

Winter 2019-2020

# 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

## IN MEMORY OF GERDA DETERER

Gerda Deterer founded Wildlife Rescue in 1994, when it was Wildbird Rescue. It has been ten years this October since she passed away of lung cancer and Wildlife Rescue is still going strong. The name was changed under her direction because she added permits for raccoons, foxes, fawns and all the small mammals like squirrels and rabbits. Our logo was redesigned to better reflect all the animals she had permits to rehabilitate and our name was changed. Gerda was not only a great rehabilitator but she was incredible at bringing people together and set up a Board of Director's that is completely dedicated to helping Maryland's wildlife. We not only weathered the storm after she passed away, but we have accomplished things that many thought were impossible. Gerda also asked that Barbara Connor take



her place as Wildlife Director. Barbara worked with Gerda for years before she received her own permits. Gerda not only wanted Barbara to take over because she was qualified, but she was the most compassionate rehabilitator she knew.

Barbara Connor has been our Wildlife Director for 10 years! Gerda would be so proud of her since she has done such an amazing job taking care of the wildlife. In early spring Barbara gets tons of babies. Many are so tiny they need feedings around the clock which makes it a hard job filled with highs when you see them get better and grow, and lows when they do not. Knowing there is such a huge need for an organization like ours because we treat so many sick and orphaned wildlife babies keeps us going year after year, not only for the animals, but for the people who are often desperate to find help when they find a wildlife baby or babies in trouble.

*Please Do Not Cry For Me,  
I am the Wind Beneath Eagles Wings,  
I am the Diamond Glint on Snow Covered Foxes,  
I am the Sunlight on Fawns Glistening Coats,  
I am the Rustle of Squirrels Running through Autumn Leaves,  
I am the Swift Uplifting Rush of Birds in Flight,  
I am the Soft Moonlight on Raccoons at Night,  
I Did Not Truly Die,  
For I Will Live On Through Our Memories!*

# A Hairless Fawn?



Hairless, above when he first came to Wildlife Rescue

Yes, This was a first for us. Dr. Keith Gold sent him to Wildlife Rescue knowing he needed a lot of TLC and Barbara spent a lot of time giving it to him. We will never know what happened but an educated guess made by a few veterinarians is that he was exposed to a chemical. As you can see he put on weight and grew into a handsome boy minus the spots. We were all extremely pleased that his fur is thick and he is healthy now.



Hairless, in front looking good 2 months later hanging out with his buddy

## And Lots of Other Baby Animals in Need



This baby squirrel had a broken leg in 3 places. Dr. Tamie Haskin and Wildlife Rescue opted to save his life and put his leg in the cast.



Starting in March the baby foxes come into our rescue and then we get lots of baby squirrels, bunnies, raccoons, opossum, fawns, and a few skunks. This year we even rehabbed a flying squirrel!

Thank you to Trish & Barbara for all the great photos

## MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES

Memorial and Tribute Gifts honor a special family member, friend or pet while supporting Wildlife Rescue's programs from 10/15/18 to 10/15/19

### *In Memory of:*

Art & Ruth Selnick ~ Paul Selnick

Chuck Dunlap, Best Bunny Dad Ever~ Karen Dunlap

Mel Carlson ~ Betty L Carlson

Aantar~ Dr. Beverly Fischer

Gerda Deterer ~ Marion DeGross

Sweeney Beans ~ Don Fischer

As Dr. Gold said, My rabbit Walter who did not know he was a rabbit ~ Anne G Imboden

Theo my bunny who passed 7/29/18 ~ Janelle Dietrich

Mr. & Mrs. Wade Kach ~ Beth L. Wiseman

### *Wildlife Parents:*

Fawn Adoption ~ Patti & Bill Hampton

# THOSE LITTLE STINKERS!!

Not one, but two different rescues reached out to Barbara to take their baby skunks. One so small his eyes were still closed. Then, just as his eyes opened up another baby skunk needed help. Now you are probably guessing why we are calling them little stinkers. Barbara and Bill went out to buy supplies for the animals and upon their return the unmistakable aroma of little stinky skunks enveloped them. In the wildlife rehabilitation classes it is taught that baby skunks do not spray. Obviously, not so. It was a hard lesson to learn. The smell lasted for a about a week no matter how much they cleaned and washed and washed, the smell still filled the air. But that's O.K. Because they are so cute!



Tiny skunk on left and both skunks growing fast, getting some fresh air outside while they enjoy their food.



## THE UNAPPRECIATED OPOSSUM Our Allies in the Fight Against Lyme Disease



Many ticks try to feed on opossums and only a few of them survive. Opossums are extraordinarily good groomers. They kill 95% of the ticks that try to feed on them and they walk around the forest floor hoovering up ticks right and left, killing 90% of ticks in the area which means they are protecting our health.

When they are threatened they pretend they are dead. Sometimes they do this in response to oncoming traffic which results in roadkill. Even if they look dead on the road, try to avoid hitting them. They may not be dead!

So it is in our best interest to have opossum neighbors. Keeping habitat intact, tolerating them in our yards and whenever possible, avoid opossum collisions.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$100.00 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**

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**Barbara Connor,**  
*Wildlife Director*

## Board of Directors

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## Veterinary Consultants

Keith Gold, DVM  
Tamie Haskin, DVM

## Board Members Emeritus

Gerda Deterer  
Wayne Deterer

*"No matter how few possessions you own or how little money you have,  
loving wildlife and nature will make you rich beyond measure" Paul Oxton*

*Your donation makes it possible for Wildlife Rescue to be there when  
you and the animals need us. Thank you for sharing what you can!*

*May your holidays be as wonderful as you are!*

## Raffle Winners 2019

**1st Prize Sue Aikens**

**2nd Prize Jewel Palmer 3rd Prize Eric Kraft**

*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!

**Mike Masenior** – For donating the folding, inserting and mailing of the newsletter!

*We are an all volunteer organization. No one at Wildlife Rescue  
gets paid, which takes incredible dedication and compassion.  
100% of your donation is used for helping and caring for the animals!  
We do not receive any government funding.*

**Please donate today!**



### Remember Water in Winter:

Some wildlife can find enough water through food, but food resources are scarce and are low in water content - instead of plump spring leaves and berries, animals must rely on stored dried foods, bark, or frozen berries. Putting out a pan of water near feeders on warmer days is a terrific idea. Heated bird baths can be purchased too. More birds die of thirst than starvation in the Winter!



Our goal is to rescue, rehabilitate and release. In September we release many of our Spring babies, but some babies like squirrel and raccoons need to stay the winter with us. They 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.