

Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc. Newsletter - AUGUST 2021



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

RECENT RESCUES!

This Great Blue Heron was found tangled in a fishing line at Beaver Lake, which is near Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Thank you to Jeremy and his sons for helping to untangle the line! Unfortunately, the stress of the struggle for the Heron was just too much and he died a couple days later. Please remember to clean up after yourselves when enjoying your day of fishing.



Chimney Swifts nest inside people's chimneys and this one, along with three of his siblings, fell into someone's fireplace! The birds were rescued in Omaha and will be released soon. They eat a lot of insects so we love to have them around!



NOTICE FOR AUGUST MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 10th. Join us at 7 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington St. in Lincoln. We will be meeting inside so we can also have a virtual meeting. Please join us virtually if you can't be with us in person. We will send out the Zoom meeting link a couple days ahead of time via a Mailchimp email.

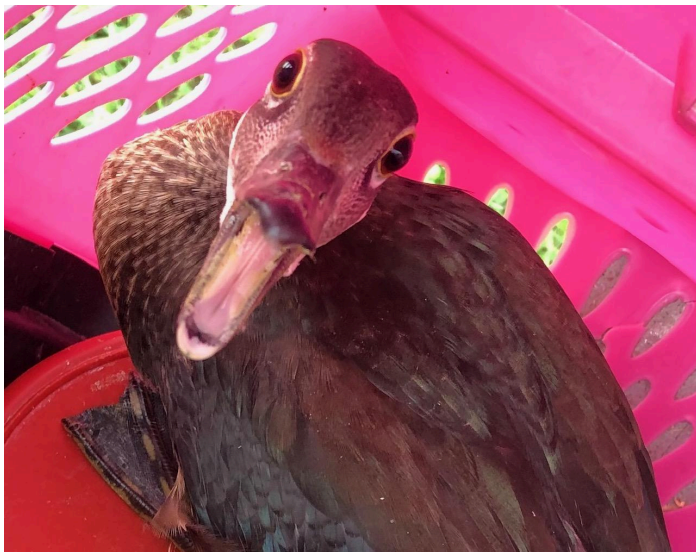


MORE RESCUES FROM JULY!

This female Belted Kingfisher was found in the middle of Lincoln and initially wasn't able to fly. She might have hit a window, but we're not sure. After some rest & recuperation, she was released at a local lake. Check out that crest!



This female Wood Duck was found in Fremont and was released at a private lake. Wood Ducks are so much smaller than Mallards, that many people think they are baby ducks, but this was an adult. She had trouble flying at first, but recovered and flew away. You can see that she was eager to be released!



Wood Duck waiting for the kennel door to be opened.

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. My friend found a baby animal. Is it okay for them to rehabilitate it?

- A.** It is illegal to possess and/or care for any wild animals without a permit. WRT has permits with Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and US Fish and Wildlife which allow us to rehab wildlife. If your friend wants to become a member and help us rehab legally, have them contact us via our hotline number or our website. We will get them the information they need in order to join.
- B.** If you happen to see something on social media about someone having wildlife and wanting advice on how to care for it, have them call our hotline so we can get them the help they need, which ultimately, would be to get the animal to a licensed rehabber and get it the proper care it needs.

REMINDER TO MEMBERS

If you get a call or text from a Team Leader or the person on phone duty, please remember to reply to that message. Just an OK or Thumbs Up helps us know that you received the message. If you can't handle the call, let us know that too so we can find an alternate person. We receive hundreds of phone calls each week and we need to stay on top of responding to the public. Makes for great PR and potentially, new members!



BETTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

RECENT DONATIONS:

We would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to those who donated recently:

Andrea, Andy & Allison, Brian, Bryan, Carol, Cherie, Cynthia, Daine, Daniel, Dennis, Frances, Gerald, Hannah, Heather, Jana, Gregory, Gail, Janeen, Janet, Jean, Jennifer, Joyce, Judy, Julia, Karen, Kim, Laurie, Leah, Mackenzie, Mark, Deborah, Denise, Maureen, Michael, Gretchen, Sameena, Michele, Patricia, Randy, Reuben, Rich, Richard, Roy, Sarah, Sherri, Stephen, Terry, Trina, Valerie, Vicki and Victoria and many more! We have received many memorials in memory of Dan Keenan, who was a rehabber for many years.



