



Born to Be Wild!

Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc. Newsletter

April 2017

NOTICE FOR APRIL MEETING

We will be meeting on Tuesday, April 11th at Grace Lutheran Church at 2225 Washington in Lincoln. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. Our May meeting will be on May 9th.

Remember that we need to fill out acquisition forms for each animal we receive. If you need forms, please contact us.

OUTREACH

In November of 2016, the Grand Island newspaper did an article about our rehabber, LeeAnn Powell. If you would like to read the article, you can access it here:

http://www.theindependent.com/life/leeann-powell-wildlife-rehabilitator-cares-for-nature-s-orphaned-injured/article_35d95bee-ac17-11e6-9ea2-dbe1f67d346f.html

MEMBER AWARDS FOR 2016

These were awarded at our February meeting.

Penny Vanlear - Rehabber of the Year. Penny lives in Lincoln has stepped in to help with many squirrels and helps with birds & phone duty also.

Connie & Kathy Cochnar - Rehabbers of the Year. These sisters live in the Grand Island area and assist with many animals in that part of Nebraska, including raccoons.

Cindi Arthur - Member of the Year. Cindi has been a WRT member for years and is a Raccoon Team Leader. She rehabs raccoons, bobcats, coyotes and foxes and helps with animals in the southeast part of Nebraska.

Jenni Worthey - Rookie of the Year. She is just getting started with rehabbing and helped with many animals last year, including the armadillo.

Trinity Richter - Jr. Rehabber of the Year. She is a good helper and assists with birds & squirrels.

This picture shows Trinity, Cindi & Penny.

Congratulations to our dedicated volunteers!



REHAB SEASON 2017

We are gearing up for baby season! To save money and conserve resources, we order supplies in bulk, as much as possible. We order medications, formula, nipples, syringes, and other items and disperse to team members through their Team Leaders. If you need supplies, please contact Cindi Arthur or Vikki Henry.

The baby bunnies and squirrels have started to arrive!

If you are interested in being a member who cares for wildlife, please contact us. We require membership dues and there is paperwork to fill out and then we can get you started!

WISH LIST FOR WRT

One of the things we can always use is wood for squirrel boxes. The wood can be used to make bird houses, duck boxes, squirrel hidey boxes, etc. If you are handy with tools and can make us boxes, please contact us. We can tell you what we need and where you can take items.

Since we are at-home rehabbers, items can be dropped off at a rehabber's home or brought to our monthly meetings. Many times, you can find wood/lumber/pallets for FREE on Craigslist.

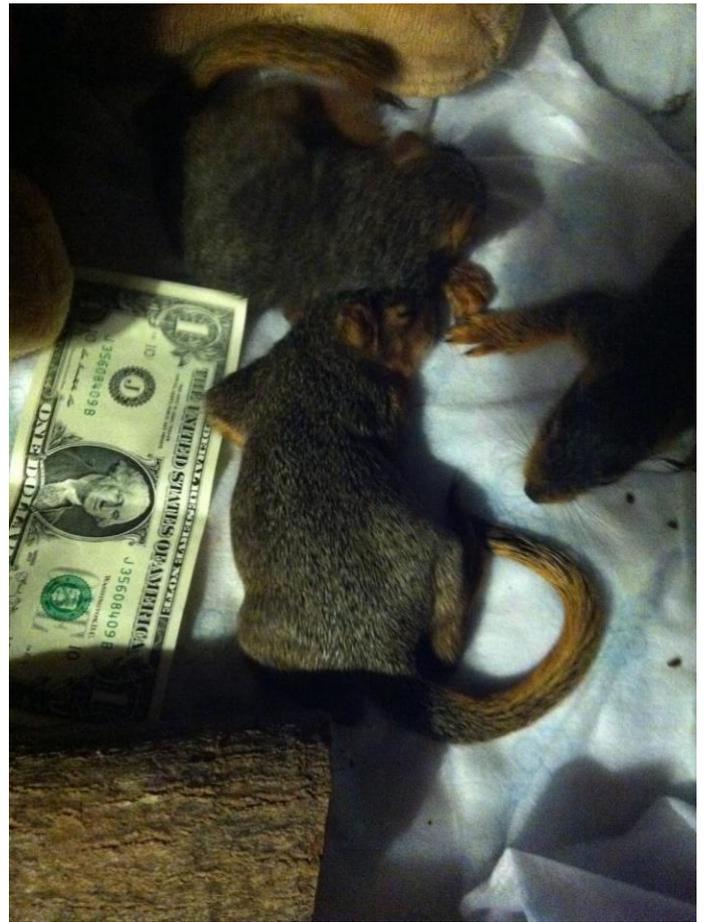
WHEN TO RESCUE WILDLIFE

How do I know if the animal needs to be rescued? Many times, when we receive animals from the public, that animal really didn't need to be "saved" but should have been left alone. In this day and age of technology and many people having cameras on their phones, ask the public to take a photo of the animal next to something that will give you a reference for measurement.

