

Summer 2020

Dear Friend of Wild Care



I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones healthy, and safe. It has been a challenging year for many, including Wild Care. If there has been *one* positive aspect during COVID-19, it is that wildlife has had a chance to spread their wings. More people than ever before are turning to nature in their own backyards, as a respite from unfortunate circumstances. Fortunately, COVID did *not* stop the incredible stories of success and hope, taking place behind our doors. Despite quarantine and less people mingling about, Wild Care received an abundance of animals this summer. Even while operating with less staff & volunteers, we never closed our doors to them.

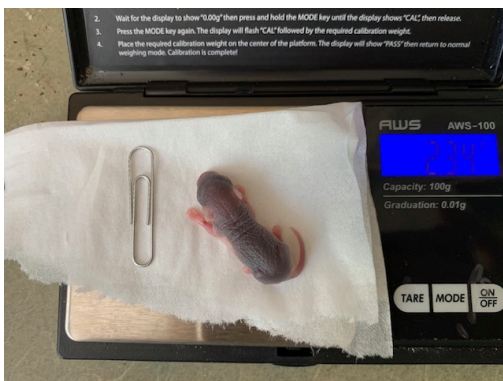
Through this trying time, *you never closed your hearts to us*. It has been the generosity of Wild Care's supporters like you who have enabled us to continue our life-saving work during COVID. We could not do this without you. Together, we are saving wildlife, one animal at a time.

“Here are some stories of the everyday miracles that your support enabled this spring and summer.”

Five Northern Rough-winged Swallows were just small nestlings, snuggled into their nest, when it was removed from a boat in Provincetown. Here they are as sleek, beautiful youngsters at Wild Care, preparing for release back to the wild. (They were successfully released!)



Northern Rough-winged Swallow fledglings: Photo by Kerry Reid.



A tiny White-footed Mouse pup

A White-footed Mouse pup the size of a small paper clip, received intensive home care with staff for many weeks, and a second chance at life. The mouse, nicknamed “Tad” (for tiny tadpole) is now a full-grown mouse, ready for release.

“From creatures as common as mice, to Endangered Species like Piping Plovers, they all deserve a second chance”.

A newly hatched Piping Plover chick weighing only 6 grams was separated from its parents and became hypothermic and weak. After rehabilitation at Wild Care for three days, the plover chick was successfully reintroduced to its family on Seagull Beach in West Yarmouth. Piping Plovers are a federally Endangered Species, and state listed as Threatened. Every individual is critically important to the success of the population.



A Piping Plover chick was successfully reintroduced to its family.

This gorgeous adult Common Tern was brought to Wild Care in June after it was found on Coast Guard Beach, Eastham, with a fractured ulna. We bandaged the wing, and provided supportive care. The bird was eventually moved to an outdoor aviary to start flight conditioning. Boy, were we excited when we first saw the tern fly 10 feet in the air in our large aviary! The tern recovered and was released, just in time for breeding season to commence. Bon voyage beautiful bird.

I hope that you have enjoyed these success stories as much as we have. They have been made possible by your support!



A tern back on the wing: Photos Kerry Reid.

Success stories like these are made possible with your support! Please consider donating today. There are many ways you can help...

- **Make a one-time donation** - Help us through the remainder of the year.
- **Become a Monthly Sustainer** - Support our wildlife patients into the future! Sign up at <https://www.wildcarecapecod.org/donate-today/>
- **Become a Planned Giver** - Make Wild Care a beneficiary of your estate. Contact Executive Director Stephanie Ellis, sellis@wildcarecapecod.org.
- **Wild Care's Gone Virtual!** Visit our Facebook page, @Wild Care Cape Cod, for a list of our free weekly talks. Join us on Facebook Live every Friday at 1:00 PM for TGIWF (Thank God It's Wild Friday) for patient updates, virtual tours of our facility, and more.

If you are already a Monthly Sustainer - we are grateful for your support!

We deeply appreciate your willingness to support the work and mission of Wild Care.

Thank you for donating now, and helping us to keep the "Care" in Wild Care!

Stephanie Ellis

Stephanie Ellis, Executive Director Wild Care, Inc.

