

Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc. Newsletter - APRIL 2021



Helping injured, orphaned and abandoned wildlife in the state of Nebraska since 1979.

ANIMAL STATS

Are you curious how many animals we rehabbed in 2020? Well, your wait is over!



Total number of animals - 2,865.

Total number of mammals - 2,079.

Raccoons - 507; **Opossums** - 365; **Squirrels** - 391; **Rabbits** - 659; **Bats** - 96; also a few misc. mammals like ground squirrels, muskrats and woodchucks;

Carnivores (fox, coyote, badger, bobcat) - 29;

Waterfowl (ducks, geese, pelicans) - 341;

Songbirds - 400; and

Reptiles - 31.

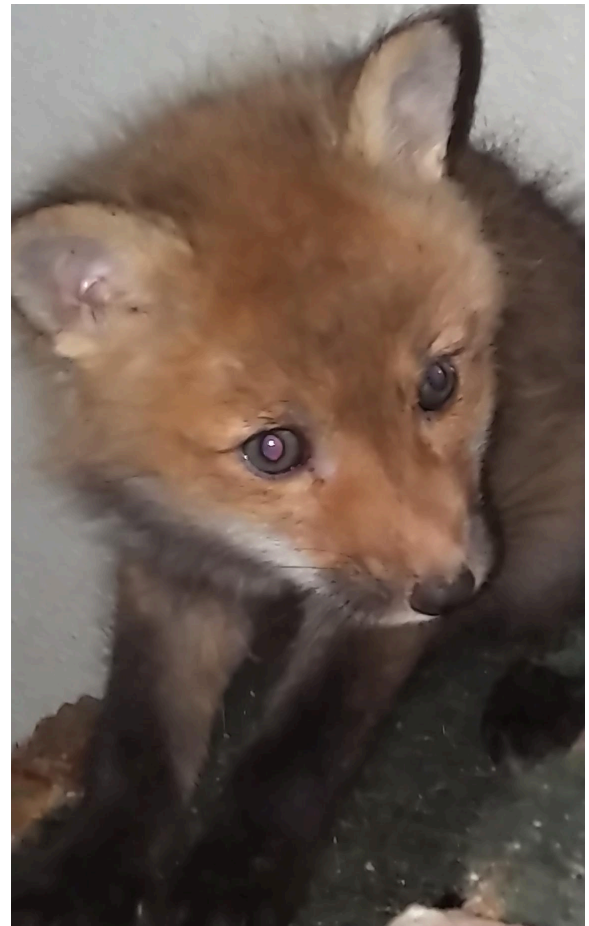
For a comparison - in 2019 we rehabbed 1,982 animals and in 2018, we rehabbed 2,647 animals. 2019 was the year of the floods and we didn't get in as many animals that Spring.

Thanks to those who helped rescue, rehab, release and transport these animals and for turning in your acquisition forms! We couldn't do it without your help!



NOTICE FOR APRIL MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 13th. Join us at 7 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington St. in Lincoln. We might be meeting in the parking lot. If so - bring a lawn chair so you can be comfortable. If we meet inside, we ask that you wear a mask. We will also have a virtual meeting, so you can join us that way if you can't be with us in person.



Red fox kit that was found along with his siblings, in a window well in Lincoln.



Baby raccoons recently rescued in the Grand Island area. They are some of the first raccoon babies of the season!

MELLOW MUSHROOM FUNDRAISER



Join us for a fundraiser for WRT on Wednesday April 14 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mellow Mushroom is located at

601 R St in Lincoln, NE. They have pizzas, sandwiches, calzones, vegan & gluten-free options. You will love their food! You can eat in or take out - it's up to you.

We need 20 people to RSVP on our meal page by April 11, 2021 to get final confirmation of our event. That should be easy! We have many members and supporters in Lincoln and many of us outside of Lincoln will also attend. We did this a couple years ago but it was during the winter and it was REALLY cold! If we could get enough people in the bitter cold, we should be able to get enough people in April! Hope to see you there!



Go to <https://www.groupraise.com/events/185503> to confirm your attendance. Thanks for dining with us!

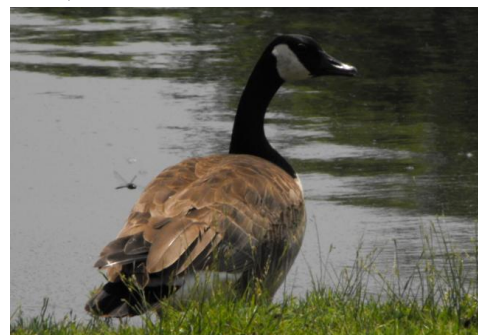


Remember the Red Fox that was hit by a car near Lincoln? Look at him now! He had a vet visit recently and his vision is getting better. He will have some outdoor time in a larger enclosure and get ready to be released soon!

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. Can you move a bird nest?

