



WPeNewsletter December 2011

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Thank you for making the following releases and transfers possible:

Releases in November:

Eastern Gray Squirrel, 14
Fawn, (white-tailed deer) 5
North American Raccoon, 8
Virginia Opossum, 4
Cooper's Hawk, 1
Eastern Screech Owl, 2
Great Horned Owl, 1
Grebe, 2

Transfers in November:

Eastern Box Turtle
Wesselman Nature Center, Evansville, Indiana
Barn Owl
Barred Owl
Prairie Park Nature Center, Lawrence, Kansas

A very successful rehab and release. . . .

How many humans does it take to rescue and rehab one wild animal?



A whole bunch!

On August 21 a Mr Wilmore of Sumner County found an injured Cooper's Hawk on his property. He called Mark Brown, of Sumner County Wildlife Control,

who cared for the bird overnight and then took it to Safe Place for Animals in Gallatin where it was admitted by Greg Johnson. On August 22 TWRA Officer David Sims transported the hawk to Dr Dixon at Volunteer Vet Clinic in Hendersonville. Dr Dixon diagnosed fractures of the left radius and ulna and proceeded to treat the injury.

Cooper's Hawks are notoriously high-strung birds of prey who present unique challenges to wildlife rehabbers everywhere. But this bird surprised everyone with her willingness to accept handling by humans and to tolerate confinement.

The bird arrived at Walden's Puddle for rehab on August 27. She was emaciated and was wearing an external fixation device

on the wing. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/External_fixation
She was carefully tube-fed several days until her body could safely digest solid food.

On September 19, Dr Dixon X-rayed the wing, found the bones healed, and removed the fixator under anesthesia. Back at WP staff found that the joints had not contracted too badly. The hawk received ROM (range-of-motion) therapy for a few days then on September 22 was put into an outdoor enclosure for acclimatization and flight training. By September 26 she was flying perfectly and started mouse school. Over the next week she passed all 4 mouse schools and was deemed "ready to go."

On October 7, this feisty Cooper's Hawk was released by Officer Sims. He took the photo at left and also a photo of the empty crate. The bird took off so quickly he was unable to get a photo of her in flight!

According to animal care staff, Laurie Campbell, "Staff was simply shocked and elated at how quickly this bird healed. Many Coops with injuries half this bad will sometimes simply stress themselves to death or flail around their crates to the point where they injure themselves further. This one was just determined to be free and she wasn't messing around. It was just a wonderful ending for this bird and a great boost for staff."

Many hands make light work

A small army of humans use their talents, skills, experiences, and imaginations to insure that the injured and orphaned wildlife that come to Walden's Puddle receive the care they need to return to their rightful place in the world.

We, the staff, volunteers, and board members, wish to offer special thanks to the many donors and supporters who make our work possible and even a little easier.

Grants recently awarded by:

- Malcolm Fraser Foundation
- T&T Family Foundation
- David and Sarah Ingram
- Memorial Foundation
- The Animal Welfare Group
- Phillips Family Foundation
- Phillips Junior Family Foundation
- Mrs Ann Zelle
- The Community Community Foundation
- Barbara J Mapp Foundation

Recent in-kind donations by:

- An electrical box donated by Robert "Mike" Sage of Parsons Brinckerhoff and installed by Jeff from Southeast Electric
- Vehicles repaired by Gerald Marshall of J&E Auto, Patti Czarnik and Tom Marshall, owners
- Thom Flora contributes valuable advice on the crafting of this newsletter

We would also like to acknowledge the following for their nearly daily contribution of services and supplies:

Airport Animal Clinic
Volunteer Veterinary Hospital
Inglewood Kroger
Green Hills Whole Foods
Centerplate @ LP Field
Nashville Humane Association



Debbie McConnell, fund raising committee, is pictured here with her "wild" friend at the Belk Charity Day on November 5.



Debbie's work with Artful Vision, who supports non-profits by donating 20% of each sale, was featured in the Christmas Greeting you received by email November 18.

She also wants to remind everyone, "When doing online holiday shopping, there are many ways to support Walden's Puddle. In addition to Artful Vision www.artfulvision.com you can shop at

www.goodshop.com
www.igive.com
www.sharingspree.com

These sites include hundreds of stores we already shop at anyway and return up to 20% to Walden's Puddle."

Philanthropy in Franklin has just 5 of these T-shirts left. 100% of the proceeds go to WP.

www.philanthropyfashion.com

The fine print reads, "Speak up for those who cannot speak up for themselves."



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And they are enthusiastic supporters of Walden's Puddle.

J & E has generously donated 10 \$50.00 gift certificates for automotive work. Perfect for the upcoming holiday season each 100% tax deductible gift certificate directly benefits Walden's Puddle. For information about purchasing a J & E gift certificate phone 615.299.9938 x 25.

