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Dear Friend of Wild Care

Summer is our busiest time of year. From May through July, we've cared for 672 animals! That's nearly *half* the number of animals that Wild Care sees in an *entire* year. We've also fielded HUNDREDS of phone calls in the past few months, from caring individuals who have found an injured or orphaned animal and need to know what to do. Wild Care takes pride in the fact that we educate the public through our helpline, to ensure that animals get the help they need, and to prevent healthy animals from being "over-rescued" by well-meaning and compassionate people.

Did you know that we are the ONLY local wildlife hospital that regularly conducts wildlife rescues?

Wild Care's dedicated team of staff and volunteers frequently conduct rescues when an animal cannot easily be brought to us for care. From a caller with a large hawk on their screen porch, to children on bikes standing by a wounded squirrel, to Red Fox kits trapped in a pit overnight without their mother, we try our best to offer help as soon as possible. Our volunteer base is primarily located on the Lower Cape, so calls from further locations can be challenging. Even so, by networking with other local organizations and individuals, we still managed to recently rescue a cormorant entangled in fishing line, out of the driveway of an elderly homeowner in Wood's Hole.

Wild Care also provide rescues for species that may be more challenging to handle, or are caught in predicaments that would not be safe for an untrained person. We had such a rescue just two weeks ago...



Wild Care Wildlife Rehabilitator Amy Webster responded to a call that an adult Osprey had been dangling from the top of a 60ft tree in Orleans for *three* days. Amy, the Orleans Police, and a local tree worker worked together to successfully remove the Osprey and transport it to Wild Care for care. Miraculously, the bird suffered minimal injuries, and was just released back to the marsh that it once called home.

Wild Care reunites and fosters baby animals to give them the best chance of survival in the wild...



At Wild Care, our dedicated and highly trained staff work *round-the-clock* to reunite orphaned animals back with their families. If we cannot locate their family, we find them a new one! This was such the case with this young Wild Turkey found in Truro...

A bystander witnessed a turkey family get hit by a car. Four turkey poults were killed, and this youngster was fortunate to be rolled by the car and not crushed. He was taken to Wild Care in poor condition. The first few days were touch-and-go, as the young turkey exhibited signs of head trauma. Turkeys are extremely social. Since we did not have any other young turkeys to place with him and encourage him to eat and thrive, Wild Care Staff placed two Mallard ducklings into his cage for company. It's miraculous what supportive care, medicine, and friends can do. The turkey's spirits began to lift and it became clear that he was on the road to a quick recovery. Wild Care Staff was unable to locate the turkey's original family but worked diligently to find another family to foster this bird. We are thrilled to report that this turkey was successfully introduced into a turkey foster family in Truro.



While these stories are heartwarming, successful wildlife rescues and reunions such as these take up a lot of time and available resources...

Won't you please help us to alleviate some of our costs, so we can continue to provide these wonderful services for wildlife & the community? Please make a donation TODAY.

Wild Care does not receive any state, federal or municipal funding. Our doors are kept open because of generous public donations from people like you.

Please help us to continue to raise awareness, rescue, reunite, and foster our wildlife. There are many ways in which you can help!

- Make a one-time donation to help us get through the Summer & Fall seasons.
- Become one of our ongoing monthly donors.
- Support us at one of our upcoming events! www.wildcarecapecod.org

We deeply appreciate your willingness to support the work and mission of Wild Care. You are the reason our success stories are possible.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Ellis
Executive Director

