

# Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc.

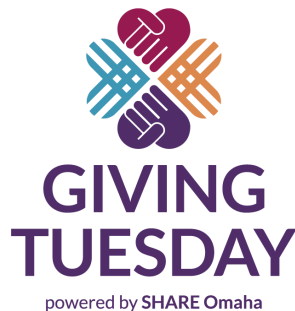
## Newsletter

### February 2020



#### FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all of you who donated on Giving Tuesday! This online giving event was on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd and was through SHARE Omaha. We had a lot of donations come in both from new and past donors and we thank you for them all! All donations will be used to care for the wildlife. In case you're curious - we are all volunteers - no one gets paid to do our "jobs". And we are proud of what we do!



Here are some of the results from that day, according to SHARE Omaha: With 58% of SHARE Omaha nonprofits reporting, the metro-wide, do good takeover results are in:

**8,247** items donated

**402** new volunteers

**432** volunteers on Dec. 3

**35%** new donors

**2,681** donations

**\$80.15** average donation

**\$500,000+** raised

**IMMEASURABLE** acts of kindness!

#### Congrats to our award winners for 2019!



#### NOTICE FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

Join us Tues., Feb. 11th at 7 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington in Lincoln. Park on the east side of the church. Go down the stairs and through the door on the right-hand side as you face the church. Turn right & you will find us!

#### GOODY BASKETS FOR OUR PARTNERS

Thank you to our members who attended our December meeting and shared goodies like brownies, fudge, fresh fruit and delicious cookies. These baskets were delivered to vets and humane societies and other special partners in Omaha, Lincoln, Fairbury, Beatrice, Syracuse, Hastings and Grand Island.



Above: Empty baskets waiting for goodies and  
Below; goodies to fill them for our special partners!



### Our award winners for 2019 were:

Jacki Purdham, Outstanding Rehabber of the Year; Krystal Jelinek, Outstanding Member of the Year; Lynne Knutzen-Young, Outstanding Team Leader of the Year; Sarah Parden, Zoey Witkovski, Ryan Parden and Laura Parden, who were Jr. Rehabbers of the Year! Other winners who were not able to attend the meeting were: Rebecca Rice, Outstanding Rehabber of the Year and Korrine Tanner, Outstanding Rehabber of the Year. Thank you for all of your hard work, from transporting animals, to rehabbing them, to helping with outreach, even in the cold! We couldn't do what we do without amazing volunteers like you!

### RECENT RESCUE

Earlier this year, a Cedar County vet received an opossum that needed help and a film crew from National Geographic happened to be in the area. They videoed the vets and the release.

The Episode Premiere of this series will be this Saturday - Jan. 25th at 9 p.m. Central Time. Look for: **Heartland Docs, DVM – The Little Practice on the Prairie** - The Schroeders' workload is compounded by animal cases spurred by recent flooding in Nebraska. The vets assist a cow in labor that's too weak to stand, chickens with mysterious leg ailments, and a litter of piglets with the squirts. Between flood victims, the doctors play podiatrist to a pet goat and donkey, investigate a puppy's surprising ear issue, and attempt a life-saving procedure on a family's cat.

**The episode that features Blossom the Opossum is set to air Sat. Feb. 1st. Watch it and let us know your thoughts!**

**THE DOCTORS** - Drs Ben and Erin Schroeder are two of the toughest vets in the Midwest. They've practiced veterinary medicine together for over 15 years in America's heartland, Hartington, Nebraska. When Winter blizzards, Spring flooding or Summer heatwaves wreak havoc on the farms of Nebraska, Drs Ben and Erin are there to tend to whatever mother nature throws at the herd.



**From Audubon Winter of 2019** - 25 percent of Americans spend fewer than two hours a week outside. Two hours minimum per week in nature will help you improve your health and well-being. The daily average of hours that a teen is using a screen of some kind, including school or homework is 7.4! Let's all get outside and enjoy nature! Listen and look for birds. Take binoculars, your camera and a bird book. Make a snowman or snow angel!

## ANIMAL NEWS FROM OTHER PLACES

### AMAZING WHALE POOP!

<https://earthjustice.org/blog/2019-december/right-whales-victory-fishing-gear-climate>

### AUSTRALIAN WILDFIRES -

THANK YOU to all of you who contacted us in the hopes of sharing knitted and crocheted nests that were made for Australian animals too! There are some great patterns for those of you with that talent at [silketouchquilting.com](http://silketouchquilting.com). We feel so sorry for those animals and are glad of any help you can give them, as long as you trust the organization that accepts your donations. Some of us donated to the Greater Good Network site: This is their update:



*"A massive thank you! Every little bit helps, and the first donation that we got from GreaterGood was such a huge help. Without people like you, the work would become so much harder."*

-Darren Maier  
CEO, RSCPA Queensland

Together we've **raised \$451,969** to help **Australia** fight the devastating bushfires still raging across the continent. These **direct contributions** and **extra donations funded by using code "HELP"** at checkout will fund emergency shelter and medical care, as well as recovery efforts, for the **millions of pets, wildlife and people affected.**

## FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

We are gearing up for this year's Give Days! The first one on our schedule is **GO BIG GIVE** on Thursday, May 7, 2020. Stay tuned for more dates and details!

### SPECIAL REQUEST

Do you have a contact with a storage company in Lincoln? We are hoping to find a central location where we can store items for easy access to Team Leaders and Officers. Do you know someone who might be willing to donate a unit's usage to us? If you do, please contact our hotline at 402-473-1951. Thanks for thinking about us!

### \*\*UNIQUE WAYS TO GIVE

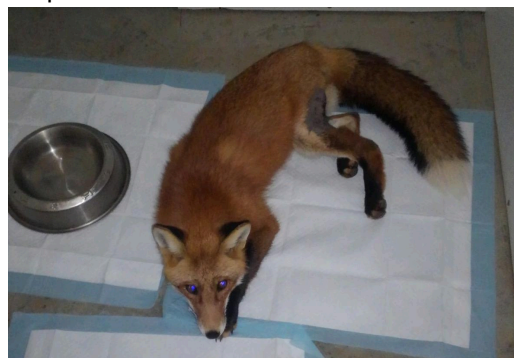
Another way to help raise money for animals is...[freekibble.com](http://freekibble.com)

### 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 good records.

### HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

If you want to become a member, please contact us at [contact@wildliferescueteamincne.org](mailto: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.



### NEWSLETTER INFO

If you have photos or stories to share, send them to Vikki at [dougvikki@cox.net](mailto: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 700 people each month!

### RAPTOR REMINDER!

### ACQUISITION SHEETS ARE DUE!

Remember that Acquisition Sheets/forms need to be completed for each animal we rehab. We need these forms to complete the reports that we do yearly. Please send them to Vikki Henry by the end of the year so we can complete reports for Nebraska Game & Parks and US Fish and Wildlife.

Make sure you are putting in as much info as you know about the person who called about the animal, along with what happened to it - did it die, was it relocated?, was it released? How old was it when you got it? When did it die or when was it released? Did it go from one rehabber to another for final care and release? Do not put another rehabber's name for the rescuer unless it actually came from their yard. If you don't know - put "public" but hopefully you have a name, town, phone #, etc. Thank you for helping keep our records accurate!

### UPCOMING OUTREACH

Join us at **Zion Lutheran School's** 3rd Annual Craft Fair/Vendor Show in Hastings on Sun., March 29th from 10:30 - 4:00 p.m. Stop by and chat!

If you get a call about a raptor, please contact their hotline number at **(866) 888-7261**. We are not allowed to rehab them, but can help find the right contact person to help them.



**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 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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