

# Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc.

## Newsletter - February 2022

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



### ELECTION RESULTS

**Cindi Arthur and Suzanne Hasiak** have agreed to be co-Presidents this year, since our President position was still open after our elections. Thank you to both of them for being willing to serve!

### ACQUISITION SHEETS!

Several of our members have been diligently working on entering all the information from our acquisition forms into a database. 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. You can bring them to a meeting or mail to the PO Box in Lincoln. We send our 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!

### RECENT RESCUES!

This opossum was found outside a home in Omaha. It has a leg injury, so it will be in rehab for a couple months while it heals.



### NOTICE FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 8th. Join us at 7 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington St. in Lincoln. 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. Keep your eyes open!



### MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Beginning this March, we are changing when dues are due. During the months of 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! If you want to get more involved or have a friend or family member who wants to get involved - see the last page of this newsletter for more info!

### TEAM LEADERS

We could really use help with waterfowl, songbirds, squirrels and bunnies. If you are willing to help - please come to a meeting

## MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

We will be awarding our Member of the Year awards soon. We will let you know the lucky (and hard-working) winners in the next newsletter!

## COOL NEWS FROM OTHER PLACES

This Professor created a process to turn popcorn into packing products!

<https://newatlas.com/environment/popcorn-expanded-polystyrene-foam/>

Georg August University (in Germany) Prof. Alireza Kharazipour first got the idea over 10 years ago, when he bought a bag of popcorn at a movie theater. Since then, his team has devised a method of using the stuff in an inexpensive, biodegradable, renewable-source, EPS-alternative foam.

If you are looking for sustainable plastic alternatives, look here:

<https://sustainableagavecompany.com>. They have created products to replace plastic straws!

Did you know there is a program in Nebraska for veterans called Vets Get Pets? The program will pay the adoption fee for the vet and the rescue that is adopting out the animals will also receive assistance.

<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/vetsgetpets>

One more fun and amazing story! Check out the highway for hedgehogs here!

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/oct/17/prickly-business-hedgehog-highway-knits-a-village-together-kirtlington-oxfordshire-aoe>

Looks like Punxsutawney Phil has predicted six more weeks of Winter!



That still means Spring is just around the corner!

and let us know! We specifically need help in Lincoln. We will help train you!

## RECENT DONATIONS

Thank you to all of those who recently donated, including: Marie, Ralph & Laurie, Susan, Eren, Zoe, Sarah, Karen, Jackie & Margaret! We received a lot of end-of-year donations, which will really help us get started this year when we order supplies to begin our season!



Thank you to **Cub Scout Pack 19** that meets out of Trinity United Methodist Church in Lincoln! They gave us a great selection of items for our group! Vikki H. gave a presentation to them last Fall so they could learn about us.

## 2022 GIVE DAYS

We will be participating in several Give Days again this year!

Give Hastings Day and Go Big GIVE (Grand Island area) days are both on Thurs. May 5.

Fremont Area Big Give is Tues. May 10.

Share Omaha's Do Good Days are May 17 - May 19. That's Tuesday - Thursday.

We will also be participating in Give to Lincoln Day. These days help us raise more funds for WRT to keep helping the wildlife!

Stay tuned for more details!

## UPCOMING OUTREACH

In February, several WRT members will be speaking to a local elementary School about WRT. They will be doing a donation drive for us! More details to come!

## 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.



- **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.**

**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!**

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)

**Email** [contact@wildliferescueteamincne.org](mailto:contact@wildliferescueteamincne.org)

Find us on **Facebook** at Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc. and Instagram [wildlife\\_rescue\\_team\\_inc\\_ne](https://www.instagram.com/wildlife_rescue_team_inc_ne)

## WILDLIFE RESCUE TEAM OPEN HOUSE!

**Do you love animals?**

**Have you always wanted to help wildlife but didn't know how?**

**Join Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc. and make a difference!**



Join us for an Open House and information session:

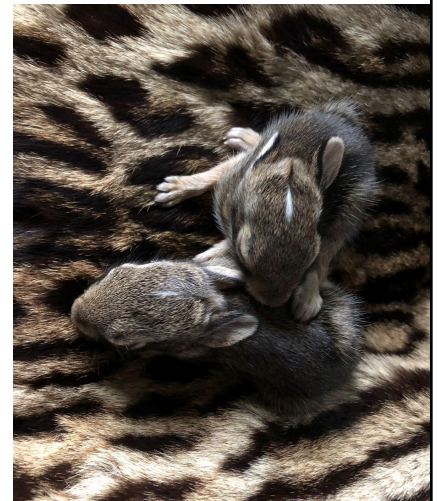
Monday, Feb. 7th from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

and sign up for membership

Monday, Mar. 7th from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

We meet at Grace Lutheran Church  
2225 Washington St, in Lincoln.

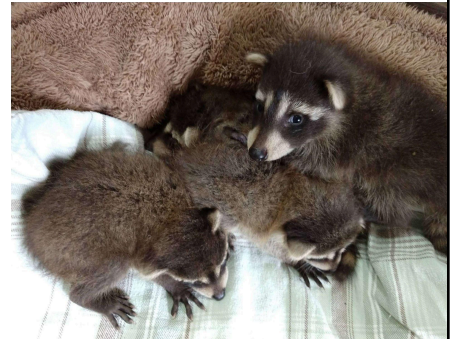
Look for the signs to find us!



Come and meet wildlife rehabbers and talk about becoming a volunteer. We will answer questions and you can sign up to be a member.

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.

**Let's get ready for Spring! We care for thousands of animals each year. We care for animals across the state of Nebraska! Tell your friends in other towns too!**



Contact us at our website:  
[wildliferescueteamincne.org](http://wildliferescueteamincne.org)

Our hotline: 402-473-1951

Our email:  
[contact@wildliferescueteaminc.org](mailto:contact@wildliferescueteaminc.org)

We hold monthly meetings in Lincoln on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church.

We help wildlife that is orphaned and injured and get them back into the wild where they belong!

We welcome members of all ages and from all walks of life! Come meet us and see how you can help!