

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, and provide children with educational opportunities to foster a respect for our natural world and for themselves.

Can You See Me?

(Answers on p.3)



Now that spring is here many people want to clean up their yards and some may even want to take down trees. Before you do, please check for nests. Squirrel nests are very high in trees and look like a mass of dead leaves. Look for holes or natural cavities in tree trunks where moms with baby owls, hawks, raccoons, squirrel and opossum may have set up their home. Also look for white residue on tree trunks and at the base of trees, or balls of fur or feathers which can indicate the tree is hiding a wildlife family. Please don't assume the sound of a chain saw will scare them out. Unfortunately we receive many orphaned wildlife babies after the tree has been taken down and many die from the fall or get injured by the chain saw. If you think a nest is present please delay tree cutting and call Wildlife Rescue for advise.

This is also the time of year we start cutting our grass and fields. It is always a good idea to cut the grass and fields early in the year before it gets too long and continue cutting on a regular schedule. If the grass is not cut early, both rabbit and deer mothers will think this is a safe place for their babies. Deer start having their babies appropriately around Mother's Day. For the fawn's first month, the mother will park their fawn baby in tall grass for many hours and usually do not return until dusk. They tell their babies to stay put and they do, even when a huge, noisy mower comes along. If grass is already very long, as it is when bailed for hay, a walk through is the only way to be sure no fawns are present. Walk in a zig zag pattern and check for fawns and other wildlife babies before you mow to prevent a tragedy.

A Tale Of Two Owls

One of the biggest challenges of rescuing wildlife is balance. Balancing and coordinating to get an animal from point A to point W - Wildlife Rescue, Inc., with multiple relays and stop off points in between. Balancing the heart wrenching emotions of saving one life and losing another. This tale starts late one Friday night with a rare animal seeking Gerda's help. The call came from an amazing place named Smith Island. Smith Island for those of you who are unfamiliar with it, is Maryland's only inhabited offshore island in the Chesapeake Bay. British settlers from Cornwall & Wales arrived there in the 1600's and the island is well known for its very unique population of wildlife. One inhabitant was in desperate need of care and Gerda received a call about an injured "screech" owl. The long "migration" of this owl then started



via water taxi, then on highways and byways. Finally Liz Smith, one of our volunteers and a bird expert, met the Tyler family at the Bay Bridge. Imagine her surprise when the injured "screech" owl was actually a Barn Owl. Barn Owls have white heart shaped faces and are known for their exceptional hearing and eyesight. "Barnie" had put his leg through a crab trap opening, suffering a very nasty injury. He was stabilized by Gerda and then a massive effort to save his life continued at Dr. Zantops. Although everything humanly possible was done to save this magnificent feathered angel, it was not to be. Someone had other plans for "Barnie" and he went off to guard Rainbow Bridge, screeching at all the new arrivals. Sadly we could not save "Barnie", but our tale does not end there.

On a happier note, the second part of our tale begins with Amy and Ian Hanigan driving home late one Sunday night. Out of the corner of her eye, Amy saw something on the side of the road. They made a u-turn, went back and saw, sitting very close to the side of the road, a Barred Owl. As cars and trucks whizzed by the owl, it didn't move and was obviously in distress. As luck would have it Amy and Ian are seasoned volunteers with Mid-Atlantic German Shepard Rescue and active members of Annapolis For Animals. So this was one lucky owl because they had a sheet and portable carrier ready for an emergency just like this. They used their car to block traffic so the owl couldn't fly into the road and Amy gently placed the sheet over the owl who immediately found the strength to start struggling to get away from her savior. But Amy held on and off they went back home to try and find help. She called rescue after rescue without success leaving message after message. She even called emergency vet clinics and the recommendation was always the same, call Gerda at Wildlife Rescue. She called Gerda and was told what to do until the morning because it was so late at night. Since Ian and Amy live in Anne Arundel



county, Amy met Terry Moritz, a waterfowl rehabilitator from Pasadena who had a litter of baby squirrels for Wildlife Rescue that were found in a garage. Terry then met our volunteer Gail Rice at the Key Bridge who in turn transported all the wildlife patients back to Wildlife Rescue, Inc.

