



WPeNewsletter August 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 July:

American Robin, 5
Canada Goose, 2
Common Grackle, 1
European Starling, 2
Mallard, 3
Mourning Dove, 1
Red-shouldered Hawk, 7
Wood Duck, 2



American Mink, 1
Eastern Cottontail, 9
Northern Raccoon, 1
Red Fox, 6
Virginia Opossum, 42
Eastern Box Turtle, 3



Transfers in July:

Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Barred Owl
Great Horned Owl
Red-tailed Hawk
**Wildlife Encounter
Ober Gatlinburg, Tennessee**

-see story below-

Five non-releasable birds of prey, some of whom came to WP for rehab as long ago as April 2011, finally arrived at their new home in Gatlinburg TN. Animal care director, Bettina Bowers-Schwan, had the birds placed in April of this year but had to wait to receive the federal paperwork that allowed their transport to their permanent home. Here's a brief history of each bird:

- Great Horned Owl** - found in bushes by a dog, came to WP on 4/13/11; suffered a shoulder injury that kept it from being able to fly.
- Turkey Vulture** - had been shot, came to WP on 9/26/11; resulting infection in the left shoulder rendered it unable to fly.
- Black Vulture** - body full of shot, sat on the side of a road for at least 3 days before arriving at WVP on 11/6/11; permanent left wing injury and head trauma rendered it unable to fly.
- Barred Owl** - caught in barbed wire fence, came to WVP on 12/14/11; too much tissue damage to left wing, unable to extend wing for flight.
- Red-tailed Hawk** - probably hit by car, found on side of road, came to WP on 12/27/11 with tip of right wing excised (missing upon admission); can actually fly a little but not well enough to be released

These birds owe their lives to everyone associated with Walden's Puddle and will now serve many years as educational ambassadors at Wildlife Encounter at Ober Gatlinburg. The vultures and Red-tailed Hawk are in new outdoor enclosures; the owls are inside in the nocturnal exhibits.



For more info - or to plan a visit to our WP alums - go to
<http://www.obergatlinburg.com/activities/wildlife-encounter/>



“Many hands make light work.” 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.

Grants submitted:

- Bank of America
- Maddox Charitable Fund and Community Foundation
- Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee

Grants awarded:

- T&T Family Foundation
- HCA
- Carl Rowan Leathers Estate
- Phillips Foundation

Special thanks:

- Nolensville Kroger
- East Meets West Holistic Education Center
- Robert Emmons

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

- Airport Animal Clinic
- Volunteer Veterinary Hospital
- Veterinary Ophthalmology Services
- Inglewood Kroger
- Green Hills Whole Foods
- Centerplate @ LP Field
- Nashville Humane Association
- Harris Demolition
- J & E Automotive



Another college intern joins WP for the summer.

Bobby Huey was born in Nashville TN and raised in Hendersonville. He graduated from Beech High School in 2009. He is a senior at Tuskegee University where he is majoring in Animal, Poultry, and Veterinary sciences. He plans to attend Veterinary school. Growing up he had many different types of pets and now has a beautiful dog and friend name Ice.

Bobby says, “I decided to intern at WP because ever since I was little I have been fascinated with wildlife - which sparked my dreams of becoming a veterinarian - and I thought WP would be the perfect place to learn correct knowledge and proper handling of wildlife. I believe what I will learn at WP will take me far in my career and give me a greater respect for the wildlife population..”

We are caring for A LOT of fawns!

We can use all the vine honeysuckle, virginia creeper and wild grapevine that you can pull out of your gardens.



And we are still getting bunnies.

Please bring us your dandelions and plantain including roots and dirt!

THANKS!



CARING FOR WILDLIFE 24/7

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



More close encounters with wildlife.

WP animal care staffer, **Gloria (Lina) DiMeola** has this story for us:

“One day in June I was riding down Whites Creek Pike when I noticed a bunch of Black Vultures on the left side of the road sitting in a circle waiting to dine. Right as I started to just keep driving on I noticed a smaller adult opossum move her head.” In true WP tradition Lina pulled over to investigate and to help, if needed.

