

# Wild Care's Duck Tales Monthly E-News

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## Director's Message • July 2021

### *Wild Care Friends,*

We hope you are enjoying your summer!

One of the things that I really love about Wild Care, is the fact that every animal matters to our staff. Whether it is a common White-footed Mouse, or an endangered Piping Plover. The same level of attention and care is provided.



Caring for Piping Plover adults or chicks, is no easy task! The first thing we do when we receive a Piping Plover, is stabilize it, and then request permission to continue care from MassWildlife and USFWS. We had a recent plover success story that I would like to share with you.

On Friday, July 9th, the [Cape Cod National Seashore](#) Shorebird Crew led by Jessica Whitmore, found a Piping Plover chick in the pedestrian walkway at Head of the Meadow Beach in N. Truro. The chick was dragging its body and was believed to have been stepped on. The crew acted quickly, and the chick was brought to Wild Care for emergency care. When it arrived, it was hypothermic, dehydrated and immobile. Wild Care Staff Rehabilitator Leah Myrbeck warmed the bird in an incubator and provided fluids. Our staff monitored the bird carefully with a remote camera, and provided the chick with a plush plover family (see photos). We were so excited when the chick began walking!

We are thrilled to report that the bird made a full recovery and was reunited with its family 3 days later, by the Cape Cod National Seashore Shorebird Crew. Jess reported that the parents and brood readily accepted the chick! Thank you to Jess and the CCNS Crew, and also to Wild Care's incredibly dedicated and skilled staff.

Success stories like these are made possible thanks to YOUR support - Thank you! Learn how you can protect Piping Plovers [Here](#).

Happy Summer,  
Executive Director, *Stephanie*

### *Some of our recent patients...*



*Photos By Kerry Reid*

## Intern Spotlight!

### *Meet Juliann!*

I am a senior studying Veterinary Medical Technology with a pre-veterinary medicine focus at Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA. I chose to come to Wild Care because I am interested in specializing with either wildlife or exotic animal medicine. So, I figured it'd be a great opportunity to expand my knowledge upon the wildlife rehabilitation field.

My favorite part of the internship so far has of course been watching Bill, our blind educational mouse running on his wheel, alongside syringe feeding all of the baby squirrels.

*(Photo by Kerry Reid)*





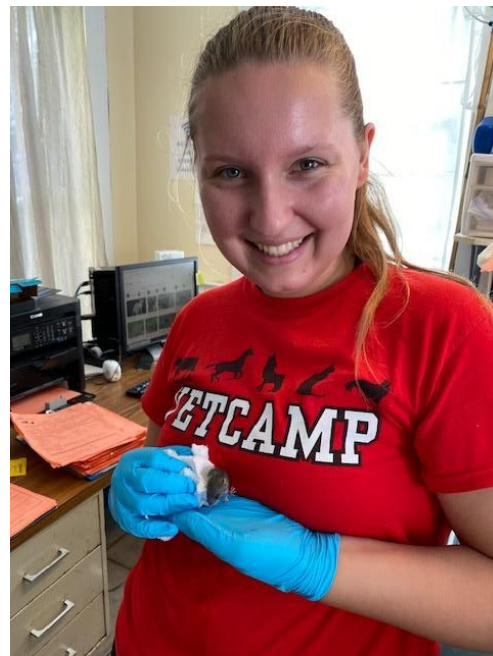


## Meet Lydia!

I go to the University of Vermont. This fall I will be beginning my junior year, majoring in Zoology, with minors in Math and English.

During my previous internship last summer, one of my fellow interns and friends sparked my interest in wildlife rehabilitation after he told me about his experiences interning at a rehab facility. Since then, I have been eager to give wildlife rehabilitation a try myself. I wanted to come to Wild Care, specifically, for an internship for a number of reasons. One main reason was that I grew up in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, and I have always felt disconnected from our native wildlife. Being located on Cape Cod, Wild Care provided the perfect opportunity for me to gain experience in wildlife rehabilitation while also learning more about all the different species that reside in my homelands.