After examining the owl, Gerda diagnosed head trauma which was causing temporary blindness from the swelling. The owl was given anti-inflammatory medication to stop the swelling, pain meds and subcutaneous fluids. With each hour the owl showed signs of improvement. She was doing so well that after a week, she was moved into one of our outdoor

pre-release cages while special arrangements were made to return her to the area where she was found. Amy joined Liz Smith when she released the owl. Amy said "Watching Liz's expert handling of this magnificent creature was impressive! With a kiss to the wind, Ms. Owl rose into the air and in a breathtaking moment spread her enormous wings and alighted to a nearby branch. She sat for a minute, then looked back briefly as if to give her thanks, and flew off into distant trees. It was a glorious release."

p.s. The baby squirrels are growing fast and furiously, Baby Season Is In Full Swing At Wildlife Rescue!!

A Letter From the President

Dear Friends,

Spring is here and we already have lots of baby bunnies, baby squirrel and even a baby fox who still had the umbilical cord attached. By the time you read this, Wildlife Rescue will be in full swing with baby season. Not only do we have round the clock feeding of orphaned babies, we also receive many urgent calls about injured wildlife that also need our immediate attention.

I would like to share some very wonderful news. Although the chemo and radiation treatments were hard, I am finished with them and have received my scan results. My doctors are very pleased with how successful the treatments have been.

I want to thank everyone who was there for me and the animals. In the last newsletter our request for new volunteers brought many talented new people that have already become incredible assets to our organization.

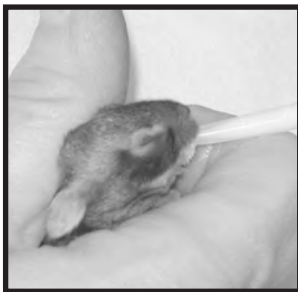
I can never thank everyone enough. My doctor said it was important to have an optimistic attitude. I explained that it was important to me that I continue to treat animals and I would not stay in bed! I believe having the incredible support from people who show the same love for animals, has made me stronger and more determined to be there for you and our wildlife.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerda".

Gerda Deterer
Volunteer President &
Executive Director



Help Us To "Feed the Babies" Raffle Tickets Enclosed

Please donate or buy tickets, we have lots of hungry babies!
Save the date - **4th Annual Fall Festival on October 3rd!**



Observations *by Bumble*

Everything I'm about to tell you is true. And I think that it's time I shared it with you.

The things that I've heard, and the things that I saw, cause sometimes I'm just a fly on the wall.

So as I begin, let me give you a hint, watch what you do, it could wind up in print.

Let me start with a fellow who loved to raise Cain. He was really a softy, I sure do miss Wayne.

He knew a lot about critters and a lot about life, And boy did he know how to sharpen a knife.

And in no time at all he'd get Gert in a tither, like the day she found where he hid all the scissors.

We're taught not to question when it comes to "GOD" stuff, but I don't think he left Wayne here long enough.

When it comes to the critters Gerda's so smart, But her brain can't compete with the size of her heart.

I have seen her so gentle with the tiniest beetle,
Then tackle a deer to give a life saving needle.

I remember when flat flies flew up her nose,
And she stood in the driveway and took off her clothes.

That is a day I will always remember, We have no more secrets since that day in September.

She has volunteers, so she's not all alone,
And we are all as close, as her telephone.

The neatest thing about her volunteers,
Is the fact that we span so many careers.

There are fireman and lawyers and contractors too,
Some of them even work at the zoo.

Some of us are weak, some of us are strong,

And sometimes we don't all get along.

But that's OK, because you see
The animals come first, and to that we agree.

If I gave advice to new volunteers, It would be "close your mouth and open your ears."

You can learn so much if you listen to Gert,
Give it a try, what could it hurt.

If you have suggestions, she is all ears,
But most of her methods have been working for years.

Sometimes I just watch her, and it's safe to say,
You would find "Mother Nature" in her D-N-A.

