



# Walden's Puddle Newsletter

## 2020

### OSPREY

Osprey stuck in fishing line, had deep bruising and inflammation where the lure was caught on his wing. He made a quick recovery and was released! Live fish are about 99% of Osprey's diet. They can dive 3 feet because they can close their nostrils.



Most fish-eating raptors will skim fish from the surface. Osprey have feet with backward-facing barbs to help hold onto their slippery prey. If you go fishing, please take what you came with.



### RED FOX



This mange-covered Red Fox was wandering a bulldozed area that was once his home. He was very weak and infested with parasitic mites. He has made a beautiful recovery and is looking like a fluffy red fox again. His home no longer exists, so we will find him a suitable habitat where he can flourish and live his best fox life.



### EASTERN COTTONTAILS



In this picture there are four buns – can you find them all? These buns were orphaned due to cat attacks. They all grew up and were released. If you're able to keep your cat indoors, please do so for the safety of our wildlife!

## Happy Blessed Holidays

to one and all. A very blessed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and a happy blessed 2021!

A message from our CEO, Lane Brody

Dearest Puddle Friends,

We pray you are well and finding your way through every day with enduring hope. Our hope is alive and well and this newsletter appeal comes to you with as much love and enthusiasm as ever. Our resolve has never been firmer or stronger. You see we simply believe in our mission of "Giving Wildlife a Second Chance" and we believe in you! You have supported us through every challenge and because of your loyalty we have made it through them all. Our working board continues to serve for free in: administration, fundraising, social media, marketing, and special on site projects keeping an amazing 92% of all funds going directly to the care of the animals! We are very proud of this and grateful for the opportunity to serve the need. It is a privilege and great pleasure to work with all of you. Serving our wildlife in their time of need is extraordinarily fulfilling for all of us. We are so blessed to have the greatest professional animal care staff on our team!

We all want to feel good about what our time, energy, prayers and resources are supporting. We are a devoted team to this healing work, recognizing its innate goodness. Thank you for being a part of this team. For the good of all, we are doing the right thing in never turning our backs on our wild neighbors or the caring people who save them. We know you loved the large full color newsletter appeal but we know you understand in these trying times, we are scaling back to save more money for our precious wildlife. So we are coming to you in black and white to let you know our need is serious and real but in no way stronger than our faith. We know that just as we are, you will do all you can to help us keep going and rise above. Whenever times get tough, we always look to the resilience of our guests and how they bounce back to recover and thrive. Please know we recognize each of you for your generosity and amazing friendship.

God bless us all!

Lane Brody, the board, advisors, staff, and all the critters



We place enrichment items in their enclosure to keep these baby raccoons mentally engaged to build their "racooning" skills until they grow up and are released.



This quarter-sized Eastern Box Turtle hatchling was found upside down in a pool. She is recovering well and has conquered getting over this stick in her path.





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### COOPER'S HAWK

This city girl flew into the side of a building in The Gulch. Lying on the sidewalk, disoriented, and unable to fly; a nice lady scooped her up to bring to us. She did not have any fractures, and no eye injuries, common with window strikes. She did need a few days to get her senses back and to start eating on her own before she was ready to go back home. She is around 5 yrs. and in optimum condition. Her finders reported enjoying watching her and her mate from their office windows for many years. Raptors can survive and thrive in the concrete jungle.



On the morning of the release, she became extremely restless the closer we got to her home. When released, she bolted out of the crate and into a nearby tree, looked around for a moment, and flew straight towards her stomping grounds. Around mid-day, the finder called out of the blue asking if her hawk had been released, because that morning she saw the pair together once again soaring over The Gulch!

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### Gator Needed

If you can donate a new or gently used much-needed Gator utility vehicle, please call.

## Stay Warm & Cozy

*Sending love and prayers of gratitude for all you have done for the Puddle and our precious wildlife!*



This squirrel baby fell 20 feet from a tree. Unable to be reunited with his mom, he joined our other orphaned babies. Once grown, they go out to a well-chosen release site in a gup!