UPCOMING ELECTIONS

We are currently accepting nominations for the 2021-2022 Officers' positions. The positions available are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary/Corresponding Secretary. Some members are running for their positions again. We are also accepting nominations for five Board members. These Board positions are elected every two years. Officers' positions are a one-year term. If you are interested in running for office or would like an absentee ballot, please contact 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 14th meeting in Lincoln. Anyone who wants to run for a position must indicate that by the end of the August 10, 2021 meeting. At that time, all nominations will be closed.

To vote, all memberships must be in good standing for at least 90 days, which means you **MUST** be current on dues. You can pay your dues online via PayPal on our website or send in a check or cash to our PO Box.

Several months ago, I purchased laundry sheets from EarthBreeze.com. The cool thing about this product is they are small sheets that have the detergent in them and you throw this in the washer with your load of clothes. It dissolves in the washer and you don't have a big plastic jug with detergent! The sheets fit in an envelope and take up a LOT less room in your laundry room! You can do fragrance free or fresh scent and you can do a one-time purchase or a monthly subscription. Try it and see what you think! It saves a lot of plastic, even if you do recycle!

Or try out deodorants with paper packaging instead of plastic!

<https://www.nativecos.com/products/coconut-vanilla-deodorant-plasticfree>

My kids have also purchased phone cases made from compostable materials here:

<https://pelacase.com>.

New info on membership dues!

Beginning next March, we are changing when dues are due. During the months of January, February and March, we will be recruiting new members and will remind current members to pay their dues. They will be due by the end of March so ALL members are due at the same time. We hope this will help us with some of our paperwork. Also - we will be having orientations and training to get new and current members involved! Stay tuned for more details.

In the meantime - if your dues are due from now until the end of this year, you can pay half price and then pay full price next March for that next year.

That means that an individual's \$20 membership is now "on sale" for \$10 and a family membership is only \$15 until the end of this year! If you don't know if you owe dues, call the hotline and we can help you.

NON-PROFIT STATUS

2020-2021 Current Officers

President: Carrie Nunez

Vice President: Shelly Bruntz

Treasurer: Mary Beth Lienemann

Recording and Corresponding Sec.: Vikki Henry

A SAND PIT AND BIRDS?

Learn about the unique relationship between Western Sand and Gravel and terns and plovers.

<https://plattebasintimelapse.com/ed/chapter/terns-plovers-the-platte/>

HOMING PIGEONS DIDN'T COME HOME

This story tells about the thousands of racing and homing pigeons that disappeared. Check out the store here:

<https://www.coasttocoastam.com/article/thousands-of-racing-pigeons-across-united-kingdom-mysteriously-vanish/>

A LITTLE PEACE & QUIET

If you are looking for a new place to explore and enjoy nature, check out Prairie Pines. It sounds amazing! <https://prairiepines.org/about.html>

RAPTOR REMINDER!

If you get a call about a raptor, please contact their hotline number for Raptor Conservation Alliance at (866) 888-7261. We are not allowed to rehab them with our permit.

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 and send thank you notes to the donors.

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.

WILDLIFE CRIME STOPPERS

When it comes to wildlife abuse, like someone removing or destroying nests or eggs, remember that WRT members are not the police. You can contact your local Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Conservation Officer or the Crime Stoppers hotline at : 1-800-742-7627.



JOIN THE TEAM - If you want to become a member, complete this form. We will send you paperwork to fill out and once we receive your membership dues and the completed paperwork, we will send you membership cards to show you are an "official" member. We will also send your contact info to a Team Leader in your area so they can get you involved! 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/State/Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____

Hotline Phone: (402) 473-1951 **Website:** www.wildliferescueteamincne.org

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