



"DUCK TALES"

Wild Care's Monthly E-News



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www.wildcarecapecod.org

I'll Trade You!

By Wild Care Animal Care Coordinator
Jennifer Taylor

Last summer, the New England Wildlife Center (NEWC) received a large Snapping Turtle that was injured after being struck by a car in Randolph, MA. After medical treatments and repair of his shell wounds with a special "zip-tie" system, the turtle faced months of recovery time in rehab...

At the same time, Wild Care was desperately seeking placement for an orphaned raccoon... Luckily, NEWC was willing to accept the baby Raccoon if Wild Care would house the above mentioned turtle. Well, it just so happened that a very large room in our "raptor" aviary was empty, and it was perfect for the snapper! It had 100sq. feet of sand, gravel, hiding

Director's Message

July 6, 2016

We currently have 86 animals in our care. I feel proud of the great service Wild Care offers to the animals, and to the community. With every phone call received, and every animal brought to Wild Care, we are educating people about how to co-exist with local wildlife. Sometimes, healthy animals are "over-rescued" by well-meaning and compassionate individuals. Through our Wildlife Helpline, we make sure that the animals brought to our door truly need our help. When in doubt, you can always call us! We are here 7 days a week, 365 days per year to answer your wildlife questions. DAILY: 9 AM - 5 PM, 508-240-2255

Wild Care is also the ONLY wildlife facility locally that rescues animals. Our volunteers, staff, & interns have rescued animals round-the-clock to prevent them from further harm. We do what it takes to get animals care.

logs and a pool. A regular day spa for a turtle. :)



Photo by S. Ellis

After a couple more surgeries and radiographs, it was decided by Dr. Adamski that the turtle must be wintered over and released in Spring, if ready...

Wild Care staff then set up a 100-gallon aquarium with a new filter, ready to continue an ongoing course of treatment: antibiotic injections, flushing, cleaning, and re-banding of the wounds.

Well, we are delighted that it is finally June, and Dr. Adamski has declared the snapper releasable! Our staff and volunteers have enjoyed the snapper's charming personality and he will be missed. But we are even more excited for his release. He deserves the biggest, deepest, muckiest pond in Randolph to live out a long and happy life - away from traffic!

Thank you Dr. Adamski and NEWC for this wonderful collaboration!

Caring for wildlife is Wild Care's mission.

Please make a donation today! Help to support our mission, and help us continue providing the individualized care that we give to Cape Cod wildlife every single day. Animals do not come with health insurance, that's why we need YOU!

Sincerely,
Stephanie, Executive Director



Wild Care article featured in the June 17th Cape Codder. Read [here!](#)

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Blue Birds of Happiness

by Jennifer Taylor

Several weeks ago, orphaned Eastern Bluebirds arrived at Wild Care from Truro. A watchful homeowner named Joe Francis, noticed that the father bluebird had disappeared from his nest of 5 baby bluebirds, leaving mother bluebird frantic to keep up with feeding of the young. Joe assisted by offering her platefuls of purchased mealworms...

Another male soon appeared with the female, but did not seem to be helping out very much with parental care. We encouraged Joe to call Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, to help determine the baby bluebirds' chance of survival with a new step parent. The

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Wild Care's Yard Sale

consensus was grim... It was then decided that the nest be brought to Wild Care.

Four of the five babies survived in our care, and quickly grew from nestlings to fledglings within a few weeks. They were also the first birds to enjoy our newly renovated and spacious Songbird Aviary! (See right!)



Nestling Bluebirds. Photo by S. Ellis

On June 21, the bluebirds were released at their home site in Truro. Bluebirds have been nesting there for many years. It is the perfect environment for them, with open fields of bugs and lots of fruit trees providing food sources through the Fall.

Eastern Bluebirds are delightful birds to listen to. Watching the iridescent blue feathers appear on their wings was extremely special to observe up close. Their stay at WildCare lifted everyone's spirits. A happy ending for all!

Thank you to Joe Francis for his observant and compassionate nature!

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 **Julie O'Neil**.

Julie has been volunteering with Wild Care since 2003. She is currently a member of Wild Care's Board of Directors. She assists by feeding hungry babies for our Baby Bird Program once per week, and also comes to Wild Care FOUR DAYS PER WEEK to answer our wildlife helpline! (We receive up to 4,000

Raises \$7,632!



Thank you to everyone who came to our 22nd Annual Yard Sale on June 11th.

It was a smashing success! Over 180 people were lined up at the door of the Harwich Community Center waiting to get in and find some treasures!

Many thanks to Wild Care's Yard Sale Volunteer Coordinator **Jan Raffaele**, for all of her work organizing this event! Thank you to our **volunteers** who contributed 392 hours to make this event a success. Last but not least, thank you to **Carolyn Carrey, Executive Director of the Harwich Community Center** for hosting us for yet another year. We're already looking forward to next year!!!

Read [more...](#) See you in 2017!

Get the "Lowdown" on Wild Care with WOMR!



Listen in on a 30-minute podcast with Wild Care's Executive Director, Stephanie Ellis and WOMR Radio Host Ira Wood of the "Lowdown", for all things Wild Care!

calls per year, so this is no small task.) She has also served on the Fundraising Committee, assists at events, and her photography skills have earned her a spot as Volunteer Photographer at numerous Wild Care events.

Thank you Julie - from the staff, the Board, and the critters. You have been a Godsend to Wild Care! We love you! <3



Volunteer - Julie O'Neil
Photo by C. Searles

Interested in volunteering? We need volunteers to assist in the OFFICE & FUNDRAISING! Are you organized, creative, or have great community networks? Then we need YOU! View or volunteer requirements and fill out an online applications [here](#) or email Niki Howes @ volunteer@wildcarecapecod.org.

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Wild Care's Baby Shower was "Wildly" Successful!

Thank you to everyone who attended our "Wild Baby Shower" on June 18th. We received almost \$1,000 in donations, \$350 in gift cards, and DOZENS of donations of items. We have MANY to thank for the success of this event. Click [here](#) to read more...

Couldn't make the Baby Shower? It's not too late to give a gift! Check out our Baby Shower [wishlist](#). Drop off items anytime. We're here 7 days a week. Or make a [donation](#) now!

Intern Corner

Wild Care hosts interns annually from Spring through Fall. They help us with everything from animal care, cleaning, rescue, and even shopping for groceries for our patients. Like our volunteers, we simply could not survive without them!

Summer 2016 Intern **Nicole Reber** comes to us from Douglas, MA. She is a senior at the University of Vermont and wanted to "experience working with birds", after taking an Ornithology class at UVM. "I wanted to feed baby birds. I am feeding lots of babies at Wild Care, and I love it!" She graduates from UVM next Spring, and will begin a new internship or job search. We are lucky to have Nicole through early August.

Thank you Nicole! You are a tremendous help to the staff and the animals at Wild Care! <3

Our Songbirds Have New Digs!



We are so happy with our newly renovated Songbird Aviary!!! The mesh roof and interior keeps birds' feathers safe, provides visibility of the night sky (important for migratory species), and provides an airy, natural



*Intern Nicole Reber removes garden netting from a Black Racer snake.
Photo by N. Howes*

Interested in becoming an intern at Wild Care? Please visit our website for our [Internship Application](#) or email internship@wildcarecapecod.org. We have openings NOW!

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environment for the birds. Thank you to [Jeff Carlson](#) of Carlson Crafted Homes, Inc. in Eastham, for the love and craftsmanship that he put into this aviary!

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Photo by A. Webster

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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.