



"DUCK TALES"

Wild Care's Monthly E-News



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www.wildcarecapecod.org

Marcy the Squirrel

by Jennifer Taylor,
Wild Care, Animal Care Coordinator

Every once in a great while a rescuer will bring us an orphaned squirrel with an odd type of genetic disorder- a lot like dwarfism. Their appearance is slightly different - the head being larger, their fur being a bit curly, the tail is shorter and their early development is delayed. They also are prone to health issues. Aside from these problems, they are little troopers and we have tried in the past to rehabilitate them. They are so darn cute!

Director's Message

November 10, 2016

Happy November Everyone!

Times are changing for wildlife on Cape Cod. With the announcement of the closure of the Cape Wildlife Center in Barnstable, we've been busy behind the scenes, preparing for an influx of animals, and reaching out to the community, and to people like you for support. Please read our Year-End Appeal letter to learn more about what this closure means for Wild Care and for the wildlife of Cape Cod.

While things remain uncertain, there is one thing that is for sure. We will be here for wildlife in need, and **we need your financial support more than ever during this tumultuous time.**

To those of you who have offered support. We thank you!



Marcy the Squirrel, by Cristalyn Searles

Years ago we hoped we to keep a squirrel with a similar condition in our Clinic, to foster tiny infant squirrels. We called her Edith. She was sweet and dear, and all she wanted was to cuddle and wash the younger babies. The infants loved her attention and nurturing. But after a couple of weeks the younger babies would grow up and become too "squirrelly" for Edith, jumping and trampling on her. So then we'd introduce her to the next batch. It worked very well, but Edith was having difficulty thermoregulating. She always had to be on a heating pad, and when she would move off of it, she would become severely hypothermic. We determined it was not a humane situation, and we made the sad but ethical decision to put her to sleep.

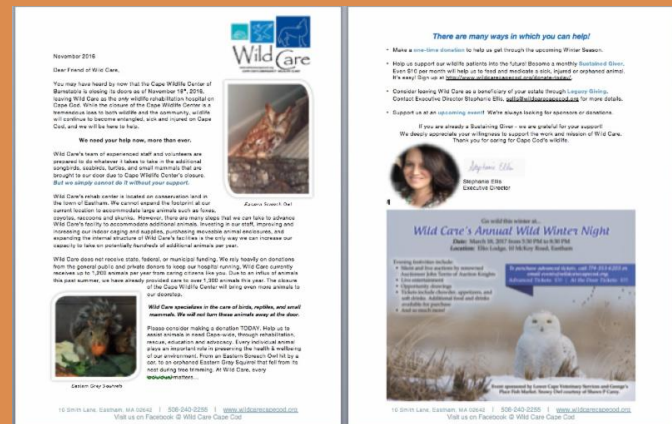
This fall we received another "dwarf" squirrel. After discussing how to approach this poor baby, Niki, Amy, Leah and I decided to give it our all. We hope she will be the next new member of our BABY SQUIRREL TEAM. We named her Marcy.



Photo by Amy Webster

Stephanie, Executive Director

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Having learned from Edith, we are watching Marcy very closely for health issues, and trying to work on her developmental skills. We were all thrilled when we turned off Marcy's heat pad for the first time and she stayed warm and toasty on her own. All the staff and volunteers are routing for Marcy. At first she could only eat soft "mush", a blend of rodent chow and formula.

This week she is choosing to eat big pieces of nuts and we found wood chips in her bed. This means she is gnawing! (A big MUST for all rodents.) To improve her strength and stamina, Amy set her up in a large physical therapy habitat with branches to climb over and under to get to her food and to her beloved hammock.

These are all baby steps but we so want Marcy to survive and be our foster squirrel! The next hurdle? To hold a nut and eat while sitting up! Stay tuned. We will keep you posted on Marcy's condition.

Wild Winter Night!

Go *wild* this winter at Wild Care's Annual Wild Winter Night!