My friends think it's great, we help animals live,
The truth is we get much more than we give.

We were truly blessed, myself and my wife,
When "Wildlife Rescue" came into our life.

Solving Wildlife Conflicts In Your Backyard

Wildlife Rescue, Inc. gets thousands of calls a year asking for help with nuisance squirrels, skunks, raccoons, birds and other wildlife. In all situations there are always humane resolutions that have long term results. We are just a phone call away at 443-507-0950.

PROBLEM: Woodpeckers pecking; Groundhogs digging; geese hanging out....

SOLUTION: Shiny party store Mylar balloons with a “face” that features big eyes, creates a predator image for wild animals and keeps them away from areas they are not wanted. Hang from windows or downspouts, tie to garden posts.

PROBLEM: Sparrows, pigeons and others landing on balcony railings.

SOLUTION: A Slinky toy stretched with an inch between spirals, secured on the sill, will keep the birds from landing or nesting there.

PROBLEM: Groundhogs getting in the garden.

SOLUTION: Put up a simple L-shaped chicken wire fence - the two tricks are: **1)** run the bottom part 12 inches out, parallel to the ground, secured with landscaping staples, which creates a “false bottom” that he cannot dig under; **2)** make sure the vertical part is not too taut - if it wobbles when the groundhog tries to climb, he will be discouraged and stop trying.

PROBLEM: Birds crashing into windows.

SOLUTION: Aluminum foil cut in one foot squares and secured with a piece of tape at the top, can be applied to windows to prevent migrating birds from hitting them. It also works to prevent cardinals and robins from attacking windows, when they mistake their own reflection for that of a competitor.

PROBLEM: Squirrel in the attic.

SOLUTION: An inexpensive strobe light can be helpful in getting families to leave your attic and find a less disconcerting place to raise their young.

PROBLEM: Squirrel, raccoons on patio or deck, a little too close to our door.

SOLUTION: Remove any potential food attractant such as cat food or bird seed. If they still remain, know that the sound of a vacuum cleaner is very frightening to a wild animal. Run one for a few minutes and they will scurry away.

PROBLEM: Skunks stuck in window wells.

SOLUTION: Place a chunk of strong smelling cheese in the bottom of a rectangular kitchen garbage can. Put the can on it’s side to get a skunk who has fallen into a window well OUT. The skunk will walk in to feast on the cheese, then tip the garbage can up and raise it, elevator style, to ground level and lower it on its side again to allow the skunk to amble out. Then buy an inexpensive window well cover at a local home or hardware store so it does not happen again.

PROBLEM: Raccoons or Squirrel in the chimney.

SOLUTION: Loud hard rock music and a bowl of Ammonia works for raccoons. Place a radio and bowl of ammonia on a footstool in the fireplace at dusk to convince mom to move the kids to a new den. For Squirrels, a long, 3/4 inch diameter rope hung down the chimney, and draped over the side of the house will allow them to climb out. To permanently solve this problem, have a chimney cap installed.

PROBLEM: Deer munching on your garden, flowers.

SOLUTION: A simple recipe some homeowners have tried and claim works: Mix 4 eggs, 2 ounces of red pepper sauce, and 2 ounces of chopped garlic. Blend with enough water to make 1 quart. Strain and apply with spray bottle. Go to www.deersolutionsmd.com for more information on plants and living with deer.

WISH LIST

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Paper Towels
Contractor Grade Trash Bags
Kitchen Drawstring Trash Bags
Bleach
Baby Wipes
Whole Corn
All kinds of Unsalted Nuts in Shells

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Black Oil Sunflower Seeds
Concerto Bird Seed
Carefresh Rabbit Litter
Oxbow Rabbit Timothy Hay
Oxbow Rabbit Pellets
Apples

LIFE-SAVING TIPS

Each year across the U.S., thousands of “orphaned” wild birds and mammals are rescued by well-meaning people when they didn’t need to be rescued at all.

The guidelines below will help you decide if a rescue is in order. And if it is, how to make sure it’s a success.
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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, place the baby bird in a substitute nest close by. A small margarine tub or berry basket lined with dry grass can work nicely. Now, from a distance, watch to see if the parent comes back to take care of baby.



