

# Born to be Wild!

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## **FEBRUARY AND MARCH MEETING NEWS**

At the February meeting, the Membership awards were given to:

Mike & Joyce Greenfield (Hall of Fame)

Lois Moss (Hall of Fame)

Paula Hoppe (Outstanding Rehabber)

Dottie Kitchen (Outstanding Rehabber)

Dan & Christi Uhing (Outstanding Rehabbers)

**Thank you for your dedication and service to WRT!**

At the March meeting, supplies were handed out to the Team Leaders in attendance in preparation for our wildlife season, which has begun!

## **OUR REHAB SEASON HAS STARTED!**

**We received our first squirrel of the year on Valentine's Day. Most people get chocolates, but rehabbers get squirrels!**

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:**

**Kerry & Jerileigh Lauritsen**

**Mary Werner**

**Nanci Buckley**

**Jeff Rutt & Melissa Knight**

**Heather & Molly Wilkes**

## **SQUIRREL PHONE CALLS**

Many times, the typical call from the public goes like this, "I found a baby squirrel at the base of my tree." When this occurs, depending on the weather, the best thing to do is give Mother Squirrel a chance to pick up her baby. Sometimes they will pick up their babies and take them back to the nest, but not always. Spring thunderstorms can be exciting, but also dangerous for squirrels - their nests and/or their trees can fall down and now they have no place to go. Mother Squirrel can make another nest in a different tree or a different part of the tree, if given the chance. If you find a baby squirrel on the ground, keep an eye on it for a couple hours and if Mother doesn't return, we need to get involved. Call WRT and we can help care for the squirrel.

**As always, if you have questions or need help with a wild animal, call the hotline at 402-473-1951.**

## **SONGBIRD CALLS**

Soon, we will be getting in baby birds. Spring storms can wreak havoc on their nests. If you find a baby bird on the ground that has no feathers, you can try to place it back in the nest.

### **Remember the 4 P's:**

Find something PLASTIC (margarine tub, Cool Whip tub, ice cream bucket, flower pot).

POKE holes in the bottom for drainage.

Fill it with PAPER (paper towels, shredded newspaper or shredded paper).

PLACE the nest back in the bucket (if it's still together) and put the new nest back in the tree/bush where it came from. Remember to secure it - Nebraska is always windy!

When birds are older and have feathers and are hopping around the yard, they are fledging, which means their feathers are growing and their parents should still be caring for them. If they have feathers, leave them alone and let Mom and Dad Bird do their jobs.

## **LOCAL WILDLIFE NEWS**

The Sandhill Cranes are back! Check out the Rowe Sanctuary Crane Cam to see live video of the Platte River and the cranes and other waterfowl that are migrating through Nebraska.

## **EARTH DAY APRIL 21, 2013**

Don't forget that Earth day is April 21st this year! You can go to [Lincolnearthday.org](http://Lincolnearthday.org) to get ideas about what is available in the Lincoln area. In the Omaha area, check out [earthdayomaha.com](http://earthdayomaha.com). Check for events in your local communities!

## **INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION NEWS**

If you are interested in international wildlife conservation news, check out [bushmeat.org](http://bushmeat.org). The Bushmeat Crisis Task Force is a consortium of conservation organizations and scientists dedicated to the conservation of wildlife populations threatened by commercial hunting for sale as meat.

## Monthly Meetings

Please join us for our April meeting on Tues. Apr. 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington Street. All meetings take place the second Tuesday of the month.

Would you like to know how WRT works?

If you are interested in a speaker/presentation please contact -

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