

Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc.

Newsletter - July 2022

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



UPDATE ON AVIAN INFLUENZA

At this point, we are still not able to rescue & rehab birds. We are still getting calls on fledglings who need to be left alone for the parents to care for them, along with some nests coming down during our recent storms. We can give advice about how to make a fake nest for the babies so the parents can continue to care for them. If you have other bird questions, please give us a call at 402-473-1951!

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

We are currently accepting nominations for the 2022-2023 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 not having elections for Board positions because those are elected every two years and we had that election last year. Officers' positions are a one-year term. If you are interested in running for office, please contact the Chair of our Nominations/Elections Committee: Lynne Knutzen-Young at lynneknutzen1@gmail.com.

The election will be held at the September 13th meeting in Lincoln. Anyone who wants to run for a position must indicate that by the end of the August 9, 2022 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. \$20 for individual members and \$30 for family membership for renewals.

NOTICE FOR JULY MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 12th. 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 so you can join us!

MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Beginning this past March, we changed when dues are due. **All dues are due by the end of March so ALL members are due at the same time.**

RECENT DONATIONS

Thank you to Charlene, Joan, Leida, Vinnie, Jill, Juliana, Clarisa, Brenda, Karen, Fritz, Kristin, Aimee, Kaylin, Faye, Matt, Dona, Margaret, Barbara, Patrice, Diane, Marcia, Debbie, Richard, Melinda, Mary, Beverly, Kristi, Judy, Amy, Michael, Viv, Susan, Stuart, Jana, Larry, Pat, Deborah and many others for their recent donations! Many of these were received during the Give Days, but others were in memory of a loved one or as a thank you for rescuing an animal.

2022 GIVE DAYS

Thank you all for donating to our Give Days and for helping to spread the word! We participated in **Give Hastings Day** and **Go Big GIVE** (Grand Island area), the **Fremont Area Big Give**, **Share Omaha's Do Good Days** and **Give to Lincoln Day** on These days help us raise more funds for WRT to keep helping the wildlife in our care! We were able to raise over \$6,000.00 and with the rise in our supply costs, this will really help us with expenses.

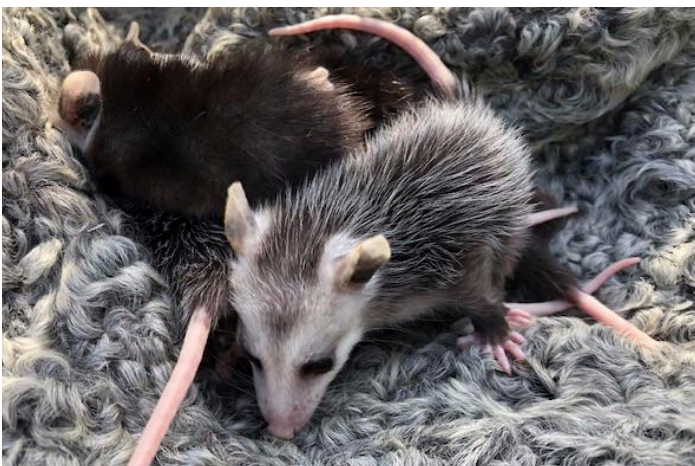
RECENT RESCUES!



These opossums are only the size of a small guinea pig, but have an attitude! They like to bare their teeth to scare us off!



These baby squirrels are both black! In some areas in Nebraska, we have both black and the typical reddish/brown Fox Squirrels. Black Squirrels are merely a mutation of the reddish brown squirrel. The squirrels are snuggling in a mink fur that was donated to Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc.



OUTREACH

WRT had a booth at Prairie Loft in Hastings at the end of April. Thank you to Shelly B. for staffing the table! Shelly also had a booth at Flatwater Music Festival! Thank you to those who visited WRT at the booth and donated to our cause! There were over 1,500 people at that festival! Thank you to Prairie Loft for inviting us to these events - we appreciate the chance to spread the word about WRT.

WAYS TO HELP

We recently received some crocheted nests that we can use for the animals. These are amazing and the animals love to use them! If you go to wildliferescuenests.weebly.com you can find plans to knit or crochet more! This is a skill I don't have, and I find the creativity amazing!



DID YOU KNOW?

Not all flocks of birds are called flocks. Some have several names for a group, like:

- A group of crows is called a Murder.
- Cardinals - college or Vatican.
- Cowbirds - a corral or herd.
- Cranes - a dance.
- Finches - a charm.
- Kingbirds - a coronation.
- Pelicans - a squadron.
- Quail - a battery.
- Roadrunners - a marathon.
- Swallows - a flight or gulp.
- Swans - a ballet.
- Turkeys - gobble, gang or posse.
- Woodpeckers - a drumming.
- Wrens - a herd.

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BIRD UPDATE

The bird has been delivered to a local wildlife rehab. Once he was taken out of the sun his condition began to improve.

#MCWS



For those of you who watched the College World Series on TV, you may have seen a photo of the fledgling finch that was saved by the Auburn baseball team! He became their new mascot and was nicknamed the “War Eagle”! It was a super hot day and he felt much better after getting out of the sun. He was a good luck charm for that game, as they won it and played again the next day.

REMINDERS

- **VET VISITS** If you have an animal that needs a visit to a vet, contact your Team Leader first! We have people with years of experience along with common medications we can use for the care of the animal. 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.
- 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.

RECENT RELEASES

We received several young woodchucks this year. They were recently released in a rural area where they can live their lives without running into trouble by making a home under someone’s deck or shed. Here’s a “baby photo” of one of them!



- **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.
- **NEWSLETTER INFO** If you have photos or stories to share, send them to contact@wildliferescueteaminne.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.

RECENT HOTLINE CALLS THAT WEREN'T RESCUES - in other words, they were left alone because they were doing just fine.



We received a call about a Barn Swallow that made a nest at a rest area in Nebraska. Mom and Dad were doing a good job of caring for their babies and even though they are near visitors all day, they are used to the audience. Under our Federal permit, we aren't allowed to move bird nests. This is a classic example of a Barn Swallow's mud nest. And so smart! They are under the roof area, so it protects them from rain and sun.

- **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.

You can tell this bird is a fledgling because of the short tail. He's still a little fluffy! This bird was found near Hastings but he was left so his parents could find him. No need to rescue him because he isn't hurt and his parents will continue to take care of him.



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

Email contact@wildliferescueteamincne.org

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