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, or if the babies have been injured or moved from the nest by a cat, dog or lawn mower, bring the babies to Wildlife Rescue right away.

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 if Mom returns 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, you should call Wildlife Rescue right away or bring them to us.



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!

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 looking to see if there’s a squirrel or bird’s nest.

DON'T allow pets or children to disturb a rabbit’s nest.

DON'T keep a wild animal as a pet.

Fawns

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! If you have any doubts, call the nearest wildlife rehabilitator for advice.

Adult Foxes

If you continue to see an adult fox in your area that has mange, there is a simple way to treat the fox without ever capturing or handling the animal. Signs of mange are loss of fur and/or excessive scratching. Call Wildlife Rescue and we can give you easy instructions for a cure.

Other Wildlife

If you see other wild animals in distress, especially creatures of size or strength, as well as mammals that are classified as rabies vector species, such as raccoons and foxes, call Wildlife Rescue immediately for assistance. Only a State-licensed and specially trained wildlife rehabilitator should handle these animals.

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 10/30/08 to 3/31/09.

In Honor of:

Corrine Parks, Gerda Deterer

~ Susan Patz

All of You & our Animals

~ Mr. & Mrs. Lintz

All the Volunteers

~ Martin & Laura Green

Richard & Bobbie Eventoff's

1st Anniversary ~ Caren Hoffberger

Elana Rubin's Birthday

~ April & David Forrer

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~ Martin & Laura Green

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Little Fox

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~ Jeffrey Keates

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~ Marge Martin

~ Mel Strong

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~ Jean Flurie

Phoebe

~ Jo Stallings

My Parents & Aunt

~ Beth Wiseman

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My Husband John

~ Carole Nadeau

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Fox Adoption in Honor of Lisa Close & the Spa Girls ~ Michele Gugliotta

Fox Adoption in Memory of Woody ~ Albert & Sondra Hess

Fox Adoption in Honor of Benjamin Grove's Birthday ~ Roy & Ellen Parsons

Raccoon Adoption in Honor of Joppa View Kindergarten Class

Raccoon Adoption in Honor of Elana Rubin's Birthday

Eagle Adoption for Peter Hynson

Owl Adoption for Jane Barrett

Owl Adoption in Honor of Regina Allen ~ Jesse Allen

Fawn Adoption in Memory of Hanna Crafton

Thank You!

Our Board of Directors – Each of you have made contributions of your time and talents in your own special way!

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!

To Each and Every One of Our Volunteers – For always going "above and beyond" to make our rescue work possible!

To The Snyder Foundation for Animals, Inc. – For your most generous grant to be used to purchase veterinary care, medicine and medical supplies for rescued animals.

Marvin Tenberg – For your wonderful donation in your brother David Tenberg's memory.

Rosemarie and Robert Shaw, M.D. – For your continual donations of supplies for the animals.

Michael Masenior, Barbara and Pam, Print Shack – For your support in printing and mailing this newsletter.

Jeff Green at Weis Supermarkets – For donating the weekly fruit and veggies for the animals.

Becky Wolff, Dramatic Visions – For our great website.

Lierra Lenhard – For donating the design of this newsletter.

Become a "Wildlife Parent"


By donating \$100.00 or more you can become a "Wildlife Parent."
Show your support by adopting one of these beautiful animals.

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 Honor 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 just fill out the donation form below.

Please fill out this coupon and mail it to: Wildlife Rescue, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Hampstead, MD 21074

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

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

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

You can also donate to Wildlife Rescue, Inc. through The Maryland and Combined Charity Campaigns.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

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)

() Duck () Owl () Eagle () Fawn () Rabbit () Fox () Raccoon



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW! for Spring Baby Season

Especially In The Morning On Weekends

*Would you like to spend just a few hours or the day
in the country at Wildlife Rescue to:*

- Feed animals • Help clean pens and barns
- Answer Phones

Then Call Gerda Now at 443-507-0950



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