This dollar bill is a great reference when it comes to measuring this squirrel. Based on his size, fur and tail, we can tell that he is about four weeks old. His eyes should be opening any day now.

We are starting to get in more squirrels now. Some have fallen during windy days and five were recently found in a nest in a car engine!

Remember if you find an animal to keep it safe & warm. You can use a heating pad set on low under half of the box, which gives the animal a chance to move to a cooler spot if they need to do so. Do NOT give food or water! Call WRT and we can help.



FUNDRAISING

This year, we will be participating in Give Days for Hastings, Grand Island and Lincoln. For 24 hours, you can donate online and help WRT.

Go Big Give Day in Grand Island is May 3rd.
Give Hastings Day is May 11th.
Give to Lincoln Day is May 18th.



EASTERN MEADOWLARK

"The sweet, lazy whistles of Eastern Meadowlarks waft over summer grasslands and farms in eastern North America. The birds themselves sing from fence posts and telephone lines or stalk through the grasses, probing the ground for insects with their long, sharp bills. On the ground, their brown-and-black dappled upper parts camouflage the birds among dirt clods and dry grasses. But up on perches, they reveal bright-yellow underparts and a striking black chevron across the chest." **From the Cornell University website allaboutbirds.org.**

We received a Meadowlark recently from Fremont. Unfortunately, she had injured her neck, probably by running into a car or window, and didn't make it.

RECENT FUNDRAISER

Penny coordinated a booth for us at the Mother of All Garage Sales in Lincoln this past weekend. Thank you to Penny for her hard work, and all of you who assisted with the set-up & take-down and sale days and those who donated items for the sale. We know we sold things because we had a lot of empty boxes at the end!

All of the money donated will go to buy supplies for the animals. We recently purchased formula and that bill alone was over \$4,000, so you can see that fundraisers like this are valuable to our ability to help the animals.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Spring Affair Plant Sale - Sat. April 22 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Located at the Lancaster Event Center, 4100 N 84th in Lincoln. FREE Parking!

Celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd!

You can celebrate the 146th Annual Arbor Day celebration in Nebraska City April 28-30. See activity info at GoNebraskaCity.com.

Events at Union Orchard will be starting on May 20 with the Celebration of Rhubarb.

60% of World's Bird Species Counted During Great Backyard Bird Count

The 20th annual Great Backyard Bird Count, held February 17–20, was bigger than ever with more than 214,000 bird watchers taking part from more than 120 countries.

A record-breaking 177,251 checklists were submitted, 6,090 species were reported, and almost 30 million individual birds were counted!

<http://gbbc.birdcount.org>

If you are interested in a speaker or presentation please contact our hotline in Lincoln at 402-473-1951.

We do not charge for our presentations, but donations are always accepted, like money, items from our wish list like towels, blankets and cages.

WRT REMINDER

If you have photos or stories to share, send them to Vikki at dougvikki@cox.net. Our next newsletter will be July 2017.



HAPPY EASTER!

- Americans consume over 16 million jelly beans on Easter, enough to circle the globe three times over.
- Americans buy more than 700 million marshmallow peeps during the Easter holiday, which makes Peeps the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.

JOIN THE TEAM!



Mail your completed form to:

Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc., P.O. Box 80127, Lincoln NE 68501

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

CHOOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TYPE AND MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

Active - handles animals (must be 16 or older)

Associate - does not handle animals, but believes in what we do!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Active Individual \$20.00 _____

Active Family \$30.00 _____

Senior Citizen (62 or over) \$10.00 _____

Associate Member \$25.00 _____

Corporate Supporter \$100.00 _____

After we receive your dues we will send you paperwork to fill out to become a member. If you are an active member, you will receive a membership card to carry with you as you rescue/rehab animals.



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