



WPeNewsletter November-December 2012

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Walden's Puddle is a 501c3 non-profit. We receive no State or Federal funding.
We are able to do this important work only because of the generosity of our community of donors.

Thank you for making the following releases and transfers possible:

All Walden's Puddle releases are in loving memory of Dugan Coughlan Davis, may her memory be eternal.

The Davis family has requested donations in her memory be made to Walden's Puddle because of her love for animals.

Releases in October:

Blackpoll Warbler, 1
Great Horned Owl, 1
House Sparrow, 1
Nighthawk, 1
Ovenbird, 1
Phoebe, 1
Pied-billed Grebe, 1
Red-shouldered Hawk, 1
Red-tailed Hawk, 1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler, 1

Eastern Cottontail, 1
Eastern Gray Squirrel, 26
Groundhog, 1
Northern Raccoon, 8
Red Fox, 1
Virginia Opossum, 30
White-tailed Deer, 17

Eastern Box Turtle, 1

Transfers in October:

Cooper's Hawk
Chattanooga Nature Center

Virginia Opossum
**Wilderness Nature Center
Murfreesboro TN**

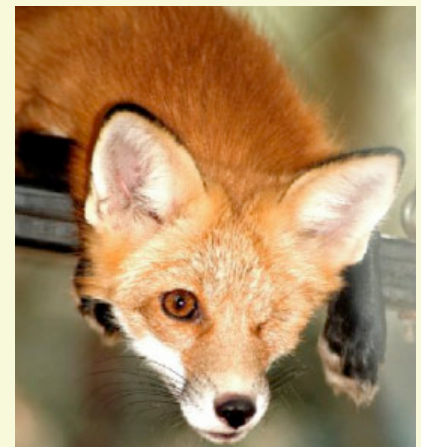


Arlie, a non-releasable Red Fox, was transferred from WP to Zooville USA in Plant City, Florida November 2011.



Susan Bradshaw, director at Zooville, sent us this photo and note:

"Arlie has been an awesome addition to our family. Our big male tiger had always been a guest and volunteer favorite, but little Arlie is giving him a run for his money! She is the little fox with a tiger-sized personality. She LOVES anyone and everyone, and is always the center of attention. This is Arlie's world and we are all blessed to be a part of it."



CARING FOR WILDLIFE 24/7

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Walden's Puddle is the only professionally staffed wildlife rehabilitation and education center in middle Tennessee.

Baby Season 2012 is winding down. Now is the time to get ready for Baby Season 2013.

As staff and volunteers care for and release the last of this year's baby wildlife they only have time for a very brief sigh of relief.

While many of our wildlife customers will be hibernating or munching on stores of food in cozy dens, WP's staff and volunteers will be as busy as beavers cleaning up in the wake of this year's baby hurricane. . . . I mean baby season.

Now the winter chores begin.

Every room in the facility must be scrubbed from floor to ceiling. Cages, crates, incubators, and aquariums must be repaired and thoroughly cleaned. Storage rooms must be cleaned and reorganized.

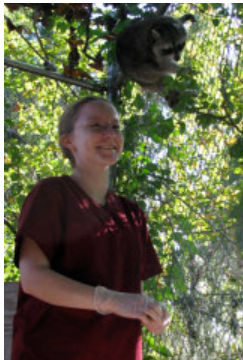
New volunteers must be oriented and trained.

Staff will hold weekly meetings to "debrief" 2012 and to receive continuing education from animal care director, Bettina Bowers-Schwan, as she shares in depth the latest wildlife rehabilitation information she has collected at recent conferences this year.

Repairs must be made to the building and outside enclosures. New construction can now continue or commence.

And everyone indulges in a little friendly wagering trying to guess when the first baby of 2013 will arrive. . . . April. . . March. . . . February???

FALL INTERNS



Katie Poole

attended Hendersonville High School, and then graduated from Brigham Young University-Idaho in July with a BS in Ecology, Wildlife, and Fisheries. This is her first internship. Katie says, "I'd like more hands-on work experience and am considering pursuing a masters degree. I'm especially interested in entomology and animal behavior."

Mr. Poole, the educational raccoon pictured with Katie, was rescued by Katie's mother. His injuries suggest that he had probably been used as a bait raccoon.

