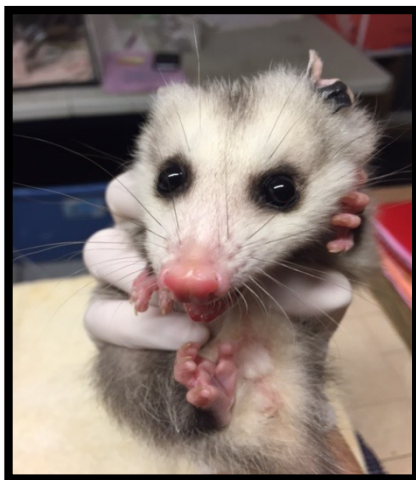
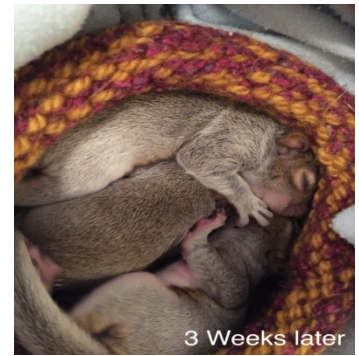
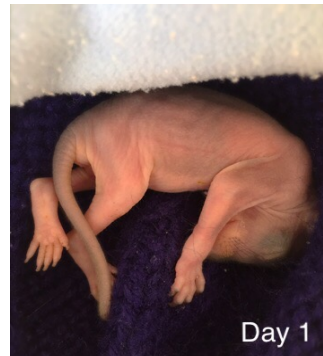


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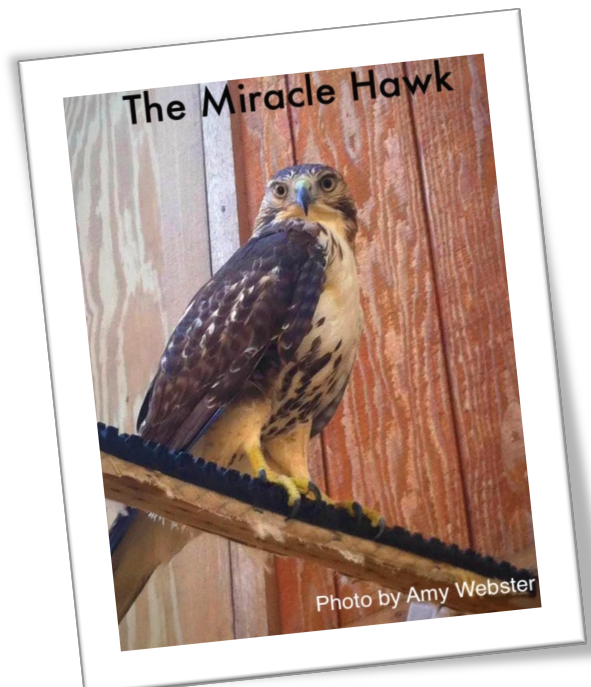
Spring is a season of rebirth and renewal. With the warm weather just around the corner, Wild Care has begun to see the telltale signs of spring in our clinic. On March 31st, we received our first orphaned Eastern Gray Squirrel of the season. The squirrel was unable to be reunited with his mother and was transferred to Wild Care for intensive care. We've also received our first orphaned Virginia Opossum. This opossum was found wandering in a backyard in Harwich after dropping off his mother's back prematurely. The opossum is under observation by the caring staff at Wild Care, and is expected to be released back into the wild very soon.



***At Wild Care, We offer animals a chance for a new beginning...***

In some cases, Wild Care provides a second chance even when the likelihood of survival is slim. One such case is an adult Red-tailed Hawk that Wild Care received this winter from Chatham. The hawk collided with a glass partition and suffered head trauma, and was unable to stand. Despite the poor prognosis, Wild Care staff was *determined* to get this hawk back on his feet. The first three days proved most critical, followed by *daily* physical therapy and medication in our intensive care ward until the hawk was finally able to stand. Eventually, the hawk was moved into an outdoor raptor aviary to perch and stretch his wings. It then took additional weeks of encouragement and creativity by the staff to get the hawk to hunt and fly. Imagine the reaction of Wild Care's Wildlife Rehabilitator Amy Webster when she entered the aviary to see the hawk flying for the very first time! This bird's release in March provides the ongoing hope and renewal that this season so naturally brings.

*This is the beauty of Wild Care.* Our skilled and compassionate wildlife rehabilitators believe in Wild Care's



philosophy; **every individual matters**. This is especially true when you consider the fact that the majority of wildlife that come through Wild Care's doors have been impacted negatively by humans in some way. Wild Care believes it is our humane and compassionate responsibility to provide a **second chance** to each animal patient, and to gain a better understanding of how to co-exist with our wildlife neighbors.

***Wild Care needs YOUR help to continue to provide individualized care to the hundreds of baby animals that will come through our door this season. Please help us to provide them with a second chance by making a donation towards their care TODAY.***

Soon, our Baby Bird Nursery will be bustling with the sounds of hundreds of orphaned songbirds begging for their next meal. Wild Care volunteers will provide them with nurturing care daily from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. from May through September. Only with the coolness of the autumn air and the shortness of daylight, will the baby season begin to subside!

I am also excited to announce my own new beginning with Wild Care as Executive Director. Formerly the Executive Director of Wild Care from 2012-2013, I moved to California for two years, where I gained a vast amount of experience in wildlife rehabilitation, avian conservation, and nonprofit fundraising. I am eager to apply all that I have learned, to support Wild Care's mission. Never have I worked with a group of such compassionate and dedicated individuals. I am eager to support the continued success of this wonderful organization!

***Please help us to continue to give wildlife a second chance. There are many ways you can help!***

- Make a one-time donation to help us get through the summer season.
- Become one of our ongoing monthly donors.
- Support us at one of our upcoming events!

We deeply appreciate your willingness to support the work and mission of Wild Care to protect and preserve the vulnerable wildlife of the Cape. Simply fill out the enclosed remittance envelope and let us know how you can help at this time.



You are the reason we are able to give our wildlife companions in need a new beginning!

Happy Spring!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Ellis".

Stephanie Ellis  
Wild Care, Inc.

### **"Wild Care Baby Animal Shower"**

Help us to prepare for new arrivals to our nursery. Enjoy light refreshments and take home a party favor from our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wild Care Baby Animal Shower. June 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-4 pm  
Wild Care 10 Smith Ln., Eastham

### **"Wild Care Yard Sale"**

Join us for Wild Care's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Yard Sale! Come find some treasures. All proceeds benefit Wild Care!  
June 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12 pm  
Harwich Community Center  
100 Oak St., Harwich