



# "DUCK TALES" Wild Care's Monthly E-News



To learn more about Wild Care, visit our web site!

www.wildcarecapecod.org

## Two Kits in A Pit

WILD CARE staff reunited two Red Fox kits with their parents in Eastham in April. These two babies had fallen into a water pump pit located under a small cottage residence. The homeowners heard their pitiful cries all night long and contacted Wild Care the following day. Wild Care arrived at the scene to assess the situation, hoping to ease the stress of the homeowners, and the

We captured and examined the kits and determined that they were fat and healthy. We then plugged the hole in the pit where the foxes had fallen through. We searched and found a den entrance located around the foundation of the house. (It was very exciting when we discovered a freshly killed wild mouse plunked right in the front of the den! This assured us that the parents were still close by. We placed the kits at their den entrance and they immediately scooted in. Home once again!

Thank you again to the homeowners who agreed to let the foxes raise their family right under their home!

# **Director's Message**

As I write this, the sun has set, and our critical care ward has grown quiet for the evening. The three orphaned Eastern Screech Owls that were brought to us today, are finally hydrated and stable enough to be offered their first meal, and they have hungrily devoured it! The orphaned songbirds in our incubator are asleep for the night, and will arise with the early morning sun, waiting to be fed again...

And we will be here for them when they awaken...

At Wild Care, our dedicated staff and volunteers work round-theclock caring for the hundreds of animals that come through our door. At Wild Care, we give animals a second chance.

To learn more about the incredible service that Wild Care provides to local communities and wildlife, check out our

#### Spring Appeal Story

Please make a donation today! Help us to continue providing the individualized care that we give to our native Cape Cod wildlife

Wild Care does not have the facility space to accommodate foxes. However,

we frequently provide phone advice and assistance, to help people to coexist with their wild neighbors!



Wild Care Animal Care Coordinator - Jennifer Taylor, prepares to place the kits back into their den. Home again! Photo by S. Ellis

#### Wild Care's NEW WEBSITE!

We are DELIGHTED to announce our new website, launched on Earth Day - April 22, 2016! Check out our upcoming events, photos, volunteer opportunities, news, and more...

Click here: www.wildcarecapecod.org

Many thanks to Josiah and Desiree Cole at Colewebdev in Eastham, for developing this beautiful website, and for all of their IT support. Thank you also to Lisa Cavanaugh for facilitating our new site, and providing content. We would like to especially thank Sherri Pedane for her generous donation that made it all happen!



Sincerely,

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### Wild Care's 22nd Annual

Yard Sale!





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# Three Lucky Gulls!



Photo by Niki Howes

WILD CARE released this group of gulls in April. Every animal comes into Wild Care with a fascinating story. The adult Herring Gull was found dazed in the middle of a busy road in Harwich. The juvenile Great Black-backed Gull, was discovered inside the trunk of the rescuer's car in Harwich after a visit to Provincetown! The adult Great Black-backed Gull, also from Provincetown, had a broken toe, and was brought into Wild Care after managing to send one of its (untrained) rescuers to the emergency room. Remember- WATERBIRDS BITE! Contact your local Animal Control Officer or Wild Care before attempting a rescue of a wild animal! (The injured rescuer did not hold a grudge. He called the next day and stopped by to see how his gull was doing!).

Please consider making a donation to help animals like our gulls, by clicking here!

## **Volunteer Spotlight**

Wild Care has over 150 volunteers who assist us with everything from animal care to facility repairs, to fundraising. We couldn't do what we do without them! Here's our chance to highlight some outstanding volunteers. This month we would like to spotlight volunteer **Kerry Reid**.

Kerry has been volunteering with Wild Care since its inception with Karen Von Den Deale in 1993 (and incorporation in 1994). In fact, Kerry created Wild Care's very first logo! Kerry has volunteered with Wild Care in many capacities. She is our Corvid Specialist, providing home care to all of our crows and jays, and she currently serves on our Board of Directors. Kerry's immeasurable amount of knowledge and experience has been a huge asset to our office and clinic. Her resourcefulness, dependability, and dedication has helped our Office Administrator and animal care staff immensely throughout the years. Kerry is an amazing woman and friend to us all! We love you Kerry!



# June 11th, 9AM-12PM at the Harwich Community Center!

Spring is here and you may have already started a big clean-out of your garage and attic. When you discover treasures you are willing to part with, put them aside for Wild Care's Yard Sale. We are accepting Yard Sale donations June 10th, 1-6 PM at Harwich Community Ctr.

Seeking new treasures? You'd better come to our Sale on June 11th, we've got hundreds of items to choose from!

Check out our <u>website</u> for all the details on what, and how you can donate. Or contact Jan Raffaele, Yard Sale Coordinator at <u>ferals18@msn.com</u>, 774-237-0797 for more information, and for **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** for this popular and fun annual event.

# Wild Care is Having A Baby Shower!



Virginia Opossum. Photo by Amy Webster

You're Invited! Our baby songbirds, opossums, and bunnies are arriving at our wildlife clinic. Help us prepare

for their arrival. Have a guided visit of some of our outdoor enclosures. Enjoy light refreshments and take home a party favor. <u>Details here...</u>

Stop by Wild Care on Saturday, June 18th, between 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. No need to RSVP. Just stop by!

Baby Shower gifts are greatly appreciated. Print out our Baby Shower <u>wishlist!</u>



Wild Care Volunteer, Kerry Reid

injured, orphaned and ill wildlife this Spring.

Click here to donate!

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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.