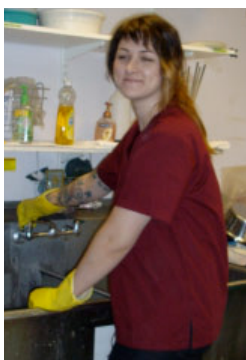


Leslie Quick

from Friendship TN, now lives in Clarksville TN where she is studying pre-veterinary medicine at Austin Peay State University.

Leslie works at the Tennessee Safari Park in Crockett County during summers and breaks from school.

She plans to apply to veterinary school after completing the pre-vet program.



Kelley Roberson

lives in Nashville and attends Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin.

Kelley tells us, "I'm working to get in the vet tech (veterinary technology) program. I want to do other internships to see what I want to focus on - I'm thinking a larger zoo like San Diego. I've always wanted to be a large animal vet since I was little and read the James Herriot books."

http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/18062.James_Herriot



Megan Chaffin

lives in Nashville. She graduated from the University of Tennessee in December 2010 with a degree in Wildlife and Fishery Science with a concentration in Wildlife Health and a minor in biology.

Since high school she has worked as a kennel worker and vet assistant. While in college she spent a summer as an intern with the outreach program at the Nashville Zoo and says, "I learned to handle a wide variety of exotic animals, train them, and teach people about their behavior. I am in the process of applying to vet school and hope to work with exotic animals and local wildlife."

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

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Question: What Is a Niche?

Answer: The term niche is used to describe the role an organism or population plays within its community or ecosystem.

We have a niche for you in Walden's Puddle's Volunteer Community.

Fall, winter, and early spring are the ideal times to get started.

Special events Community outreach Hands-on animal care Grant writing Food preparation
Housekeeping Fund raising Facilities maintenance Groundskeeping Education
Animal Transport Donation Pick-up Data entry Front desk Construction Equipment repair
and more.

Download and print out a volunteer application at <http://waldenspuddle.org/volunteer.html>

Walden's Puddle Education Team is winding down their year!

Did you know.....

We traveled over 3,000 miles

Presented over 65 Programs

Reached over 6,400 people

Put in over 300 volunteer hours

Collected over \$3,000 in cash donations and Collected over \$2,000 in donations from our Wish List!

As our travels come to a close on Thanksgiving, we begin the planning for Spring. Remind those you know that we travel anywhere to bring the message of "second chance" to those that want to hear it and support our mission!

We are already booked for March and are now booking for April dates!

-Carolyn Pendarvis



DO YOU COMPOST?

WP collects donated produce from several local sources for which we are very grateful.

We use what we can and refrigerate or store the rest. Sometimes, however, we get items that we cannot use for the wildlife - potatoes, onions, most cabbage - other times, like during the winter, we get far more produce than we can use for the number of animals in our care.

We would love it if you would like to take our unusable and excess produce for your home compost bin.

Phone or email WP to make arrangements for your Compost Pick-up Day.

Mother Earth will thank you!

WALDEN'S PUDDLE "FALL CALL OF THE WILD" FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 7:00 PM



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Walden's Puddle Hosts Second Annual "Fall Call of The Wild"

(Nashville, Tenn – Oct. 29, 2012) Wildlife Rehabilitation and Educational Center, Walden's Puddle, hosted their second annual "Fall Call of The Wild." The two-part event that brought together donors, volunteers, and Walden's Puddle staff, raised over \$15,000 for the facility.

The "Fall Call of The Wild" reception took place at the world-famous Sound Kitchen recording studio and featured animal ambassadors, a silent auction and food provided by The Bound'ry.

Prior to the reception, Walden's Puddle premiered their promotional DVD, *Giving Wildlife A Second Chance, You Can Feel Good About It* at the historic Franklin Theater.

According to Walden's Puddle CEO/Chairman of the Board and country recording artist, Lane Brody, "We are very thankful to all our supporters and friends for their continued support for the organization."

Donations can still be made to Walden's Puddle at P.O. Box 641, Joelton, TN 37080.

