

Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc.

Newsletter - April 2024

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



AWARDS

Congratulations to Sarah Kitt, Kelly Richter and Vikki Henry for winning awards in appreciation for their hard work in 2023! And Thank You to our member, Jan Carlson, who always creates amazing awards!



DONATIONS

Thank you to:
Isobel, Cynthia, Angela, Marcella, Allison, Andrea, Richard, Hannah, Tonja, Marie, Michele and Alex for their recent donations!

MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Remember that all memberships were due at the **end of March**. If you didn't pay your dues you are no longer eligible to rehab wildlife.

NOTICE FOR APRIL MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9th. Join us at 7 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington St. in Lincoln. Go down the stairs on your right and you will find us. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- We will be participating in several Give Days in May! Join us online for 24 hours of fundraising for Give Hastings, Go Big Give and Give to Lincoln Day.
- May 2 - Hastings at givehastings.org
- May 2 - Grand Island at gobiggive.org
- May 30 - Lincoln at givetolincoln.com.
- Keep in mind that you don't have to live in those towns to donate! All donations go to support WRT and the animals.

BABIES!

We have started to rescue animals! We have already had baby bunnies, raccoons and squirrels, along with adult injured birds.

With the wind and the storms - many times squirrels fall out of trees or the tree falls down. If you do find an animal and it needs to be rescued, remember to start warming it up first. Do NOT give it food or water. Put the animal in a box and put half the box on a heating pad on low. The animal can move if they get too warm.

Call us and we can discuss the next step. Our hotline is answered 24 hours a day (402-473-1951) and our volunteers are on call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

WANT TO HELP REHAB?

Become a member of WRT. We help train, give you supplies and the support you need to raise and release the animals in our care. We could use people all across the state of Nebraska! If you have a friend who really loves animals and would like to help, have them contact us!

We help wildlife that is orphaned and injured and release them back into the wild where they belong! We welcome members of all ages and from all walks of life!

We need help with bunnies and songbirds in particular. If you are interested in joining WRT, contact us and we will have someone reach out to you with more information. We can meet to talk about how WRT works and go through the membership paperwork with you in order to get you signed up. Then we will get you connected with a Team Leader near you so you can get started.

REMINDERS

- **VET VISITS** If you have an animal that needs a visit to a vet, contact your Team Leader first! We have a few vets that will give us a reduced price for the visit.
- We are always looking for more partners for WRT and veterinarians that are able to help with injured wildlife.
- **NON-PROFIT STATUS** We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit and when someone donates items to WRT, we send them a thank you for tax purposes. Any items, including money, that are donated to you as a member, need to be reported to our Treasurer and the monies turned in so that we can keep complete records.
- **NEWSLETTER INFO** If you have photos or stories to share, send them to contact@wildliferescueteamincne.org. If you currently receive the newsletter via snail mail, 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 via email to you.



These are bunnies that were recently rescued because the dog killed the mom. Bunnies grow fast and it's best to keep them with mom if possible, but that doesn't always work out for them. They will build a shallow nest in a yard or garden. Many times people will find them when doing yard work, or their pet finds them. If you can leave them there and let mom do her job that's the best!



This Northern Flicker was found in Omaha. She might have flown into a window. They are in the woodpecker family. You can see why they are known as Yellow-shafted by looking at the yellow in their tail feathers. Learn more info online at Cornell University's allaboutbirds.org.

EASIEST FUNDRAISING IN THE WORLD!

We collect UPC codes from “Our Family” branded products. For each 1,000 UPC’s that we send in, we receive \$25. We also collect UPC codes from “Best Choice” and “Always Save” products. You can find them at stores like Family Fare and Super Saver.

Feel free to send them to our PO Box, give them to a member or bring them to meetings. We will count them and send them in when we have a bundle. Ask your friends and family to help too. All you have to do is cut off the UPC code.

LIGHT POLLUTION CAN HARM WILDLIFE

I recently picked up a brochure from the International Dark-Sky Association of Tucson, AZ and it’s all about Light Pollution.

“Plants and animals depend on Earth’s daily cycle of light and dark to govern life-sustaining behaviors such as reproduction, nourishment, sleep and protection from predators. Scientific evidence suggests that artificial light at night has negative and deadly effects on many creatures, including amphibians, birds, mammals, invertebrates and plants.”

“Birds that migrate or hunt at night navigate by moonlight and starlight. Artificial lights can cause them to wander off course towards dangerous nighttime landscapes of cities. Every year millions of birds die colliding with needlessly illuminated buildings and towers.”

(Some) Solutions:

- Use only fully shielded, dark sky friendly fixtures for all outdoor lighting, so lights shine down, not up.
- Install times and dimmer switches and turn off lights when not in use...use motion sensors.
- Use only lighting with a color temp of 3000K and below



This Sandhill Crane was recently rescued due to its injuries. Unfortunately, it didn’t make it through surgery. Even though we get millions of Sandhill Cranes migrating through Nebraska every year we don’t get many to rehab.



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ARBOR DAY AND EARTH DAY!

If you want to help celebrate Arbor Day, plant trees!

Arbor Day is on Friday, April 26th! This special day is homegrown! Created in Nebraska City by J. Sterling Morton in 1872. It is a day that “celebrates the planting, upkeep and preservation of trees”.

Squirrels, birds, raccoons, etc. use trees for homes. The squirrel in this photo fell from a tree the other day in a storm. The rescuers took her in and got her warm. They were able to get hold of WRT and we took her in for rehab. She will end up with at least one other squirrel buddy so she has a friend. This squirrel is about seven weeks old now. Even though she is on formula for now, she will be introduced to solid foods soon so she can learn to eat on her own. She will be in rehab for a couple months yet while she continues to grow.



Earth Day is coming up too! Find a celebration in your community!

Omaha - Sat. April 27

Lincoln - Sat. April 20

Kearney - Earth Day Plant Giveaway - April 22
from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ryan Library

JOIN THE TEAM - If you want to become a member, please complete this form.

There will be paperwork to fill out, membership dues to pay and a meeting with a WRT member to go over the paperwork and then we can get you started!

Membership dues are \$30 for a year for a family or \$20 for a year for an individual.

If you need help with anything - a rescue, supplies, advice, etc. - call our hotline!

Mail this form to: Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc., P.O. Box 80127, Lincoln NE 68501

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Hotline Phone: (402) 473-1951

Website: www.wildliferescueteamincne.org

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