

# Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc.

## Newsletter - August 2023

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



### ACQUISITION SHEETS!

For each animal we rehab, we use this info to complete the reports that we do yearly. We need these reports by the end of the year. If you have them completed ahead of time because the animal died or was released, please send them in so we can do them periodically instead of all at once. Bring them to a meeting or mail to the PO Box in Lincoln. We send our yearly reports to Nebraska Game & Parks and US Fish and Wildlife which helps us maintain our permits to rehab wildlife. Thank you for helping keep our records accurate!

### FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We were lucky to be chosen for **Open Harvest's SEED program!** We will be the chosen charity in **September!** Shop and support WRT! **Open Harvest Co-op Grocery** is located in Lincoln at 1618 South Street.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Remember that all memberships are due at the end of March. We hope this will help us with some of our paperwork. If you don't pay your dues by the end of March, you are no longer eligible to rehab wildlife.

### RECENT DONATIONS

Thank you to all of those who recently donated, including: Lynn, Barbara, Michele, Sheela, Jana, Carol, David, Audrey, Deanna, Kelly, Denise and Sarah!

We received many donations for the various Give Days (Omaha, Lincoln, Hastings, Grand Island and Fremont) we participated in - thank you so much! Donations help us pay for vet bills and vaccines for the animals!

### NOTICE FOR AUGUST MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 8th. Join us at 7 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington St. in Lincoln. Our meetings are always held the second Tuesday of the month.



We have had several Hummingbirds lately. Sometimes they are injured on their migration journey. Sometimes they just need a rest and are able to be released to continue on their way.



This Great Blue Heron was injured in a recent storm near Fremont.

## UPDATES

We have been very busy this year with animal calls. We have had hundreds of phone calls and have taken in hundreds of animals. At the beginning of the season, we usually start rehabbing squirrels and bunnies, and then we start getting in opossums, birds and raccoons. By Memorial Day, we get busy with waterfowl and more bunnies (there are always bunnies!) and then turtles and more birds. Animals are smart - they are typically finished raising their first round of babies by the time it gets really hot. Some of the wildlife will have a couple litters a year, so by the end of summer, we usually get another round of squirrels and raccoons and more bunnies!



This female Northern Cardinal was rescued recently. She might have hit a window - we're not sure, but she was able to fly away!

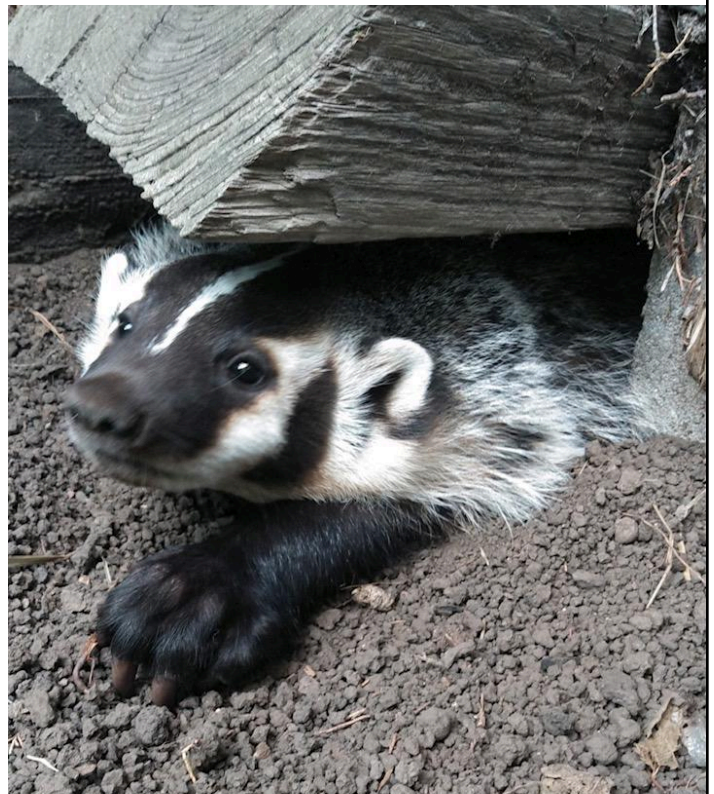
## ELECTIONS INFORMATION

Our Elections for next year's Board members will be held in September. The Board voted earlier this year to have Board members elected every two years for a two year term and Officers will now also serve a two year term. The current officers will continue to serve this coming year and will be up for re-election in 2024. Therefore, Board members will be elected in odd years and Officers will be elected in even years.

