



"DUCK TALES"

Wild Care's Monthly E-News



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A Feel Good Squirrel Tale

by Jennifer Taylor,
Wild Care, Animal Care Coordinator

Karen, a woman in Norton MA, found an orphaned squirrel last month. After making many calls to seek help for the baby, she was very happy when Wild Care responded. She had managed to keep the squirrel alive for a couple of days but knew it needed intensive care by wildlife specialists. She drove the 80 miles to Wild Care and then 80 miles back to Norton for the sake of that little squirrel.

Two days later she found another baby and made the trip again. She was grateful when we told her we would keep the siblings together. I explained how we keep families together and always put singletons in groups of three or four. Squirrels need the company of other squirrels to stay wild. We only handle them for feedings and nest

Director's Message

October 6th, 2016

Happy Autumn! Our orphaned squirrels are all grown up and nearing release time. Birds continue to move south to warmer climates. Wild Care has seen an influx of sick and injured migratory waterbirds and shorebirds in the past month...

Two species in particular that were brought to our care, a Sanderling and a Semipalmated Plover, are both long-distance migrants, coming from arctic breeding grounds and making their way to South America for the winter. Cape Cod is an important "fast-food" stopover for these species, a place to fuel up in order to make the next leg of their journey.

On September 28th, I had the privilege of releasing a Sanderling and a Semipalmated Plover on Skaket Beach. After nearly two week in our care, both birds overcame illness that had caused paralysis in their legs. Initially they

cleanings. A wooden nestbox is placed with each group for their last couple of weeks at Wild Care. When it is time for release, we set their nestbox home up in a tree so they will have a safe and familiar place in their new environment. After hearing this, Karen and her husband offered to make nestboxes for us! They also supplied us with items from our wishlist, and some super soft snuggly cloths that are perfect for baby mammals.



"Stay away from my nuts!" One of the three squirrels defending his nut cache.

Next day we received another call from Norton. One more baby still up in the tree! We gave advice for encouraging the baby down, and the next day our volunteer Elena Calabrese met Karen at the Bourne Bridge and delivered the third sibling to us... along with a nest box!

THANK YOU to all the kind people who care so much & go out of their way to help the little creatures who live all around us.

Hawks - To The Rescue!

by Jennifer Taylor,
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Last month early in the morning a Wild Care volunteer was driving to work and saw a Red-tailed Hawk wounded on the road. As fate would have it, Wild Care was nearby, and the hawk was brought to us for care.

It was a large hawk, probably a female, and had obvious head trauma, and an eye injury. We receive many raptors with these two issues. Young raptors, like this one, are new to hunting and must learn the precision needed to aim, attack, and catch prey from high above - all within a split second. Any misjudgment can result in an injury. The impact of a raptor on its prey often crushes the victim's bones. Unfortunately, their prey animals are highly visible on roads and raptors know this. The hard asphalt adds to the impact. When we

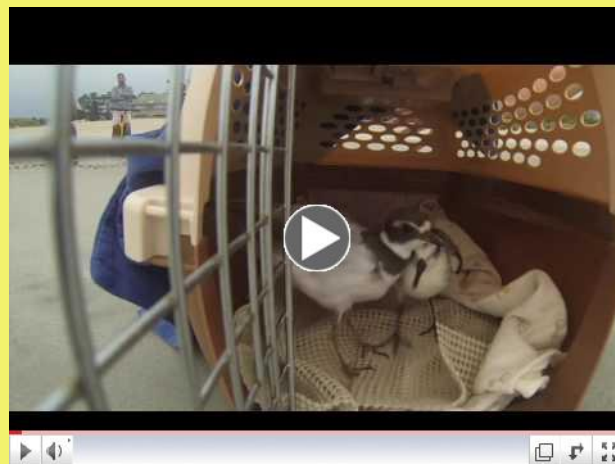
were very weak, and unable to stand. With supportive care and time, these birds made a full recovery and were able to be released. **Click on the video link to see their release below.**

Bon voyage little ones! See you next Spring.

Sincerely,
Stephanie, Executive Director

Help us to get wildlife healthy again and to prepare them for their next journey!

[Please make a donation today.](#)



Wild Care Shorebird Release - 9/28/16

Wild Care would like to thank volunteer and supporter Elizabeth Brooke for donating a GoPro Hero Camera, and a DropCam. Thanks to her, Wild Care can make video like this happen. Thank you Elizabeth Brooke for your love of animals!

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**Harvest "Dine-Out" for Wild Care
at Van Rensselaer's Restaurant
Oct. 20th from 4-8:30 PM**

receive a hawk found on a road we also know it might have been hit by a car while it was hunting.



Red-tailed Hawk - Released!

