

Walden's Puddle Newsletter 2025

COOPER'S HAWK

This fluff ball of a Cooper's hawk came in with a fractured wing but has already healed rapidly and grown so much in the short time he's been with us.

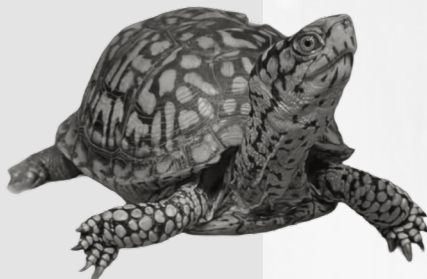


When feeding certain babies, like hawks or owls, we go full-on camo cloak mode. Why?

Because our goal is to keep them wild. That means no imprinting. This leafy getup is one of the methods we use to help us achieve that goal. Even though it looks silly, it's one of the most



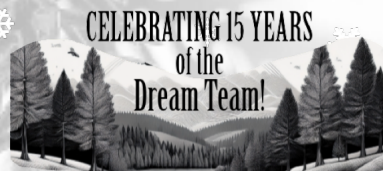
important parts of raising healthy, releasable wild animals. So if you ever wondered what behind-the-scenes wildlife rehab looks like... well, it sometimes looks exactly like this!



Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, & a Blessed Holiday Season to our Beloved Puddle Family

This year the "Dream Team" that stepped up 15 years ago to save The Puddle, is celebrating the many accomplishments made over these 15 trying, yet fulfilling and wonderful years. Your year-end charitable gifts will greatly add to our celebration! Please know we are doing everything we can to adjust to the changing nonprofit environment and times we live in. It seems today there is no shortage of challenges for those of us who are trying to do good work for our community, but it matters not when we all work together to get the work done!

So TOGETHERNESS is what gives us everything we need to achieve our goals! We are believers in the good we are doing for our community. We are hard workers for the cause.



I continue to serve at no cost and our dedicated board each execute jobs that would normally be paid as well. Thus, over 97% of all donations go directly to the cause, OUR needy wild ones. We really are a dream team! We love each other, our friends, the cause and we work together respectfully and peacefully for the good of all! All glory to God.

It is only because of your loyal friendship and support that we are able to serve in this way, and keep dreaming! Thank you all so very much!

God bless the USA

Hugs and love,

Lane Brody ("In kind" CEO), the WP Board, Advisors, WP's Awesome

*You are in our humble prayers;
please pray for us.*

These little stinkers thank you for helping them get better so they can be on their way.



Your financial gift gives wildlife a second chance

Thankfully, we are awarded grants from giving family foundations and trusts. These grants are for operations and sometimes designated for specific improvements. Our deep gratitude for all the grants awarded to us cannot be overstated.

Thank you Board Member, Brenda Walker, for the official fantastic photos.

“ I found baby rabbits, but the mom is nowhere to be seen! Should I help? ”

It's natural to think these little ones are abandoned, but mother rabbits are stealthily caregivers. To avoid attracting predators, they only visit their nests briefly at dawn and dusk to feed their babies. The rest of the time the kits are left alone safely tucked away in their shallow, fur-lined nest. If you find a nest of baby rabbits, the best thing you can do is leave it undisturbed. Their mom is likely nearby, waiting for things to quiet down before she returns. If you're ever unsure, give us a call or text 615-559-9453.



Stay Warm
& Cozy

Barred Owl This beautiful Barred Owl was rescued after being found along the interstate. He came in with a fractured coracoid (a bone essential for flight), internal trauma, severe bruising, lacerations, a mild eye injury, suspected rodenticide poisoning, and probably a pretty gnarly headache. Despite it all, with proper medical treatment and care, this touch owl has shown incredible resilience and healed wonderfully.

Fun Fact: Barred Owls are the ones who call "Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you-all?" A familiar sound echoing through TN's forests!



Thank You Letters

We love and appreciate your gifts. As you all know sending mail is expensive. With our new database we will be sending the year end giving statements by email.