All nominations for the Board need to be submitted by the end of our August meeting on August 8th. Ballots will be sent to all members who are eligible to vote.

To be eligible - you need to be current on your dues, which means you paid your dues at least 90 days prior to the election.

Going forward, in order to run for a Board member position, you must attend at least 9 out of 12 of our general membership meetings. Officers will have the same rule - you must attend at least 9 out of the 12 of our monthly meetings in order to run.



This orphaned badger was rescued and is practicing how to dig a hole!

## REMINDERS

- **VET VISITS** If you have an animal that needs a visit to a vet, contact your Team Leader first! If you have vets that will work with us, let us know that too. 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](mailto: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 to over 800 people each month! Newsletters come out in February, April, July, August, September and November.

### Officers:

President: Cindi Arthur

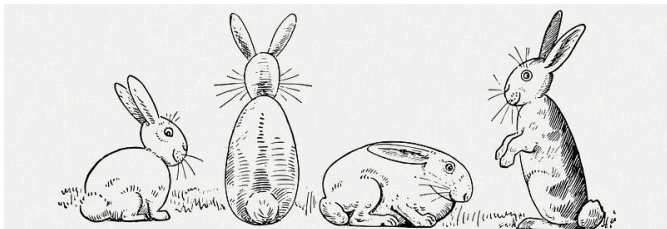
Vice President: Sally Munson

Treasurer: Mary Beth Lienemann

Secretary: Vikki Henry

### 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!



## MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Now is the time to start thinking about Member of the Year awards. Nominate members who have stepped up and helped when we needed it, rookies who have spent their first year rehabbing, Team Leaders who knocked it out of the ballpark in helping their Team succeed, etc.



### Last year's recipients -

Member of the Year: Mary Beth L., The Extra Mile: Kelly Linde, Rookie of the Year: April and Christy Conrad and Step Up Award: Amanda and Nate Clemens (not pictured). Thank you to our own member, Jan Carlson, who designs and makes our awards!



## Appetizing Crumble Pie for Birds

### Ingredients

Half an apple  
1 C cornmeal  
1 Tsp thistle seed  
1 Tsp millet seed  
1 Tsp sunflower chips  
½ C suet base  
½ C grape jelly

**Tools:** mini pie pan

**Step 1:** Slice the apple into thin wedges and cut them in half. Set aside for later. Combine cornmeal, thistle, millet and sunflower chips with the suet base in a mixing bowl. Use your hands to work into a crumble. Press the mixture into the sides and bottom of a mini pie pan. Place in the refrigerator. Cool until hard.

**Step 2:** Place jelly in a saucepan over low heat. Stir until melted. Remove from heat. Pour the melted jelly into a cooled pie shell - fill half full.

**Step 3:** Arrange apple slices in a circle. Chill for several hours or overnight.

**Step 4:** To release the pie from the pan, turn it over and tap the bottom. If it doesn't come out, place the very bottom of the pan in shallow water for 30 seconds and try again. Can also serve pie in the pan.

**Birds like Robins, Catbirds, Doves and Orioles will love this treat!**



We rescued two Belted Kingfishers recently. One was from Omaha and one was from Bellevue. This one probably hit a window and was able to fly away! They actually dive for small fish that they see in lakes or ponds.

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!

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

**Please consider coming to a meeting so we can meet in person! There will be paperwork to fill out and membership dues to pay and we can get you started!**

Membership dues are \$30 for a year for a family or \$20 for a year for an individual. There is paperwork to fill out in order to join.

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](http://www.wildliferescueteamincne.org)

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