There have been a lot of wonderful aspects of my internship so far, but one of my favorite parts has simply been being surrounded by animals all day. Everything from admitting a new patient, to caring for our current patients, to experiencing the variety of local species (and learning to identify them based on sight/sounds) is so fun and exciting for me. A close second favorite would have to be being surrounded by all of the wonderful staff members at Wild Care. Getting to work on a team of people who still feel so passionate, enthusiastic, and caring, after years of work in this field is really inspiring and hopeful to me. *(Photo by Kerry Reid)*



*Interns Lydia & Abbey with some of our tiniest patients!  
Photos by Staff Wildlife Rehabilitator, Karen Eldridge.*

***Thank you to the Cape Cod 5 Foundation and the Virginia Wellington Cabot Foundation for funding our Internship Program 2021.***

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and help us save more lives!**

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## *A Double Header*

### *Adventures of a Volunteer.*

*By Amy Sanders*

For a couple of months, rescues have been very quiet so I've added some informational pieces to Duck Tales. This month, however, as is often the case in the summer, things livened up at Wild Care. Not only are the bird and squirrel babies in full swing (and I do have a shift feeding baby birds), but also the rescues and transports have livened up a bit. Still though, they've been calmer than usual on the Outer Cape (I have no idea why), and so I offer a gentler adventure this month.



As usual, it started on an otherwise quiet day. I was working in my studio when I got a text asking me if I was up to catching a ull with an injured wing at Beach Point in Provincetown, and by the way, there was also a chickadee to pick up and bring in. The chickadee was already contained—it was just a pickup.

So I gathered information. The gull was last seen at 5.2 Beach Point. For those of you who live on the Outer Cape, you know Beach Point is not a specific location, but rather an area that stretches the entire distance of Pilgrim Lake on the other side of Rt. 6. And what is with “Five point two”?? I know the numbers on that stretch of road (which is NOT Beach Point Road, but rather Shore Road) are roughly 300s to 600s. So was “5.2” a condo number?

And, the gull was last seen about an hour ago. So this would be a phone call. “Where on Shore Road?,” I asked. A friendly voice says “5.2.” Hmm...

[Read More Here](#)

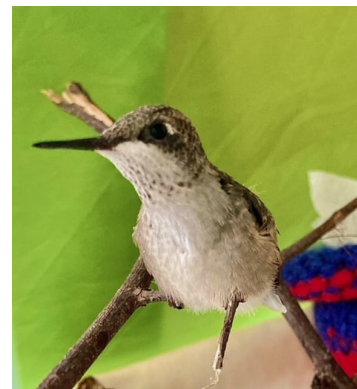
(Great Black-backed Gull photo: archives)

## *Hummingbird Removal Made Easy*

*By Jennifer Taylor, Animal Care Coordinator & Internship Coordinator*

Wild Care received a panicked call from a chef at a Wellfleet Restaurant.

A hummingbird was inside their outer porch eating area. They were opening for dinner in 5 minutes. The bird was unable to find its way out and the restaurant crew was too busy to continue trying to help it. The chef, Becky, knew we could help. She has been a volunteer for Wild Care and continues to supply us with “seagull snacks” every summer.





Our rescue volunteer Peter K was called because he lived very near to the restaurant and time was of the essence. Hummingbirds will not survive long in this situation. Without food for their super-fast metabolism, they lose strength and dehydrate quickly.

[Read More Here](#)

*(A current juvenile Ruby-throated Hummingbird patient. Photo By Kerry Reid.)*

### ***A Very Thoughtful Donation***

Recently we had a visit from a wonderful young lady (ten years old!) named Ryder, and her family.

Ryder made and sold jewelry at the Wellfleet Flea market and decided

Wild Care should be the recipient of some of her proceeds!

Thank you Ryder, for being so thoughtful. And thank you to your parents for supporting your efforts!



Ryder's Jewelry!



Ryder and Jennifer Taylor

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