A. We are already starting to get calls from people who have ducks or geese building nests in their yards or common areas of apartment buildings and they want us to come out and move the nest and eggs. That is illegal! No one is allowed (even licensed rehabbers) to mess with or move bird nests once there are eggs inside, let alone babies. This goes for all birds - songbirds and waterfowl. US Fish & Wildlife is "in charge" of birds, and this is one of their rules. If you see a bird nesting, just give them time to incubate the eggs and raise their babies. Enjoy the experience - they will move on. Most songbird babies hatch and leave the nest within a month and waterfowl moms incubate the eggs for a month before the babies hatch. Once they hatch, they will move on to greener pastures or in their case, bluer water.



MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Announcing our winners:

Lorelei and Hannah Koeppe (Hastings) -
Rehabbers of the Year

Shelly Bruntz (Hastings) - Member of the Year

Kelsie Kreps and Tami Stoehr-Kreps (Lincoln) -
Rookies of the Year

Suzanne Hasiak (Bellevue) - Rehabber of the
Year

Sally Munson (Lincoln) and **Dawn**

Lautenschlager (Wymore) - special certificates to
acknowledge how they stepped up and helped
where we needed it!

Congratulations to you all for your hard work and
dedication to the work we do!



Above: Kelsie Kreps with her award that she
shares with her mom, Tami Stoehr-Kreps and
below: Shelly Bruntz, Suzanne Hasiak and
Sally Munson.



2021 GIVE DAYS

We will be participating in **four** Give Days this
year! For 24 hours each day, you can donate to
WRT. Share this news with your friends & family!
Help us to raise money to buy supplies for our
animals.

Even if you don't live in that town or area, you
can donate. We have people who donate who
don't even live in the state! All monies donated
go to help the animals - to pay for vet bills,
formula, medications, etc. Each bag of formula
that we use costs almost \$300 and we have
ordered 25 bags already to start off our year!

The following is a list of the dates:

Fremont Area Give Day is Tuesday, May 4th.

Go Big GIVE (Grand Island) and **Give**

Hastings Day will both be Thurs., May 6th.

Give to Lincoln Day is Tuesday, May 25th.



APRIL 19-24

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We will be participating in **Do Good Week** in April
via **SHARE Omaha**. This will go from April 19-24.

This week will involve the following themed days:

April 19: **Mission Monday**

+Discover local missions and needs

April 20: **New Donor Tuesday**

+Give to an organization for the first time

April 21: **Wish List Wednesday**

+Buy the items nonprofits need

April 22: **Volun-Thursday**

+Make a new volunteer commitment

April 23: **Fund It Friday**

+Give to causes that matter to you

April 24: **Celebration Saturday**

+Time to celebrate your generosity! Cheer for
local nonprofits as they win cash prizes from FNBO,
Omaha Steaks and Pottawattamie County
Community Foundation.

RECENT DONATIONS:

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all
of those who donated recently: Marie, Nick, Peggy,
Rhonda, Carol, Dorothy, Freddi, Ginney, Grace,
Hannah, Julie, Joann, Lindsey, Lisa, Catherine,
Marilyn, Tiffany

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

NEW MEMBERS Megan Y. and Kelly H.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY & ARBOR DAY

Thursday, April 22nd is Earth Day and Friday, April 30th is Arbor Day, a holiday created in Nebraska.

Ways to celebrate -

- Check out Treehuggers, a bracelet company that helps the environment by planting a tree for every item purchased in their store.
- I recently bought some sunscreen to get ready for the sunshine this year and I saw that Goddess Garden products are Reef Safe. Have you heard of this? Chemicals in the sunscreen get into the ocean and cause damage to the reefs. Look for products with Non-nano Zinc oxide or Non-nano Titanium dioxide and help save our coral reefs!
- Donate to WRT on our Give Days!

NEWSLETTER INFO

If you have photos or stories to share, send them to Vikki, your newsletter editor, at dougvikki@cox.net. If you currently receive the newsletter via the Post Office, and you have an email address to share, please send that to us and we can save postage. We use Mailchimp to send the newsletter to over 800 people each month! Newsletters come out in February, April, July, August, September and November.

INTERESTING BIRD NEWS

I saw an interview on The Weather Channel of a lady who works for Mid-Atlantic Audubon and she was talking about how lights in cities are causing problems for migrating birds. Since birds navigate by the stars and by waterways, bright lights in cities confuse the birds and there are many window strikes because of it. Specifically, skyscrapers with many windows and lights are dangerous. Last fall, there was one day where they estimated 1,000 birds were killed! Imagine the tally over the course of several weeks. She recommended turning off as many outside lights as you can, as even house lights can impact the birds and not just large building lights in a large city.



HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

If you want to become a member, please contact us at contact@wildliferescueteamincne.org. We have paperwork for you to fill out and send in with your membership dues prior to you becoming an "official" member. After receiving your paperwork we will send you membership cards and get you involved with a Team Leader.

JOIN THE TEAM - We will send you paperwork to fill out and once we receive your membership dues and the completed paperwork, we will send your contact info to a Team Leader in your area so they can get you involved!

Mail this 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 _____



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