

Summer 2021



Dear Friend of Wild Care

We hope you are enjoying your summer! Our Clinic is bustling with baby animals as usual. We've had some incredible success stories this season that I would like to share with you. These stories are a great reminder to me of the incredible dedication of Wild Care's Staff. Whether they are caring for an Endangered Species like a Piping Plover, or a common species like a White-footed Mouse, they all receive the same level of attention, medical treatment and TLC.

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

An adult male Northern Cardinal was caught in a glue trap. It's likely it went after insects in the trap, only to become hopelessly glued itself. Our staff carefully and skillfully removed the bird. It received several baths once stable. We are thrilled to report that this bird was just released back home! *(See page 2 for his amazing transformation!)*



A Northern Cardinal caught in a glue trap. Photo: Gionet Hasson.



A tiny White-footed Mouse pup received intensive homecare with staff for many weeks, and a second chance at life. The mouse fell out of a lawnmower with deceased siblings. The finder was kind enough to drive the mouse to my home in Orleans, from Sandwich. After much TLC, the mouse grew like a weed, and was released. This tiny mouse was nicknamed "Niblet". *(See page 2 for Niblet's transformation!)*

A White-footed Mouse pup found in a lawnmower.

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

A newly hatched Piping Plover chick was found in the pedestrian walkway of Head of the Meadow Beach by the Cape Cod National Seashore Shorebird Crew. It was believed to have been stepped on and was dragging its body. It was



brought to Wild Care and was hypothermic, dehydrated and immobile...

*A Piping Plover chick with its plush family.
Can you spot the real plover? Photo: J Taylor.*

The bird received intensive care, and was provided with a plush plover family to keep it comfortable. Imagine our excitement when the chick began walking!

After rehabilitation at Wild Care for three days, the plover chick was successfully reintroduced to its plover family in Truro. Piping Plovers are a federally Endangered Species, and state listed as Threatened. Every individual is critically important to the success of the population. We were thrilled to play a role in getting this chick back out into the wild!



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

*Photo (L): "Niblet" all grown up.
Photo (R): Northern Cardinal, life after a glue trap, by Kerry Reid.*



Please consider donating today. There are many ways you can help...

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- **Become a Monthly Sustainer** - Support our wildlife patients into the future! <https://www.wildcarecapecod.org/donate-today/>
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- **Virtual Wild Care** - Visit our Facebook page, @Wild Care Cape Cod, for a list of upcoming talks. Join us on Facebook Live every Friday at 2:00 PM for patient updates, virtual tours and more.



This bandaged American Toad had a fractured humerus. The toad has made a full recovery!

If you are already a Monthly Sustainer - we deeply appreciate your ongoing support.

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

Stephanie Ellis

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