This particular hawk recovered well. With medication and supportive care, the head trauma and eye issue resolved. It was up on a perch and acting aggressively within the week! Aggression is a good sign in this case. After Wild Care Rehabilitator Niki and I watched it devour three large mice in front of us, while dipping them daintily in its water bowl, it was obviously time for the pre-release aviary!

In the aviary we can watch the bird's progress and know when it is time for release. We look for strength, stamina, flight ability and accuracy along with waterproofing. This bird passed all of our tests and was released within 17 days of its rescue. Another happy ending!

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'd like to spotlight volunteer **Lynn Cobb-Martin**.



Come celebrate the season and dine out for Wild Care at Van Rensselaer's Restaurant in S. Wellfleet on **Thursday, October 20th, between 4 and 8:30 PM.** A portion of the proceeds from their regular dinner menu will be donated to Wild Care.

In addition, Van Rensselaer's will offer a special 3-course Vegan OR Vegetarian Harvest "Prix Fixe" Menu for \$30 per person. Menu coming soon!

100% of the proceeds from the Prix Fixe menu will be donated to Wild Care!

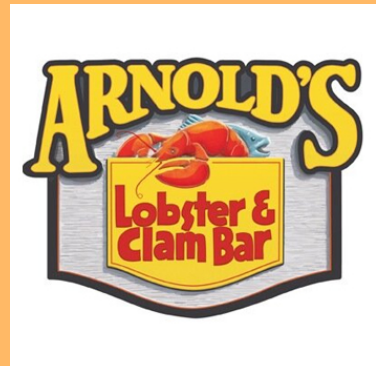
Reservations are encouraged. Call VR's at 508-349-2127 [Van Rensselaer's](#) is located at 1019 Rt. 6, S. Wellfleet

Van Rensselaer's
RESTAURANT & RAW BAR

"Dine-Out" at Arnold's on September 18th raised \$8,000!

THANK YOU!

We'd like to thank everyone who dined out at Arnold's on September 18th to support Wild Care. The event raised \$8,000! We are so grateful to owner Nick Nickerson for his love of animals and his support of Wild Care. Wild Care received over 100 additional patients in the months of August and September, compared with 2015. This generous donation came at a time of great need, and we are grateful for Nick Nickerson's kindness and generosity!



Visit <http://www.arnoldsrestaurant.com>, 508.255.2575
Located at 3580 State Hwy 6, Eastham
Open through Columbus Day!

Lynn started volunteering at Wild Care in the Summer of 2013. Lynn has been a Godsend! She currently volunteers two days per week in our Clinic. She does everything from hand-feeding baby squirrels and baby birds, to doing our grocery shopping, to transporting animals for vet visits, animal rescues, help at events... She has even helped us compile our annual animal reports.



Thank you Lynn. We are so grateful to have your help, and to see your wonderful smiling face at Wild Care every week! <3

Donate today to help us treat injured, orphaned and ill wildlife this Fall. Click here to donate!



Welcome Jennifer Gillette!

5-Course Wine Pairing Dinner at Front Street Restaurant



You are cordially invited to an exquisite 5-course wine and food pairing dinner at Front Street in Provincetown.

Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30 PM
\$250 per person. RSVP required

Please RSVP to Emily Flax, 508-487-2430 x 115
or emily@atlanticbaysir.com

All proceeds benefit Wild Care. This event is hosted in memory of Lincoln Sharpless, for her love of animals and her dedication to Wild Care's mission.

Front Street Restaurant is located on 230 Commercial St.

A Seabird Pool Dedication in Honor of Wild Care's Founder



*Karen Von den Deale, with Wild Care Board Member, John Kelley, at the Seabird Pool Dedication ceremony.
Photo by Margie Austin.*

On Saturday, August 24th, Wild Care celebrated a woman who is a very special part of our history...
Karen Von den Deale.

Karen, a Wildlife Rehabilitator, and lifelong lover of animals, was in her living room in 1993 when she and her volunteers decided to form their own wildlife hospital on Cape Cod. They called it, "Wild Care".



We'd like to welcome Jennifer Gillette as Wild Care's part-time Marketing and Events Assistant!

Jennifer comes to us with a wealth of experience in graphic design, public relations and advertising, as well as a love for animals and the great outdoors.

Jennifer is eager to help Wild Care and cannot wait to put her years of experience to work for us.

Read more about Jennifer [here..](#)

The rest... is history!

Wild Care named our "Seabird Therapy Pools" in honor of Karen and her lifelong commitment to wildlife, with a private ceremony and ribbon cutting.

Thank you to all who attended, and to Wild Care Board Member, Kerry Reid, for hosting a lovely reception at her home, and for designing this beautiful dedication sign in Karen's honor.



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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.