“Her jaws were dropped, indicating that she had been in a state of tonic immobilization (playing ‘possum). Not only did she appear dead but half of her tail was chopped off. So - as always - I turned around, put on my emergency lights, chased the vultures away, and brought her to the Puddle.” Lina guessed the opo was a first year juvenile because she was rather small “but feisty.” WP staff found that besides the torn tail she had a few ticks. . . . and a few surprises.

When Lina next worked at the Puddle she checked up on “her” opo and was surprised to find that “she was a Momma with 10 baby opos in her pouch!” Lina’s Opo - as she was called by all - was housed in a comfy crate, fed good food, and given time for her tail stump to heal. On July 23 Lina got to release the young mother Opossum with her babies.

What a happy ending for everyone!



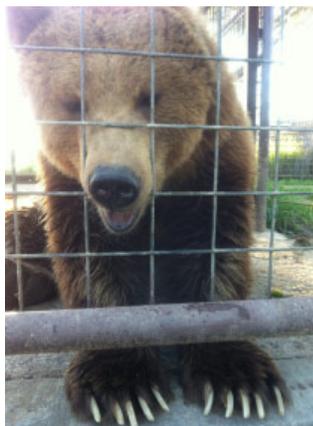
Animal care staffer, **Anni Ranck**, worked with exotic wildlife in Texas from March 1 through June 6.



Anni tells us,

“This spring, I had the opportunity to intern at **The International Exotic Animal Sanctuary** in Boyd, TX. IEAS is a 501(C)(3) Non profit organization and a permanent home and education facility for abused, neglected, and confiscated animals. IEAS is one of only 15 AZA (Association of Zoos and Aquariums) certified facilities in the country, and it was also awarded the Merit for Zookeeper Education by the AAZK (American Association of Zookeepers). Basically, if you are still holding on to that fleeting dream of being a zookeeper when you grow up, this is the place to start! IEAS is currently home to about 50 exotic and native big cats along with 16 black and grizzly bears.

I gave daily 2 hour educational tours to the public about exotic pet ownership and conservation topics. I became familiar with what it is like following rigorous safety procedures working around 65 deadly predators. But the best part about this facility is that they have intern classes in grant writing, federal/state animal regulation laws, and firearm safety. And if that wasn't enough, I also participated in their highly esteemed and nationally recognized Emotional Enrichment Program in which I got to observe and record behaviors of the animals. This internship added so much to my resume, it's hard to list everything I was taught. It was a great experience!”



Sadly - for us - Anni will soon be moving to Houston with her fiance. But we thank her for sharing her Exotic Experience with us and wish her the best of luck.

To find out more about IEAS visit: <http://www.facebook.com//tAQFGXxlzAQEsrdCJeDWe7Xdpv6Nzlw5iprF5jvnHJVCOlg> www.bigcat.org

Upcoming Events.



SAVE THE DATE

October 25, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Walden's Puddle Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center is hosting our second annual spectacular **"FALL CALL OF THE WILD"** fundraiser at The World Famous "SOUND KITCHEN" Recording Studio

112 Seaboard Lane, Franklin, Tennessee 37067

Dress: Dressy casual/business casual attire

There will be Food **provided by the Bound'ry**
Drinks, Silent Auction and Special Guests including our Animal Ambassadors!

We will be PREMIERING our new Walden's Puddle promotional DVD
"Giving Wildlife a Second Chance, You can feel good about it"!

Advance reservations \$40 individual (\$50 at the door), \$75 for couples

To make your reservations by credit card please call Lane Brody at 615-714-4002.

You can pay by check by sending to: Walden's Puddle, P.O. Box 641, Joelton, TN 37080

For your confirmation please include your phone number, e-mail address, and physical address.

We hope to see you there!!!

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Wish List

Our Wish List is available on our website at <http://waldenspuddle.org/wishlist.html> Check back frequently as our needs change with the seasons.

Washers and Dryers

Our laundry room only has space for 2 washers and 2 dryers. However, our machines run 12 hours a day every day of the year so we wear them out very quickly. We need to keep good machines on standby that can be hauled in on a moment's notice - new or used as long as they work!

Special request

We are in serious need of a **Commercial Copy Machine** - good quality, color, able to print/copy large quantities, and uses low cost ink replacement/toner.

Gift Corner... Looking for a unique gift? Check out what Walden's Puddle has to offer.



T-shirts, tote bags, cookies, and more available in the WP lobby and at special events.

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

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/>

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