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UPCOMING ELECTIONS

We are accepting nominations for all Officers' positions for the 2013-2014 season. If you would like to run for office or would like to nominate someone, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Mary Beth Lienemann at mb@dalcpapc.com or Vikki Henry at dougvikki@cox.net.

The election will be held at the September 10th meeting and all nominations are due by the end of the August 13th meeting. You can fax, text, email, write, call or nominate in person!

In order to vote your membership must be current. Family memberships are eligible for two absentee ballots. If you would like an **absentee ballot**, please contact Mary Beth or Vikki after the August 13th meeting. We will mail or email you a ballot and request that you include your name & address for membership verification purposes. The ballots must be mailed or emailed by midnight on September 4th in order to be counted the night of the meeting.

Stay tuned to the next newsletter in order to see the list of potential officers!

PHONE DUTY

Even though it's August, we are still receiving animals! We will be getting another round of some animals, including raccoons and squirrels and bunnies seem to come in all spring and summer long!

If you are able to volunteer to be on phone duty, we could really use your help! People on phone duty help to screen the thousands of calls coming in every year from the public. If WRT needs to help the animal, the person on phone duty contacts the appropriate team leader for assistance. It really helps the Team Leaders to have some call-screening so they can concentrate on training new members and caring for the wildlife that they have in rehab.

REHABBERS

If you have signed up to help with wildlife, but haven't received a phone call asking for help, please let us know. We try to put animals in everyone's hands, but sometimes the distance between the animal itself and the rehabber is not handy. We always need help with transport and care for animals that aren't in the Lincoln and Omaha areas.

If you can help with rehab or transport to finish out the "season", please call the hotline at (402) 473-1951.

LOCAL WILDLIFE NEWS

Shelly Bruntz is going to be staffing a table at the National Night Out in Hastings on Tuesday, August 6th. If you're in the area, stop by and say hi! The event begins at 5:30 p.m.

WRT will have a table at the World O! Water Festival in Omaha, on Saturday, September 7, 2013. Join us at Wehrspann Lake (Chalco) at 8901 South 154th St. Rain or shine – Noon to 4 p.m.

LATEST RESCUE

We received a call about a sparrow that was stuck to a sticky mouse trap. Doug Henry picked up the sparrow, which was an adult bird, and was able to use baby oil to get the poor bird "unstuck". After some time recuperating, the bird was released!

LATEST RELEASE

In May, we received a phone call in Omaha about a nest of ducklings that had just hatched but the mother duck had disappeared overnight. The people brought us the ducklings and we raised them until they were able to be released. The ducks were very happy to have a new home although it was sad to see them go.



REMINDERS

When working with the wildlife, please keep **sanitation** in mind. Remember to wear gloves and to bleach/clean out all caging and housing areas in between animals so there is no spread of disease or parasites.

Please remember that WRT members should contact their Team Leaders or the Hotline to speak to someone about **supplies**, which would include food, formula and caging. All expenses over \$50 are also to be approved by the Board. Vet visits are to be coordinated through your Team Leader. We have protocols for our different animal species – please contact your Team Leader if you need that information.

Please remember to keep track of wildlife that you receive by filling out **acquisition forms**. These should be provided by your Team Leader and are used every year to prepare reports that are completed by our Animal Records Committee and given to Nebraska Game and Parks. If you need any acquisition forms, please contact Vikki Henry at dougvikki@cox.net or 402-398-3031. You can turn them in at any time.

Inventory Forms should be completed by WRT members by August 1st and Team Leaders are to give copies of those forms to the Board by September 30 of each calendar year. This is a new rule that we added to our Bylaws in 2012 and will help us to budget for next year. We really need to know where our supplies are, as they are spread throughout the state. If you are no longer caring for animals, please contact us so we can get those supplies from you. We especially need cages!

SWAP MEET: bring extra supplies/cages to the next meeting!



Monthly Meetings

Please join us for our August meeting on Tues. August 13th at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington Street. All meetings take place the second Tuesday of the month.

Would you like to know how WRT works?

If you are interested in a speaker/presentation please contact -

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