

Walden's Puddle Newsletter 2026

Bald Eagle
Learn more about our recent Bald Eagle release inside this newsletter.

With your generous support …

Your donations helped Walden's Puddle serve over 4,000 native wild animals this year alone. As of the end of October, we have already admitted 11.33% more critters than last year. These injured and orphaned wild ones in our care receive professional treatment to ready them for a successful release back into the wild! With over 100 different species coming in our doors year round, we humbly ask for monthly donations and individual gifts to our holiday campaign.

Visit our newly redesigned website to make your gift: waldenspuddle.org.



Involve your company & colleagues

In addition to many companies matching your personal donation dollars doubling your impact, companies organize volunteer groups and donate to nonprofits such as ours. We have many opportunities for you and your colleagues to help with various projects. Reach out to inquire at publicrelations@waldenspuddle.org. Thanks to CarMax of Rivergate (pictured), Aveanna Healthcare, Caterpillar Data Solutions, Woodmont Christian, Sound Emporium Studios, Synergy Real Estate Group.

Together we are keeping our future Merry & Bright

Dearest Friends of the Puddle,

Tis the season of holidays! Joyous Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, happiness to us all in every celebration and the New Year. Greetings from Walden's Puddle, a wonder filled place of grace, miracles, and blessings!

If we sound grateful, positive, and happy, it is because we are. And we are filled with hope for the coming year and beyond. We have all been through so many trials and struggles, but we know through the grace of God we have endured and overcome them. It is because we trust our prayers for the ability to keep saving, healing, and serving our communities precious wildlife are heard.

This newsletter is filled with accomplishments we have made together. We also wish to introduce our leadership and recognize the selfless devoted work (each of us have individually done for free, "in kind" for over 16 years) to keep our animal guests, our staff, the corporation, and facility always in the best of everything. We have taken good stewardship to a new level, all to the glory of God!

Remember, we do not receive any State or Federal funding, and that 97% of your gifts go directly to the care of the animals in their time of need. We are truly Team Puddle and together we can make the future for our communities precious wildlife merry and bright.You are in our humble prayers.

With love and our deepest gratitude for your generosity,
Lane Brody, Board, Advisors, Staff, Dr. Beeler, Volunteers & Critters



Meet our philanthropic, working Board

They provide unpaid job positions allowing us to boast that a whopping 97% of all donations go directly to animal care!

Learn more about each member on our website. Back: Brenda Walker, James Milam, Eddie Bayers Jr., Lane Brody, Brian Hock, Ronnie Leftwich, *Front:* Ashley Eaton, Steve Boyle, Ashley Leftwich, *Side:* Ron Chandler, Jane Eaton, Jim Africano

From Crunchy Potato to Proper Red Fox











When "Crunchy Potato" came into our care, he was an orphaned kit, very small and covered in severe mange. Medication, good nutrition and supportive care helped his little body heal. Once he was healthy, he joined other kits his age, and together they grew into beautiful red foxes.

Today he's quite the stunner, with velvety black ears and a ridiculously fluffy face. Soon he'll head back to the wild as a healthy, independent fox, and hopefully he'll never look like a crispy tater tot again. He's one of more than 170 foxes Walden's Puddle treated this year. Mange is painful and it spreads, and healing isn't quick or cheap. A mild case cost over $200 to treat. A severe case can take six weeks or more and cost up to $2,500 for a single fox. More foxes need help every year. We have been blessed this year with over $60,000 in grant funding to build these two state of the art fox enclosures. They give us much more room to care for every fox who comes to us.

Will you become a monthly fox guardian? Giving every month lets us plan ahead and say yes to the next Crunchy Potato. A gift of $25 a month adds up to $300 over a year, which is enough to treat a mild case of mange from start to finish.





This Year…

~ Volunteers logging 1650+ hours
~ Six Summer interns filled gaps for our small & mighty staff
~ Grants helped fund replacement of the small raptor barn, two owl enclosures and refurbishment of the large flight barn
~ Washed 4,400 loads of laundry
~ Completed our new website
~ passed every licensure inspections: TWRA, USDA, US Fish & Wildlife Service
~ Completed work on our leaking building foundation
~ Launched our corporate charitable giving campaign



Bald Eagle
Walden's Puddle has rehabilitated and released five Bald Eagles this year alone. Thanks to the care of our professional staff, this eagle recovered from a fractured wing and was released back to the wild to thrive.



From Brown to Bold: How a Bald Eagle Grows Into Its Look

The bald eagle's white head and golden beak make it one of the most recognizable birds in the world. But an eagle isn't born with that look. It takes about five years to grow into it, and these four portraits of the same species at different ages show how much changes along the way.

These gradual changes aren't just for show. The darker, blotchy plumage helps young eagles blend in while they learn to hunt and survive, and the striking adult look signals maturity to other eagles. It's a reminder that growth takes time. The bald eagle doesn't become itself all at once but over years of steady change. See more pictures and stories on Instagram .





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Give Today

Thank you Puddle Family

Give Wildlife a Second Chance

Your commitment to a donation helps us continue this life saving work.

Together thanks to generous support we treated more than 4,000 Middle Tennessee sick or orphaned wildlife. Make a lasting difference to local animals by giving a donation of any size and consider becoming a monthly donor offering steady support. 97% of every dollar goes back to animal care.

You can also leave a legacy of compassion by including Walden's Puddle in your estate planning.

Donations are accepted through our website, by mailed check, or call our front desk. Our website accepts Venmo, credit card, PayPal, bank draft, and DAF donations.

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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!