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Caring for wildlife 24/7



In one day Walden's Puddle received 3 separate admissions of **Pied-billed Grebes**. Two were grounded away from water and the third flew into or was hit by something. Grebes are a small diving bird with a chicken-like bill commonly found on lakes and ponds all across North America. Caring for these birds includes a daily trip to the bait store as each one eats 2-3 dozen live minnows a day.

In addition to native wildlife Walden's Puddle admits a few domestic animals each year - lost and injured backyard poultry, rescued Easter chicks and ducklings, and abandoned 4H projects. The male **Pekin Duck** "helping" Laurie draw up meds will be given a new home by one of WPP's volunteers.

Blanco, as he was named, attempts to earn his keep by tackling the mountain of laundry that must be washed, dried, and folded daily.



Rizzo, our educational **Rat Snake**, was illegally kept as a pet. Now he lives in a beautiful reptarium at WP. Here he is making a rare personal appearance.



This **Hummingbird** got into trouble on her migration south and will have to spend the winter at WP.

In case you missed the news reports of our most recent **Bald Eagle** release, here are a few good links:

http://www.fox17.com/newsroom/top_stories/videos/mywx_vid_9817.shtml

<http://www.wkrn.com/story/15978225/injured-bald-eagle-released-back-into-wild?clienttype=printable>

<http://www.wsmv.com/story/15982169/waldens-puddle-sanctuary-looks-to-grow-heal-from-past>

<http://www.theleafchronicle.com/article/20111108/NEWS01/11080365/Wounded-eagle-released-back-into-his-territory>

Wildlife miscellany.

Year of the Bat, 2011-2012, Takes Flight!



Join the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (EUROBATS) in celebrating the Year of the Bat.

www.yearofthebat.org

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Volunteers make Walden's Puddle's world go around. . .



Jay putting clean bedding in a crate for a Red-tailed Hawk



Carolyn introducing Mr Biggs to some Owl-o-ween guests in October



William presenting our educational Red-tailed Hawk, Maverick, to guests at the Fall Call of the Wild



Trish preparing festive diets for squirrels in rehab

Walden's Puddle's education outreach program is an important tool in the rehabilitation of our area's wildlife. A well-educated public is our staff's best friend. Injured or orphaned wild animals who are approached and handled correctly by the public arrive at WP less stressed and better prepared for the rehab experience. Animals handled properly by the public can be quickly assessed by staff upon admission. Staff can initiate and implement treatment plans without having to first spend hours - or days - correcting the negative effects of inappropriate handling and feeding.

Our Volunteer Educators are always busy presenting programs to just about any group who calls and makes a request.

Recently, WP's Educators partnered with **Long Hunter State Park's Nature Circle** and presented a program for children on being "Thankful for Nature." You may have seen this event spotlighted on Channel 2's Thanksgiving program. <http://www.wkrn.com/story/16094772/free-nature-program-offered-to-preschoolers-at-local-park>

WP's Educators also entered into a partnership with **Westmeade Elementary School** where they presented hourly programs to grades K through 4, reaching over 800 families.

Westmeade students collected cash donations and held a Walden's Wishlist Drive which was so successful the results amounted to TWO VAN loads! (so much so that we could not pick it all up until AFTER Thanksgiving Day)

Thanks to everyone at Westmeade elementary for such a great success!

Carolyn Pendarvis, one of our Volunteer Educators, recently received the Excellence in Education and Leadership award for her work in educating and demonstrating leadership within her community. The award was presented to her by the National Association of Family and Community Educators.



Lelan caring for our "feeder" mice

For information on partnering with our Education team or to arrange to have them visit your church, school, club, or association, please call Walden's Puddle at 299-9938 extension 30.

Walden's Puddle Fall Call of the Wild

held November 10 at the Sound Kitchen Recording Studios



Getting close to wildlife

photos by Rick Malkin



Maverick, Wildlife Ambassador



William Bollinger, volunteer
Tiffany Woody, WP staff
Lane Brody CEO
Bettina Bowers-Schwan, animal care director



Viewing silent auction items

Upcoming Donor Event. . RAWR!! : a wildlife benefit show at the Exit/In

Saturday January 7, 2012

8:00pm - 2:00am

2208 Elliston Place, Nashville

\$5+ donation at the door

\$2 to participate in raffle

for details: www.facebook.com/events/235814149816056/

Come out to this wildlife-themed event for a RAWRRrrring good time! Wear animal ears, an animal tail, or an entire animal suit! (or have an animal face painted on at the show)

face painting by Veronika Electronika

raffle to win a free edible arrangement valued at

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Thank you everyone for all you do for Walden's Puddle and we wish all a Blessed Holiday Season a Merry Christmas and Happy Safe 2012.

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Thank you so much for all you do!