



Walden's Puddle Newsletter 2023



RED FOX

These two Red Fox kits came in with severe mange. They've healed beautifully (pictured above) and have grown up into proper young foxes.

Back to the wild soon for these cuddling youngins! Foxes with



mange keep flooding in and we need help providing high quality nutrition. You can help them by sending us a Rodent Pro gift certificate. Send the www.rodentpro.com/giftcard certificate to WPPurchasing1@gmail.com.

“I can't tell you how thankful I am for all you do to help these precious creatures”

- Delores C.

“I'm honored to be the lucky guy to work with this wonderful Walden's Puddle staff”

- Jerry V.



EASTERN SCREECH OWL

This owl is a fighter and we're thankful to be able to give him a second chance!

He was brought in after being found on the side of the road, presumably hit by a car. He was in critical condition due to severe head trauma. See his transformation from not being able to even stand on his own to flying around his enclosure!



Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Holidays

Dearest Friends of the Puddle,

We need your help very much, so we can serve and continue to help the animals! Thank you for taking the time to read this important newsletter appeal we have prepared for you. Your year-end charitable giving gives us our budget for the coming year. With the economy as it is, we know it is a challenge for us all. Unfortunately, giving has been somewhat down, so we are adding an extra PLEASE this year.

PLEASE give all you can. Consider a small monthly donation. We can stretch a dollar until it hollers, but we need the dollars to do so and keep our healing work going for our community's wild ones in need! This year we had to make updated improvements; it was time! We made renovations to our facility and feel so blessed to have been able to improve conditions for our staff and animals.

We are in great shape for the coming year and pray you keep us stable financially so we can keep helping the animals you find and enjoy the blessed days when they are ready to be released back to the wild. Our working board fulfills positions of need for free. I continue to work for free, to the Glory of God!

We love you so much and you have our deepest gratitude and prayers for a healthy, happy, blessed, New Year,

Lane Brody ("In kind" CEO), Board, Staff & Critters

P.S. Special THANK YOU to the Foundations, Family Funds and Trusts for giving us grants. Without you we could not exist. Our deepest gratitude to those who left us legacy gifts. Memory eternal!

P.S.S. We have two great American Bald Eagles in our care. Please give in honor of what they stand for! God bless the you and God bless the U.S.A.



Pictured from left to right: Kristin, Caitlin, Sydney, Laurel

Please give and keep our professional staff on the job!

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

2023 got off to a windy start and caused us extensive damage. Thank you for helping us fully recover!

Projects Completed This Year

- Newly constructed large opossum barn
- New raccoon enclosure, up to state specifications
- Designed new critical care & songbird room
- Installed new easy to sanitize flooring
- Many repairs to exterior pre-release enclosures
- Remodeled emergency room
- New volunteer parking area
- Refurbished aquatic room
- Painted the exterior of building

“ During inspection our USDA Inspector was extremely blown away by our newly redesigned admissions and welcome center. After her full inspection, she said, “I am so impressed. This does not look like the same facility I inspected three years ago! BRAVO to your TEAM!” ”



This **Groundhog** and his littermates, another success story of Walden's Puddle, were released earlier this year!



NORTHERN RACCOON

Our healing raccoons go through a lot of protein. Please help keep our fridge and freezer full of meat. We need unseasoned and unsalted chicken, beef, venison, or fish. Raccoons are intelligent creatures with nimble paws, and they use this dexterity to explore their environment. Their paws have an intricate network of nerve endings, making them exceptionally sensitive to touch and texture.



You can support our **Eastern Gray Squirrels'** healthy appetites by purchasing nuts from our **Wishlist!**

Other ways to help:

Amazon Wishlist: <https://tinyurl.com/y2kdkjbb>

Wishlist Items: lots of nuts, chew toys, fleece blankets, canned insects, quilts, hammocks

Kroger Rewards: <https://www.kroger.com/account/enroll-CommunityRewardsNow>

iGive: <http://www.igive.com>



This **Red-tailed Hawk** made a beautiful recovery from a broken leg and is now flying free after healing completely!



We celebrate the wonderful benefits that owls have on our environment. Owls are natural pest controllers!



This **Great Blue Heron** was rescued after being found tangled in fishing line. Thanks to a team effort, he was rescued and brought to us for treatment. Luckily, he had no serious injuries and has since been released!

Have you been wanting to help wildlife but can't commit to an on-site schedule?



We have a need for capture and transport volunteers. This can be a very flexible way for you to help wildlife in need while still maintaining your personal schedule. If you are interested, please email puddlevolunteers@gmail.com for more information. If you have more time to spend, we also need in-house volunteers!



The second round of **baby squirrel** season has happened. While we do everything we can to raise orphans, it's ideal for the baby to stay with mom when possible. If you find potentially orphaned babies, we recommend trying to reunite them with mom. Please, do not attempt to feed or rehydrate the babies. They require a specialized formula and must be fed a specific way. That's why we are here.

EASTERN BOX TURTLE



Just some quick tips to help out our turtle friends! If you see a turtle in the road, if you can, safely pull over. Gently move it to the side of the road in the direction it was going. If possible, wear gloves or use a towel. Tip: to avoid fatal turtle shell damage, when mowing, set your lawnmower on the highest setting.



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We are here to help 615-559-WILD (9453). We can guide you on the best way to go about reuniting babies with parents and that is best for all!