

# Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc.

## Newsletter - September 2022

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



### UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Our elections for the coming year are in process! The Nominations/Elections Committee will be sending ballots to members who are eligible to vote. We will NOT be having "live voting" at our September meeting. We will also NOT be having people request absentee ballots.

#### The people running for office are:

President: Cindi Arthur & Kathy Johnson

Vice President: Sally Munson

Treasurer: Megan Jelken & Mary Beth Lienemann

Recording Secretary/Corresponding Secretary:  
Vikki Henry & Jennifer Perkins.

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 have questions, please contact the Chair of our Nominations/Elections Committee: Lynne Knutzen-Young at [lynneknutzen1@gmail.com](mailto:lynneknutzen1@gmail.com).

If you receive a ballot in the mail, please vote! If you have two ballots, that is because you have a family membership. There are also biographies included for candidates.

**THE BALLOT MUST BE POSTMARKED at least 5 days prior to the September 13th meeting, so it must be postmarked by Sept. 8th.**

It must be returned to:  
**WILDLIFE RESCUE TEAM, INC.**  
**PO BOX 80127**  
**LINCOLN NE 68501**

### NOTICE FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 13th. 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 that night!

### UPDATE ON AVIAN INFLUENZA

We are finally able to help rescue and rehab birds again! We are still getting calls on fledglings who need to be left alone for the parents to care for them, along with some injured fledgling and/or adult birds. We typically get birds in the fall when they migrate through and are injured on power lines, when they hit a window, etc. If you have bird questions, please give us a call at 402-473-1951!

### MEMBERSHIP DUES!

As a reminder: To vote and/or to run for office, all memberships must be in good standing for at least 90 days, which means you **MUST** be current on dues.

Last Fall, the Board began requiring that members pay dues by the end of March, instead of having memberships run from May to May or August to August, etc. If you did not pay by the end of this March, you can still pay now so that you can legally rehab.

**ALL dues will then be due at the end of March 2023.** 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.

## BIOGRAPHIES FOR CANDIDATES:

**Cindi Arthur** I have been a member of Wildlife Rescue Team, INc. since 1994 and have rehabilitated thousands of animals since then. I am the current president and I have held offices of secretary and board member. I am a member of NWRA and IWRC which are the national and international rehabilitation organizations that set the standards for rehab groups in the country. I have received certification in Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, Fluid Therapy, and Pain Management in wildlife. I manage all the rescue calls that come in through our Hotline, am Team Leader for several species and provide training to members.

I'm **Kathy Johnson** and I'd love to be the next President of WRT. I have been rehabbing for almost 14 years and am currently the Team Lead for several counties surrounding York. I love sharing knowledge and experience with fellow rehabbers, but also love learning from others. I strongly believe in doing what's best for the animals in our care. I have no doubt that I can make positive change within our organization, not just for the animals, but also for you as rehabbers. Feel free to contact me with concerns/suggestions about how we, as a team, can improve WRT.

My name is **Sally Munson** and I'm running for Vice President of WRT. I'm married with 2 children and live in Lincoln. I joined WRT in 2018. I'm currently Team Leader for raccoons in Lancaster, Co. but take in all species of animals. I'm chair of Training and Education and am on the Fundraising/Outreach Committee. My hope is to become a bigger advocate and voice for the animals as they are my passion and #1 priority! I believe to achieve our goals it takes all of us as a team and hope to be that advocate for all members.

**Mary Beth Lienemann** I joined wildlife rescue in 2000, became the cottontail team leader in 2002, held the office of corresponding secretary from 2002 to 2003 and in 2003 became the treasurer. The treasurer position includes picking up the mail from the post office box daily, depositing the cash receipts, paying the organizations bills, the preparation and filing of sales tax, occupation taxes and IRS form 990N. Entry of the cash receipts and disbursements into the general ledger system, balancing the bank account, preparation of a trial balance, monthly financial statements, cash receipts and disbursements journals and annual general ledger.

**Vikki Henry** I am originally from Lexington, NE, but came to Omaha for college. I joined WRT in 1995 and started taking care of bunnies. When my three boys came along, I started doing more paperwork and phone duty. Over the years, my family has helped me rescue and rehab and I have held various positions, including being Team Leader for most animals in the Omaha area, along with creating the newsletter, maintaining the website, ordering supplies, outreach and presentations and Corresponding/Recording Secretary. I have received certification in Basic Wildlife Rehab from NWRA. My favorite animals are beavers, squirrels, Nighthawks and pelicans.

My name is **Jennifer Perkins**, from a small Nebraska town called Fairmont. I'm the mom of 3 kiddos aged 17, 12 and 9. I also run my own Health and Fitness Business. I'm high energy and bring positivity. I am a nurturer. I have had a love for animals since I was very young. I am a natural leader, with a strong voice. I joined this organization for the animals, and that will be my number one priority. Politics and negativity have zero place in an organization like this, and I have a passion to make that happen.

## RECENT RELEASES!



This juvenile Green heron is currently in rehab. He is doing great and will be released in the fall.



These opossums were just two of eight siblings that were found earlier this summer when their mother was hit and killed by a car. They have grown big and have gotten grumpy! Mother opossums can have over a dozen babies!

## RECENT RESCUES



This Crow was found at Boys Town recently. He was easy to catch, which means we know he wasn't feeling well. He was possibly attacked by something and he succumbed to his injuries.



This nestling sparrow was found recently in Lincoln. You can see the feathers in the nest that was created by the parents! He is still in our care until he can be released.

### 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.
- **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.

### OUTREACH

WRT had a table at National Night Out in Hastings in early August! Thank you to Shelly B. for staffing the table! There were many people at the park that night, even though it was hot. Thank you to the City of Hastings for inviting us to these events - we appreciate the chance to spread the word about WRT.

- **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.**
- **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.

**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

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