



Wild Care's Duck Tales Monthly E-News



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www.wildcarecapecod.org

January 2021 • A Message from the Dr. of Outreach, Marketing and Events:

Happy New Year Friends!

What a year 2020 was for all of us, wildlife included!

While last year was not ideal in so many ways, I wanted to share with you a few bright spots, silver linings and genuine gratitude to kick off 2021:

- We rescued, rehabbed and released over 1,800 animals!
- We answered over 10,000 calls for assistance & advice.
- With the help of grants and fundraising we were able to hire our seasonal staffers Rachel and Karen as PT permanent staff, and to keep Gionet with us for 2021! [Meet our team.](#)

- We provided over 40 educational programs and had amazing attendance for our virtual offerings - helping educate our Cape Cod community & beyond!
- We established some wonderful partnerships (more to come on those!) that will help us for years to come.
- Our Giving Tuesday, Thankful Thursday & Giving Week Campaigns exceeded our expectations!
- We were able to invest in much needed appliances, medical equipment and technology.
- Our virtual and social media "family" has grown by leaps and bounds.
- Because of your generosity we never had to close our doors or turn anyone away!

And...I want to thank you personally.

This was my first year with Wild Care - quite literally doing my dream job! This year could have completely undone a small non-profit like Wild Care, but because of you and your continued support of our vision we are still here!

Because of you the past 9 months have included: helping to successfully raise money to save more lives, meeting and handling our educational owls, doing my first solo squirrel release, working alongside amazing, passionate individuals and learning as much as I can to help our wild neighbors and to help keep Cape Cod as clean, safe and wild as possible for generations to come. And this is just the tip of the iceberg!

On behalf of the entire Wild Care staff and team of volunteers
THANK YOU!

We are endlessly grateful and we are here, ready to help when you need us!

Wishing you a healthy, safe and *wild* 2021,

Rebecca

Director of Outreach, Marketing & Events

(P.S. TGIWF is back every Friday at 1pm - join us on our **Facebook** page!



A Wild Winter Night In

February 13th Beginning
at 5:30pm



A VIRTUAL EVENT & AUCTION FOR WILD CARE

**A Virtual Event & Auction
Featuring The Women of Wildlife!**

Cynthia Wigren

Atlantic White Shark Conservancy

Kathy Zagzebski

formerly National Marine Life Center

Priya Patel

Birdsey Cape Wildlife Center, A program of

the New England Wildlife Centers,

And closing with Wild Care Cape Cod's

Executive Director **Stephanie Ellis**

And..

Don't forget to purchase your

"Party In A Pail!"

For information, tickets & pails here:

<https://wild-care-capecod.eventbrite.com>

Get Your Ticket & Pail

Bid In Our Auction

Some Highlights From 2020

February



Adventures of a Wild Care Volunteer
by Amy Sanders • Photo Lisa de Leon

So, it's a rainy, windy, nasty day in early December when I get a call from Wild Care. I pick up the phone, say "hello," and hear Jen's voice saying "there's a potential rescue".

"Aw, come on!" I say, "Who the heck is out

March



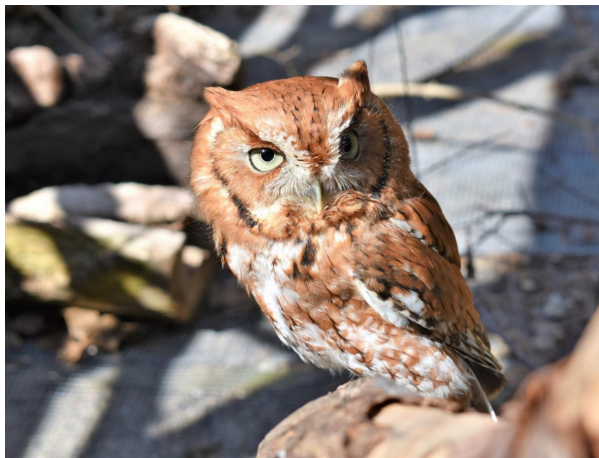
Another Lucky Ducky
By Jennifer Taylor, Animal Care
Coordinator
Photo by Jayne Fowler.

Last week we received some calls about a duck struggling under a dock, near the Belmont in Harwich. It was caught on something and could not fly or swim away, and

in this weather to even see an animal!?”

[Full Story](#)

April



Caring People and an Effective Telephone Chain

By Jennifer Taylor, Animal Care Coordinator. Photo by Kerry Reid

It is only March, and already Wild Care has received 13 patients who have been hit by cars. In 2019, it was well over 100. Unfortunately, most injuries from vehicle strikes are life threatening and many animals cannot recover from their wounds. But, this was not the case for a lucky Eastern Screech Owl this March! A few weeks ago in Eastham, a young woman was driving at night. Suddenly she heard the thud of a bird hit her side window. She backtracked and found a little red owl in the road. When she approached it tried to fly away but could only flutter in circles and remained on the road.

