

Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc. Newsletter - January 2026

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

<https://www.wildliferescueteamincne.org/>



WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR!

Here are a few reminders about finishing up 2025
and getting ready for the 2026 season.

ACQUISITION SHEETS!

For each animal we rescue and rehab, we need to create an acquisition sheet which includes who found the animal, the species, how many we rescued, release information, etc. We need these acquisitions by the end of the year in order to complete reports that are given to Nebraska Game & Parks and US Fish and Wildlife. This is very important, because our permits to rehab come from those two organizations.

If you have them completed for 2025 please send them in so we can finish paperwork for the year. We cared for approximately 2,000 animals in 2025!

In 2026, if you do them periodically when an animal dies or is released, send them in - it saves us a lot of time at the end of the year! Bring them to a meeting or mail to the P.O. Box in Lincoln.

Remember to work with your Team Leader to coordinate who will be creating the forms for each animal. Thank you to all members who help rescue, rehab and release! If you need an example of how to fill out the form and/or a form that you can use for your acquisitions - see the last couple pages of this newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Remember that all memberships are due at the **end of March**. **If you don't pay your dues you are no longer eligible to rehab wildlife.** You can pay your **renewal** membership dues via a check to WRT at PO Box 80127, Lincoln NE 68501 or via PayPal on the website or bring your dues to the next meeting.



NOTICE FOR WRT MEETINGS

Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. Join us at 7 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington St. in Lincoln. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 13th. The parking lot is on the east side of the church. Go down the stairs on the right hand side and into the basement to find us!

WANT TO HELP REHAB?

Become a member of WRT! We help wildlife that is orphaned and/or injured and release them back into the wild where they belong! Keep in mind that it is against the law to care for wildlife without a permit. Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc. has permits from Game and Parks and Fish and Wildlife that allows us to do the work we do. 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 or family member who really loves animals and would like to help, have them contact us! **402-473-1951**

DONATIONS

Thank you to all of you who donated over the course of 2025 and helped spread the word to your friends, family and employers! We did really well during our Give Days in the spring - we broke our own record for Give to Lincoln Day!

Remember that we are all volunteers - all donations WRT receives help care for the animals by purchasing formula, dog/cat food, vaccinations, feeding supplies, caging, etc. If you have a connection for donations, let us know - every little bit helps!

Did you know that you can set up **recurring** donations via PayPal? We have several wonderful donors who donate monthly.



OUTREACH

We were able to participate in various outreach events in 2025, including Prairie Hill Learning Center in Roca and Open Harvest Co-op Grocery in Lincoln. Thank you to partners like those organizations that help us spread the word about what we do!

WILDLIFE RESCUE NESTS (on Facebook) has members who create **crocheted and knitted** nests for rehabbers. Over the years, we have had dozens of these nests donated to WRT by people who made them for us. They are great for the animals! They are washable, which makes them reusable and makes them even softer. Follow them on Facebook. If you are talented enough to make them on your own, there are plans for various sizes and animals.

2025 RESCUES

Every year, we receive **THOUSANDS** of phone calls about wildlife. Sometimes we can educate the public about the animal's habits and to leave the animal alone but sometimes the animals need to be rescued. Last year, after some storms we received hundreds of animals within 24 hours! We were inundated with squirrels in particular after a bad storm in the Lincoln/Omaha areas. Thank you to all rehabbers who stepped up to help with calls, rescue, transport, rehab and release! **That was a lot of work!**



2025-2026 Officers:

Cindi Arthur, President
LeAnn Krause, Vice President
Mary Beth Lienemann, Treasurer
Vikki Henry, Secretary

Board members:

Kelly Richter, Kim Hammeren, Lynne Knutzen-Young,
Paige Elting and Shelly Bruntz



FUNDRAISING

Collect UPC codes from "Our Family", "Best Choice" and "Always Save" branded products. For each 500 UPC's that we send in, we receive \$25. You can find them at stores like Family Fare and Super Saver. You can send them to our P.O. Box, give them to a member or bring them to meetings. We will count them and send them in when we have a bundle. It's quick & easy and everybody buys groceries - cut off the code and send it in to us!

VET VISITS

If you have an animal that might need a visit to a vet, contact your Team Leader first!

NON-PROFIT STATUS

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit and when someone donates items to WRT, we send them a thank you letter for tax purposes. Any items, including money, that are donated 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.

