



# Born to Be Wild!

Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc. Newsletter April 2018

## REMINDERS

We need to fill out acquisition forms for each animal we receive. If you need forms, please contact us. Also - make sure that you fill in as much information as possible - the entire document should be completed by you, the rehabber, or your Team Leader. Even though it says "For WRT Use Only" - that is for **YOU** to fill out and the species needs to be specific - bird or mammal doesn't work. Please indicate raccoon, squirrel, cardinal, robin, mallard, painted turtle, Little Brown Bat, etc. We also have an online form, so if you would like the link for that to complete your paperwork during 2018, contact Vikki at [dougvikki@cox.net](mailto:dougvikki@cox.net).



## FEEDING WILDLIFE - HOT OR COLD?

When it comes to caring for wildlife, remember that the animal **MUST** be warmed up prior to giving any food or fluids! Do **NOT** feed food first. Even formula counts as food. You should start out with fluids, which could be Pedialyte but we prefer lactated ringers, if you have that handy. If you don't have any ringers, contact your Team Leader and discuss this with them. Refeeding syndrome is a syndrome where "metabolic disturbances that occur as a result of reinstatement of nutrition to patients who are starved, severely malnourished or metabolically stressed due to severe illness. When too much food and/or liquid nutrition supplement is

## RECENT RESCUES



**NORTHERN BOBWHITE PHOTO**

This bird was found near 120th & Center in Omaha! She was released in an area meant for her and not in the middle of Omaha! She stayed there for a little bit and then flew away.

Northern Bobwhites are divided into 22 subspecies, some of which were formerly considered to be separate species—such as the Masked Bobwhite, the Rufous-bellied Bobwhite, and the Black-headed Bobwhite. Although the females mostly look alike, the males vary dramatically from one subspecies to the next.

consumed...it can be fatal.” Many times, we get calls from well-meaning people who have found a baby animal and rush to the store to purchase formula for the baby they found and start feeding them right away. This can be fatal and that is why we discourage people from feeding or watering any wildlife prior to speaking with a rehabber. Once the animal has been warmed up and given fluids for approximately 24 hours, it is safe to start with food, which would include formula. Stay in touch with your Team Leader for information about how to care for any wildlife in your care.

### **MORE RESCUES**

Sometimes our rescue stories don't always have a happy ending. A couple weeks ago, I received a call from a gentleman in Bennington, whose daughter-in-law had several ducks fly out in front of her when she was driving near Valley. She discovered a female Mallard in the grill of her car when she stopped to check. They called WRT and I picked up the duck, but unfortunately, she had experienced too much trauma during that fatal car ride. She was beautiful and in perfect condition and probably had internal injuries.



We also received a Great Blue Heron that had been injured and found while someone was fishing. He was able to catch the Heron, but the Heron died from its injuries. They are so beautiful! The feathers on their heads are 7 inches long!

Northern Bobwhites live in open pine forests, overgrown fields, shrubby areas, and grasslands. They respond well to areas managed with prescribed fire, which helps to maintain an open, grassy ground layer.

From Cornell [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org)

### **FUNDRAISING**

Looking ahead to the spring -  
Go Big Give in Hall, Hamilton, Howard & Merrick Counties is Thursday, May 3, 2018.  
Give Hastings Day is May 10, 2018.  
Give to Lincoln Day is May 31, 2018.  
Please join us on these 24 hour giving days to help support WRT. We also receive portions of the general funds that are donated that day. All of the money we receive goes toward supplies and vet care for the wildlife. Last year we spent over \$4,000 in formula alone!

### **NOTICE FOR MAY MEETING**

We will be meeting on Tuesday, May 8th at Grace Lutheran Church at 2225 Washington in Lincoln. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. We do mini trainings to learn about different species- come and meet our Team Leaders! Meet people who care about wildlife and want to learn. We swap supplies and learn tips & tricks from other rehabbers.

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**1,200 TORNADOES**  
HIT THE U.S. EACH YEAR

An estimated 17% of Americans live in a tornado-prone zone, but they can touch down anywhere.

**Make sure you **DUCK** during a tornado!**

**D**own - Get down to the lowest level  
**U**nder - Get under something  
**C**over your head  
**K**eep in the shelter until the storm has passed

Be careful this Spring! Especially if you are out and about on a rescue call, pay attention to the weather. Don't put yourself in harm's way!

**BAT INFORMATION**



If you find a bat and try to remove it yourself to put it outside - wear gloves and cover up any exposed skin. Bats' teeth are very small. If you think the bat came into contact with someone in the home - call your local Animal Control and do NOT release the bat, in case it needs to be tested for rabies.

**Have you heard about Patricia Freeman?**

"A retired University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor recently had a bat species named after her, according to a Nebraska Today news release. The new bat species, named after former UNL professor Patricia Freeman, was first captured in 2012 in Panama, and more researchers confirmed the bat's existence in 2017. Research was published in the March edition of Mammalian Biology, but Freeman learned about the species' name in January, when the research became available online." See the complete article at



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To Lincoln Day  
May 31, 2018

LINCOLN COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

[http://www.dailynebraskan.com/news/new-bat-species-named-after-former-unl-professor-patricia-freeman/article\\_fda636ac-28bb-11e8-b9b3-4b630b728979.html](http://www.dailynebraskan.com/news/new-bat-species-named-after-former-unl-professor-patricia-freeman/article_fda636ac-28bb-11e8-b9b3-4b630b728979.html)

### WHAT DO WE DO?

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 or items from our wish list like towels, blankets and cages.



### THANK YOU!

Tuire from Glenwood, Iowa and Catherine from Brooklyn Park, MN recently donated nests to us for our baby animals! Check out the baby raccoons below! See <https://wildliferescuenests.weebly.com/> if you are interested in helping create more!



### THANK YOU FOR THE DONATION!

Thank you to Troop 42628 from Bennington, Nebraska, for the amazing donation of blankets & towels! The donations filled up half of my van! We shared some of the items with our team at our April meeting and will share the rest throughout the year. Towels and blankets come in handy for bedding for the animals, covering up cages and kennels and putting on our laps when we feed the babies.



**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 (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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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