

Born to be Wild!

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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 80127 Lincoln, NE 68501

Hotline Phone: (402) 473-1951

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UPCOMING ELECTIONS

We are currently accepting nominations for the 2013-2014 Officers' positions. The positions available are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

If you are interested in running 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 meeting on August 13, 2013. **Please remember in order to vote all memberships must be current.**

WELCOME TO NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

Roger & Kim Conrad	Karen Davis
Diane Cotton	Mary Grossman
Julie Denton	Adam & Anne Hintz
The Easterday family	Diane Hoyt
Pat Guticz	Matthew Larsen
Leah Harris-Anderson	Marty & Julie Lewandowski
Phyllis Hershner	Barbara McCoy
Michele Kelley	Sheree Richmond
Dan & Dale Malcolm	Sarah & Sandra Burwell
Amy McEwen	Wade & Tiffani Svoboda
Oodie Ingraham	Kaitlyn Sullivan
Traci Christman	Sherry & Ted Tomes

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

Thank you to area businesses for your assistance with our various programs and wildlife needs: Lincoln Animal Ambassadors, Cause for Paws, Lambert Vet Supply, Pitts Veterinary Hospital, Keep Omaha Beautiful and Irving Middle School in Lincoln.

REMINDER ABOUT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

According to our Bylaws, "WRT members are not to display WRT wildlife on Facebook, MySpace, YouTube, Twitter or any other social media sites, including discussing how to care for or raise wildlife. It is acceptable to post photographs of the animal since we all realize how much time and effort we put into their care, however, they must comply with Game and Park's rules for WRT, which means "No photos of animals being held or fed" as well as their prohibiting us from handling certain species like bears, mountain lions, deer, skunks, etc. If a member is asked to remove photographs, postings or other inappropriate content from Social Media sites, they are to be given three (3) days to remove same once they have received notice. During this time, their Team Leader and/or members of the Board will be notified of the action. If, after 14 days, the member has failed to comply with the request, their Team Leader and/or members of the Board will be notified and the member will no longer be allowed to receive wildlife. If, after further discussions, this member does not remove inappropriate information, their membership will be revoked."

PHONE DUTY

We can always use volunteers to help answer phone calls from the public. People on phone duty help to screen the thousands of calls coming in every year to our hotline and help us to determine the correct response to the caller's needs. If WRT needs to help the animal, the person on phone duty contacts the appropriate team leader for assistance.

TURTLE CALLS

This is the time of year that many turtles are on the move. Between the rains that we have had and the females that are traveling to lay their eggs, we are getting many calls. If the turtle is **NOT** injured, please leave it alone. If it needs help crossing the road, temporarily stop traffic and let the turtle cross. If there is a turtle in someone's yard, it is either moving through or laying eggs. Let the female complete her task and she will be on the move again.

As always, if you have questions or need help with a wild animal, call the hotline at (402) 473-1951.

LATEST RESCUE

We received a phone call in Omaha about a nest of swallows on the awning of a building. Some of the birds had actually fallen behind the sign into the space between the sign and the store window and were unable to get out. Using an extension ladder, Doug Henry and his son, Everett, went to the store and were able to get the birds out of the space behind the sign and since there were no parent birds caring for the nestlings, Doug brought the birds home, where Vikki is caring for them until they can be released.

LOCAL WILDLIFE NEWS

Did you see the March 31, 2013 [Lincoln Journal-Star](#) article starring Lois Moss? You can still find it on the LJS website. Did you happen to catch Lynne Knutzen-Young on the radio? She was a guest of Game and Parks on the KFOR Radio show in Lincoln. Thank you for helping to spread the word about WRT!

REMINDERS

If you love shopping at **garage sales**, keep your eyes open for items like food dishes and heating pads without automatic shut-offs. You can bring them to our next meeting or you can call the hotline number and coordinate dropping off the items with a WRT member.

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.

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.



Monthly Meetings

Please join us for our July meeting on Tues. July 9th 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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Omaha - Vikki H. at dougvikki@cox.net (402) 398-3031



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