

Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc.

Newsletter - July 2024

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



IN MEMORY

One of our well-known members from days gone by passed away in April. **Lois Moss** was a member and rehabber almost from the start of WRT and we have been around for almost 45 years now! She was known in Lincoln as "the Bird Lady". She lived on Kessler Boulevard and many, many people took animals to her through the years. Many of us joined Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc., because of interactions with Lois and her birds. She had a kind and gentle heart, and will be missed by all of us!

We also lost rehabbers **Korrine Tanner, John Pabst and Kathy Cochnar**. Our prayers go out to all of their families and we thank them all for their dedication to Wildlife Rescue Team!

OUTREACH

WRT has participated in outreach in Lincoln at their wonderful **Earth Day celebration**, along with having a table at **Patriot Elementary's (Papillion) Family Night** and a discussion with **Nebraska Extension Educators** from several counties. Our outreach helps to spread the word about what WRT does and sometimes we are lucky enough to get some new rehabbers from that interaction!



Rose-breasted Grosbeak (male) rescued in Lincoln.

NOTICE FOR AUGUST MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 13th. Join us at 7 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington St. in Lincoln. We will plan on having our meeting outside. Bring a lawn chair! Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all of you who donated during our Give Days! We raised over \$6,000! That really helps with expenses like formula and vaccines!

ELECTIONS INFORMATION

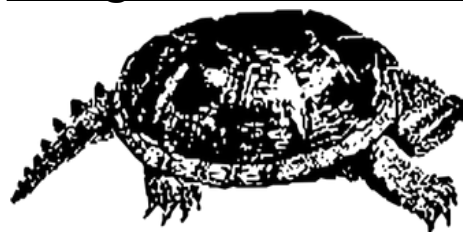
Our Elections for next year's **Officers** will be held in September. The current Board will continue to serve this coming year and will be up for re-election in 2025. Therefore, Board members will be elected in odd years and Officers will be elected in even years.

All nominations for an **Officer** position need to be submitted by the end of our meeting on August 13th. The Nomination Committee will determine whether that person is eligible to run. According to our newly revised Bylaws, in order to run for an Officer position, you must have served at least one year as a Board member and attend at least 9 out of 12 of our general membership meetings.

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.

Send nominations to:

contact@wildliferescueteamincne.org



SNAPPING
TURTLE

BABIES!

RESCUES

As you all know, we have had many storms this year. One of the mornings after a storm, a Least Bittern was found in a yard in Omaha. This bird is so much smaller than an American Bittern! Fortunately, it wasn't injured but needed to be relocated. It was very grumpy before it was released! Here are a couple photos of it. They camouflage themselves by sticking their necks up like a piece of grass and even sway with the wind!



We have started to get a second round of some babies. These opossums were rescued after their mother was hit by a car. They are snuggling in a piece of fur that was donated to us.



This young bobcat was being carried across a busy street in Lincoln when the mom was nicked by a car. The mother dropped the baby and ran away. She didn't return and someone rescued this baby out of the road!

According to an article in NebraskaLand magazine, in the past, bobcats weren't found all over Nebraska, but they are starting to be seen in more places. A Bobcat's diet consists mostly of cottontail rabbits. Their range is about 30 square miles.

SOMETHING FUN TO LISTEN TO:

Growing Small Town Nebraska Podcast

"Host, Sheila Jenkinson, interviews business & community leaders about revitalization in their small Nebraska towns!" **The latest one is the Old West Balloon Fest in Mitchell. Starts on August 7th. Go to <https://theoldwestballoonfest.com/> for more information. Sounds like fun!**

COMMUNITY SCIENCE APPS

Globe at Night - at certain times each month, community scientists use the app to find a certain constellation and complete questions about that constellation.

Seek and iNaturalist - Seek helps to identify plants, insects, etc. and is kid-friendly.

iNaturalist is an adult version of **Seek**. You can use your camera to upload and ID wildlife observations. These two apps can work together.

Merlin and eBird - record bird observations and identify birds.

Project FeederWatch - records birds that visit your home or school. The project runs every Nov. to April. Bird counts happen one or two days a week. The data helps scientists learn where the birds are in the winter.

Zooniverse - "a place for many different online community science projects...space, cells, wildlife and more."

HELP SAVE THE PLANET

I saw an advertisement for Kobbie's lip balm and was curious to learn more about it. <https://kobeesco.com/> They only use four ingredients and no plastic! Beeswax, Coconut Oil, Sunflower Seed Oil and Mango Butter.

DONATIONS

Thank you to:

Julie, Rena, Alicia, Ashlie, Bryan, Isaak, Lindsey, Michelle, Natalie, Michele, Hannah, Sara, Veronica, Windy, Kelly and Adam for their recent donations! Did you know that you can set up recurring donations via PayPal? We have several wonderful donors who donate monthly.

MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Remember that all memberships were due at the **end of March**. If you didn't pay your dues you are no longer eligible to rehab wildlife. We will remind members early next year to pay their dues for 2025.



EASIEST FUNDRAISING IN THE WORLD!

Cut off and collect UPC codes from "Our Family" branded products. For each 1,000 UPC's that we send in, we receive \$25. We also collect UPC codes from "Best Choice" and "Always Save" products. You can find them at stores like Family Fare and Super Saver. You can send them to our PO Box, give them to a member or bring them to meetings. We will count them and send them in when we have a bundle. Ask your friends and family to help too.

UNION PACIFIC TRAIN DERAILMENT

On June 12, there was a train derailment near Union, Nebraska. One of the railcars was punctured and leaked a synthetic adhesive into the nearby creek. WRT worked with UP to care for the animals that were unfortunate enough to land or swim in the water. So far, we have received two Wood ducks and two Great blue herons. It took an effort and some time to get the adhesive off the male Wood duck and he was eventually released. The other animals did not make it.



Officers:

Cindi Arthur, President
Sally Munson, Vice President
Mary Beth Lienemann, Treasurer
Vikki Henry, Secretary

Board members:

Kim Hammeren, Pat Kelley, Lynne Knutzen-Young,
LeAnn Krause and Dawn Lautenschlager

REMINDERS

- **VET VISITS** If you have an animal that needs a visit to a vet, contact your Team Leader first! We have a few vets that will give us a reduced price for the visit.
- **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 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.

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! 402-473-1951

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

We need help with bunnies and songbirds in particular. If you are interested in joining WRT, contact us and we will have someone reach out to you with more information.