**WILDLIFE RESCUE TEAM, INC.
ACQUISITION FORM**



Filled out by rehabber or the public. Complete as much information as you can.

RESCUER'S NAME (Person who found the animal - **not the rehabber**) and PHONE NUMBER

ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

Where was the animal found? (yard, street, driveway, attic, etc.)

Prior care attempted (food, water, veterinary visit, etc.)



TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION: \$ _____ THANK YOU! You will receive a tax receipt.

FOR WRT USE ONLY: (REHABBERS - Please complete this part of the form.)

SPECIES (Be specific - Robin, Squirrel, etc.) _____

Number M _____ F _____ Unknown _____

Date Received

Age(s) (estimate days/weeks/months old) Please circle the age or write it down.

Mammals (pinkie, infant, juvenile, adult) OR **Birds** (hatchling, nestling, fledgling, juvenile, adult)

Presenting Problem (cat/dog attack, hit window, hit by car, fell from a tree, nest destroyed, broken wing, nest flooded, mom killed, no parents around, etc.)

Please write down a date, not just a check mark.

1. _____ DOA _____ EOA (Euth. on arrival) _____ RELOCATED _____ DIED _____ EUTHANIZED _____ RELEASED
2. _____ DOA _____ EOA (Euth. on arrival) _____ RELOCATED _____ DIED _____ EUTHANIZED _____ RELEASED
3. _____ DOA _____ EOA (Euth. on arrival) _____ RELOCATED _____ DIED _____ EUTHANIZED _____ RELEASED
4. _____ DOA _____ EOA (Euth. on arrival) _____ RELOCATED _____ DIED _____ EUTHANIZED _____ RELEASED
5. _____ DOA _____ EOA (Euth. on arrival) _____ RELOCATED _____ DIED _____ EUTHANIZED _____ RELEASED

TEAM LEADER

REHABBER

REHABBER #2 (If transferred) DATE

RELEASE SITE & RELEASE DATE (IMPORTANT!)

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ACQUISITION FORM**



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Tom Selleck _____ 402-867-5309 _____
RESCUER'S NAME (Person who found the animal - **not** the rehabber) and PHONE NUMBER

_____ 1234 Main St _____ Daykin _____ NE _____ 68338 _____
ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

_____ in my yard after a storm _____
Where was the animal found? (yard, street, driveway, attic, etc.)

_____ put in a box _____
Prior care attempted (food, water, veterinary visit, etc.)



TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION: \$ 100.00 THANK YOU! You will receive a tax receipt.

FOR WRT USE ONLY: (REHABBERS - Please complete this part of the form.)

SPECIES (Be specific - Robin, Squirrel, etc.) _____ Squirrel _____

_____ 03/28/2025 _____ **Number** M 2 F 2 Unknown _____

Date Received

_____ 3 weeks old _____

Age(s) (estimate days/weeks/months old) Please circle the age or write it down.

Mammals (pinkie, juvenile, adult) OR **Birds** (hatchling, nestling, fledgling, juvenile, adult)

_____ tree fell down during storm _____

Presenting Problem (cat/dog attack, hit window, hit by car, fell from a tree, nest destroyed, broken wing, nest flooded, mom killed, no parents around, etc.)

Please write down a date, not just a check mark.

1. 5/28 DOA _____ EOA (Euth. on arrival) _____ RELOCATED _____ DIED _____ EUTHANIZED _____ RELEASED
2. _____ DOA _____ EOA (Euth. on arrival) _____ RELOCATED 5/31 DIED _____ EUTHANIZED _____ RELEASED
3. _____ DOA _____ EOA (Euth. on arrival) _____ RELOCATED _____ DIED _____ EUTHANIZED 7/4 RELEASED
4. _____ DOA _____ EOA (Euth. on arrival) _____ RELOCATED _____ DIED _____ EUTHANIZED 74 RELEASED
5. _____ DOA _____ EOA (Euth. on arrival) _____ RELOCATED _____ DIED _____ EUTHANIZED _____ RELEASED

_____ Vikki Henry _____
TEAM LEADER

REHABBER

REHABBER #2 (If transferred) DATE

_____ rural Jefferson County 7/4/2025 _____
RELEASE SITE & RELEASE DATE (IMPORTANT!)