For more information on Walden's Puddle, please visit their website here: www.waldenspuddle.org



Pictured L to R: Julie Stein, Currey Thornton (T&T Family Foundation), Lane Brody (Walden's Puddle CEO/Chairman of the Board), Ed Clark (Virginia Wildlife Center), Norm and Debby Miede (Barbara J Mapp Foundation)



Lane Brody

"Many hands make light work." an old proverb

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 a little easier.

We acknowledge the following for their nearly daily contribution of services and supplies:

Airport Animal Clinic
All Creatures Chiropractic
Veterinary Ophthalmology Services
Volunteer Veterinary Hospital

Faithful Friends
Nashville Humane Association

Centerplate @ LP Field
Green Hills Whole Foods
Harris Demolition
Ingleswood Kroger
J & E Automotive



Holiday shopping. . . .

Think of WP when looking for unique gift ideas. We have:

**T-shirts Tote bags
Wildlife cookies**

**2013 Pocket Pals with the WP logo
and the new DVD "Giving Wildlife a Second Chance"**

**Phone or email for information on how to purchase.
615.299.9938 waldenspuddle@aol.com**



Ask about making a donation to Walden's Puddle when you pay for your purchases at PetsMart and The Aquatic Critter.



You can now purchase Walden's Puddle merchandise online! Introducing 2 new online shopping affiliates.

<http://www.artsnow.com/WaldensPuddle> Check back often for new designs!

[CafePress.com](http://www.cafepress.com) We currently have links on the Walden's Puddle Facebook Page.

Links to these, and other online shopping networks that benefit Walden's Puddle, can be found in the 'shop' section of our website, www.WaldensPuddle.org.



New and Improved iGive Button

We're pleased to let you know that it's easier than ever to help Walden's Puddle Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center. A faster, smoother, and more "polite" iGive Button helps to make certain that every time you shop, you'll be helping. Easy to install and uninstall, over 30,000 people now use this free web app.

Start now by visiting <http://www.iGive.com/button> (you may need to login first).

Something small makes big possible

- Free, fast, and really, really easy to help
- Meaningful - the average Button user is raising over \$30 a year for their cause
- Many shoppers are raising \$100s each year, for free
- Easy to install and uninstall
- New versions for Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, and Chrome
- Helping is completely automatic

Holiday time is the perfect time

Even if you don't shop online much the holidays bring out the shopper in all of us. Don't forget to help Walden's Puddle Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center this season. Get the iGive Button now and be helping, anytime you shop.

Robert N. Grosshandler

Founder, [iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com)

Philanthropy in Franklin (432 Main Street, Franklin) is selling these t-shirts for \$27.

100% of the sale will go to Walden's Puddle.

They can also be purchased online:

<http://www.philanthropyfashion.com/shop/love-bunny-wearable-compassion-t-shirt/>



And, as always, please remember to use the following when shopping online:

Goodshop <http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop.aspx>

I Give <http://www.igive.com/>

Sharing Spree <http://www.sharingspree.com/deals/nashville>

Artful Vision <https://www.artfulvision.com/>

DUE TO THE OUTSTANDING WORK OF THE CURRENT WP LEADERSHIP 92% OF ALL INCOMING FUNDS GO DIRECTLY TO THE CARE OF THE ANIMALS.

We want to be in partnership with you, as Your Choice for your charitable giving!

Please feel free to contact our CEO Lane Brody at 615-714-4002 or Lane@lanebrody.com if you are interested in talking over the possibility of how to make "The Puddle" your charity for a special day, week, month or year when you plan for your company's charitable giving.

Please visit our profile on www.givingmatters.com or our website at www.waldenspuddle.org

With the economy as it is we have an urgent need for funds.

Please consider us as you plan for your Holiday giving and keep us in your prayers.

**Thank you,
The Board and Executive Committee of Walden's Puddle**

*We are looking for a volunteer **Events/Fundraiser Coordinator** who can help Walden's Puddle grow to its fullest potential.*

*If you are interested in exploring the details of this in-kind position, please contact **Lane Brody** <lane@lanebrody.com>*

We look forward to hearing from you!

WP Chairman CEO

Lane Brody, 615-714-4002 or Lane@lanebrody.com

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For more information go to www.waldenspuddle.org



Season's Greetings and Warmest Holiday Wishes from Walden's Puddle Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center!!