better for their survival.