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just kept circling around a piling. Our wonderful volunteer and former staff member, Jayne Fowler, saved the day with the help of her son, Jordan. They safely contained the duck using a net, assessing that it had a long line tethered to its right leg.

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May



Swan Saved Amidst COVID Confusion

By Jennifer Taylor, Animal Care Coordinator.

Photo by Leah Myrbeck

On March 20th, Wild Care staff called an unplanned meeting to address how we were to cope with the COVID-19 situation in anticipation of an Emergency Order from Governor Baker. We had a whirlwind of questions to face... Do we close? How do we take care of the current animals? Who would work? Do we continue accepting new patients? What new protocols will we need? Questions workplaces were asking themselves EVERYWHERE. The phone rang. It was a welcomed interruption to the COVID discussion.

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Saw-Whet Owl Photo By Kerry Reid



Eastern Gray Squirrel Photo By Kerry Reid

June



Our First Virtual Baby Shower Was An Amazing Success!

Photo By Cristalyn Searles

Thanks to you, we raised over \$1,700, received \$745 in gift cards, and nearly \$1,000 in supplies. WOW!

Thank you to everyone who dropped off gifts, had things shipped or donated through PayPal. We Are Grateful To All Of You For Your Continued Support & Generosity! Did you miss any of our live broadcasts? You can now view each of them on our [YouTube Channel!](#)

July



Wild Care is Good, But Real Parents Are Best. Trust me.

By Jennifer Taylor.

Animal Care Coordinator

Photo by Leah Myrbeck

An unexpected adventure of trust started when a couple of friends visited a park in Arlington. They watched Eastern Kingbirds contentedly feeding their fledgling babies when suddenly other birds (we suspect Blue Jays) began making a big raucous around them. A young Kingbird was now alone on the ground with blood on its breast.

August



Take Me Too!

Adventures of a Volunteer,
By Amy Sanders

July 30, 2020, I was sitting in my studio painting. Caring for my extremely old dog has occupied much of my time of late, and I had bowed out of field rescue for a bit when she became fearful of me leaving her side. Fearful in the extreme I might add, but that's another story. Suffice it to say, she has been put on a new medication and is doing much better with that. But then, I was sporting a sore ankle, so I hadn't put myself back on the list. As is often the case however, the universe had other plans for me this day.

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September



Kerry Reid's World Of Birds!

Kerry Reid, Our Office Admin and rehabber extraordinaire, has been with us since our founding, and this article could not be more deserved! We love you, Kerry. Thank you for all that you do for Wild Care and wildlife (and dogs and parrots, parakeets and humans!)

[Read the article here](#) in the Provincetown Independent.

October



November



Finally Fully Feathered!

Animal Care Coordinator,
Jennifer Taylor
Photo by Kerry Reid

In mid-August we received a call

One Goofy Squirrel

Adventures of a Volunteer By Amy Sanders

One hot August day I shifted from feeding baby birds (who had grown big enough to be in the aviaries, and no longer hand fed), to feeding baby squirrels (2020 batch 2).

This means moving from the first room of the barn to the back room, called "Jackie's Room," where baby mammals are typically kept. As I was assessing the groups and figuring out who was to be fed when, in the back, northwest corner of the room in a very large cage is a larger squirrel going nuts (excuse the pun).

from Provincetown about a duck in need of care. It was found stranded on the beach off of Commercial Street by a very concerned family. They had already correctly identified it as a Surf Scoter when they called Wild Care. It was a sad little duck, thin and frightened. Somehow all of its flight feathers and tail feathers had been broken. It was such an odd situation. There were no wounds or fractures. We gave him fluids and warmth and proceeded with some research.

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We also need to thank...



Dune Jewelry for supporting us through their *Week of Giving*.



Nauset Disposal for their support through *Trash Bash 2020*



Cape Cod and the Islands Magazine for helping with our marketing efforts.



Woodruff's Art Center For their *Wee, Wild & Wonderful* exhibit to benefit Wild Care.



Addison Art Gallery for hosting *Swooping in For Wild Care*, a new works exhibit to benefit Wild Care

Thank you for a great 2020 and let's make
2021 even better!
Please make a donation **today**.

About Wild Care

Since 1994, Wild Care has treated over 30,000 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.

At Wild Care, every animal matters.



*Thank you for a great
year, Wild Care Friends!
Stephanie Ellis, Wild Care
Executive Director*

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