Date: March 18, 2017

Time: 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Elks Lodge, 10 McKoy Road, Eastham

Evening festivities include:

- Silent and live auctions by renowned Auctioneer John of Terrio Auction Knights
- Live entertainment
- Tickets include chowder, appetizers, and soft drinks
Additional food and drinks available for purchase
- Opportunity drawings
- And so much more!

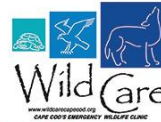
Mark it on your calendars! More information to come in early 2017! Check our website for updates:

<http://www.wildcarecapecod.org/wild-winter-night!>

To purchase advance tickets, call 774-353-6203 or email Jennifer Gillette @ events@wildcarecapecod.org.

Advanced Tickets: \$30
Tickets at the Door: \$35

Event sponsored by Lower Cape Veterinary Services and George's Place Fish Market.



**Buy a holiday dinner for a
Turtle \$5, Squirrel \$10, or Seabird \$15**



**Help decorate the Wild Care Christmas tree
by purchasing a "Buy a Holiday Dinner" ornament
this holiday season.**

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Thank you Van Rensselaer's Restaurant!



L to R: Wild Care Board of Directors, Judy Bullard,
Executive Director, Stephanie Ellis,
VR's Owners Diane and Peter Hall

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest "Dine-Out" dinner at Van Rensselaer's Restaurant in S. Wellfleet on Thursday, October 20th.

Van Rensselaer's owners Diane and Peter Hall generously donated all of the proceeds from their Harvest "Prix Fixe" dinner, as well as a portion of the proceeds from their regular dinner menu.

This lovely evening generated \$1,500 for Wild Care!

Thank you Diane and Peter Hall, and the chefs and waitstaff of VR's, for a truly wonderful evening celebrating the season. And thank YOU for joining us!



Snowy Owl by Shawn P. Carey.

Van Rensselaer's
RESTAURANT & RAW BAR

Volunteer Spotlight!

Wild Care has over 150 volunteers. We couldn't do what we do without them! Here's our chance to highlight some outstanding volunteers. This month we're spotlighting volunteer **Joseph LaForte**.



Volunteer Joe LaForte & "Marcy" the squirrel

Joe started volunteering in 2011, and is a tried and true volunteer! He has helped with rescues, he donated a washer and dryer to us this year, he does the grocery shopping when we need help. He is also our handyman and squirrel playground (enrichment) designer. He is a Joe of all trades! <3

Thank you Joe. You are just fantastic and we are so lucky to have you at Wild Care!

**Donate today to help
us treat injured,
orphaned and ill
wildlife this winter.
[Click here to donate!](#)**

Thank You Front Street Restaurant!



THANK YOU to everyone who attended the exquisite 5-course wine and food pairing dinner at Front Street Restaurant in Provincetown on November 3rd.

This wonderful event generated \$11,000 for Wild Care!

Special thanks to Front Street owners Donna Allpert and Kathy Cotter for their continued generosity.

Thank you to Emily Flax for coordinating this wonderful event. And especially, thank YOU for spending your evening supporting Wild Care!

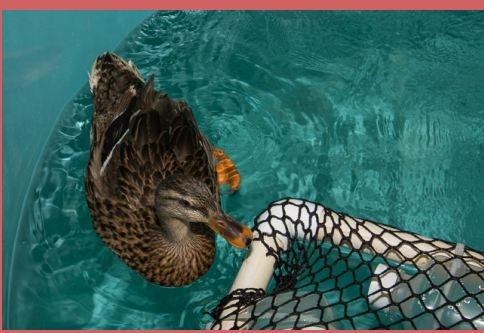
[Front Street Restaurant](#) is located on 230 Commercial St.

Wild Care at the Alternative Gift Market!

**This weekend November 12 & 13th
Unitarian Church of Barnstable
See you there!**



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About Wild Care

Since 1994, Wild Care has treated injured, ill and orphaned native wildlife for release back into the wild capable of independent survival, prevented wildlife casualties through public education and counseling, and engaged the community in conservation services through volunteerism. Wild Care does not charge the public for our services. We accept wildlife regardless of a rescuer's ability to make a donation; and we never compromise quality of care or the dignity of an animal's life for fundraising purposes.