Red Fox
after care at
Walden's Puddle

Before

There is an **epidemic of mange in the fox population**, causing much suffering. Years ago we would admit a few, now it is over 80 yearly. Foxes ingest poisoned rodents that are easy prey weakening their immune system. Human use of rodenticides (rat control poison) is thought to be the culprit of the epidemic. Loss of habitat is also a stressor. We are building more enclosures for them as it takes a lot of space, time, and money to bring them back to full fur before release. Folks, it is so well worth it! They are so beautiful and joyful once they are better and released! Please let us know if you see a managed fox in your neighborhood. Our team will help humanely trap and bring them to us for care.

A big thank you from our
awesome staffers!

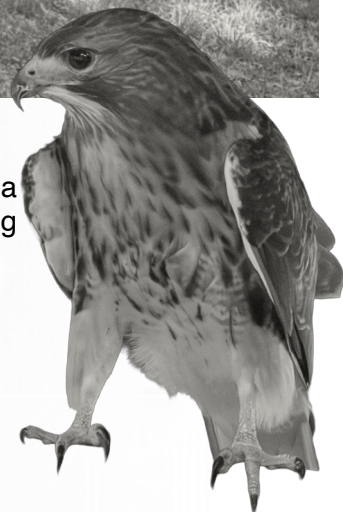


Our Forever Commitment

With all of the excess in the world today, we Puddle People believe that each of us must have a little something to spare for the needy critters we share the planet with. We also believe in working hard, giving back, following through and never giving up, no matter how hard things get!

We Are Always All In, No Quitters Here!

Your donation makes these stories possible. Be their hope; give now at waldenspuddle.org/donate





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Please
enjoy and
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with others!

*Give generously
Help native wildlife*

Do you know what would really please our feathered and furry ones everyday? Your commitment to a monthly donation can change everything for them for the better.

Our love and desire to bring every injured and orphaned creature back to 100% never stops, just as the need for critical lifesaving care and food for them never stops. Often our need for ongoing maintenance at the facility, especially for wildlife enclosures, can be overwhelming to us. We humbly entreat **your monthly support**.

Legacy Gifts = Gifts from Heaven

Our hearts ache every time we lose a family member or friend. Through the years their final wishes of love donations have saved our mission. We remember them, honor and pray for them in gratitude. We pray that you consider us in your final wishes.



Donations are accepted through our website, by mailed check, or call our front desk for Venmo or credit card direct options.

Give Today

This year, TOGETHER, we have admitted and cared for over 4,000 injured or orphaned wild ones!!

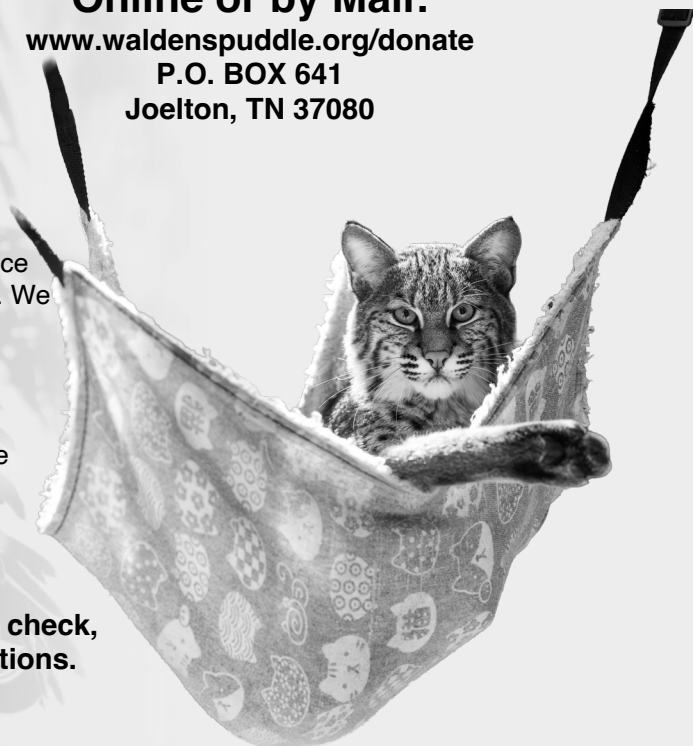


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We are here to help 615-559-WILD (9453). We can guide you on the best way to go about reuniting babies with parents and that is best for all!