

Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc. Newsletter - October 2023

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



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

In **September**, we participated in **Open Harvest's SEED program!** We raised \$1,283.31! Thank you to **Open Harvest Co-op Grocery** for supporting our mission!

Please consider supporting Open Harvest - they are located in Lincoln at 1618 South Street.

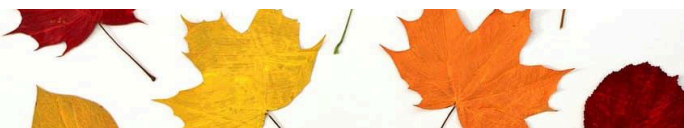
Thank you to Butterfly Bakery (and WRT member Katie) in Lincoln for hosting a fundraiser for WRT! We received over \$450 in donations for that event! And if you haven't checked out Butterfly Bakery near **33rd & Pioneers** in Lincoln, you need to check it out! They have delicious goodies! I recommend the **Key Lime Snow Bar!** Yummy!

RECENT DONATIONS

We are the lucky recipients of a partnership with **Earth Breeze**, which is a company that offers laundry detergent eco sheets. Instead of purchasing a plastic jug full of mostly water at the store, these sheets come in the mail. They are like thick dryer sheets. A pack of 30 sheets can do up to 60 loads, because you can tear them in half. When consumers purchase packs of Eco Sheets, ten loads of laundry detergent are donated to nonprofits like us! Their packaging says "over 700 million plastic detergent jugs are discarded every year." We are helping to reduce waste by purchasing products like this.

They also offer dishwasher detergent and toilet bowl cleaners. There is also a fragrance-free option for the laundry detergent, along with scents like Lilac Breeze and Fresh Linen.

Find them at earthbreeze.com.



NOTICE FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 14th. Join us at 7 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington St. in Lincoln. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month.



These Franklin's Gulls are just a few of the survivors of a terrible hailstorm near Alma, NE in early October. They were migrating and got caught in the storm. There were dozens that were scattered around town, either deceased or injured. One of our rehabbers and an Alma citizen (Susan S.) drove around town picking up the birds. The birds are currently in our care and recuperating so they can be released. Did you realize they fly all the way to Chile and Peru for the winter?



OUTREACH

We recently had an outreach table at **Prairie Loft's** Harvest Fest in Hastings. It was a beautiful day and there were over 900 people in attendance! Thank you to Prairie Loft for partnering with us again!

MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Remember that all memberships are due at the end of March. We hope this will help us with some of our paperwork. If you don't pay your dues by the end of March, you are no longer eligible to rehab wildlife. We will be sending out reminders in January.

ACQUISITION SHEETS!

For each animal we rehab, we create an acquisition sheet with information like rescuer, species, how many we rescued, were they released, etc. We need these acquisitions by the end of the year in order to complete reports that are then given to Nebraska Game & Parks and US Fish and Wildlife, in order to maintain our permits to rehab wildlife. If you have them completed because the animal died or was released, please send them in so we can do them periodically instead of all at once. Bring them to a meeting or mail to the PO Box in Lincoln. Thank you for your help!



Happy Halloween from this bat to you!

At this time of year, bats start coming in from the cold. If you find one, contact WRT at 402-473-1951 for advice. It will soon be too cold to release the bats outside!

Bat Week is Oct. 24 - 31. See batweek.org for more information.

ELECTION RESULTS

Welcome to our Board members:

Kim Hammeren

Pat Kelley

Lynne Knutzen-Young

LeAnn Krause and

Dawn Lautenschlager

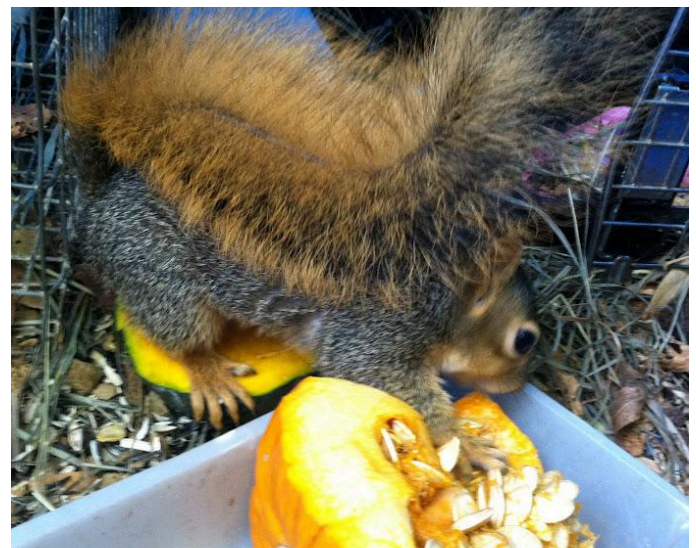
We are looking forward to working together!

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Now is the time to start thinking about Member of the Year **awards**. Nominate members who have stepped up and helped when we needed it, rookies who have spent their first year rehabbing, Team Leaders who knocked it out of the ballpark in helping their Team succeed, etc. Please contact the Nominations Committee - Mary Beth, Lynne or Kim Converse at Contact@wildliferescueteamincne.org.

RECYCLING PUMPKINS

Leave them in your yard either whole or cut up, for squirrels, deer, etc. Squirrels love the seeds and the whole thing! Or for dogs - cut pumpkins into strips and dehydrate them for dog treats!



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. 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.

Officers:

President: Cindi Arthur

Vice President: Sally Munson

Treasurer: Mary Beth Lienemann

Secretary: Vikki Henry

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! A member will meet with you to discuss how WRT works and go through the membership paperwork with you.

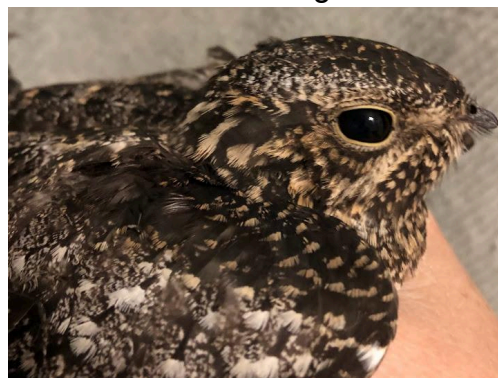
We help wildlife that is orphaned and injured and release them back into the wild where they belong! We welcome members of all ages and from all walks of life!

RECENT CALLS & RESCUES

These raccoons were discovered in a trash can. They probably fell in while looking for a snack. This is an easy rescue - just tip over the container, step back and let them leave on their own! They don't look injured and will be happy to be out of that trash can!



This Blue Jay was rescued after not being able to fly. He might have hit a window. He needed some rest before being released.



This Nighthawk was rescued after it was found with a wing injury.

GOODY BASKETS

At our December meeting, we will not have a regular meeting, but will meet in order to create and fill goody baskets for people who have helped us over the past year. Feel free to join us that night with goodies that can be placed in the baskets. Having things in small bags works really well, because that way we have a good variety for our friends. We usually create a couple dozen of them and then members volunteer to deliver them to the vets, businesses, etc.



These are some of the yummy baskets we filled last year! Everybody loves to receive them!



Ken Burns's newest two-part documentary, *The American Buffalo*, premieres [on PBS](#) October 16 and 17.

GOBBLER GOULASH

Ingredients

4 Cups of nuts (acorns, hickory nuts, peanuts)
4 Cups of cracked corn
4 Cups of popped corn (minus salt and butter)
Combine in a bucket or bowl

Find a good spot near a windbreak or under your favorite tree. Sprinkle directly on the ground or onto a raised ground feeder. This will attract ground eating birds like turkeys, quail and pheasant. Other birds like Blue Jays and your local squirrels will also enjoy this treat. "Taken from *Cooking for the Birds*", by Adele Porter



JOIN THE TEAM - If you want to become a member, please complete this form.

There will be paperwork to fill out, membership dues to pay and a meeting with a WRT member to go over the paperwork and then we can get you started!

Membership dues are \$30 for a year for a family or \$20 for a year for an individual.

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/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Hotline Phone: (402) 473-1951

Website: www.wildliferescueteamincne.org

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