

WILDLIFE IN CRISIS

The Wildlife Care Center

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Saving Wildlife Since 1988

Wildlife in Crisis Year-End Newsletter 2013



WIC receives over **5,000** injured, orphaned and ill wild animals each year from concerned citizens, veterinarians, and law enforcement. And WIC answers over **20,000** phone calls, providing guidance to those seeking help with wildlife issues.

Thank you for your generous support!

Quite simply your donations enable us to save lives at Wildlife in Crisis.

Like the fox pictured above who was brought to WIC as an orphan after his parents were both hit by cars. After spending the summer at WIC being raised with other orphaned fox, he was given a second chance at life in the wild.

We would not be able to provide care for over 200 species of native birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians without you! Every dollar you give directly benefits the patients at WIC.

In order to give each species the specialized care they need it is imperative that we restrict the amount of human contact they receive at WIC. It is a delicate balance of nurturing and seclusion that allows us to successfully rehabilitate our patients. Wounded wildlife must be kept quite and calm throughout their recovery. Each orphaned baby must be raised with others of their own species for proper socialization and receive minimal human contact during their stay at WIC. We achieve this through our resident intern program. WIC interns are assigned specific species to care for in order to provide necessary continuity of care. And our local volunteers assist with our permanent resident animals who require careful care, monitoring and enrichment.

Each patient at Wildlife in Crisis has their very own story of survival to tell.

Here are just a few of those stories from 2013:

Threatened species at Wildlife in Crisis:

Threatened species at WIC

Eared Grebe and Least Tern

These fragile, petite birds were both brought to WIC entangled in fishing line and impaled with multiple fish hooks. We were able to remove



the offending line and hooks. After a course of antibiotics and quiet rest both of these birds were released into appropriate habitats. A significant outcome, especially for the Least Tern which is a threatened species.

Fishing line, hooks and lures are a serious threat to wildlife and we see hundreds of cases each year at Wildlife in Crisis.



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Threatened species at WIC

Saw-Whet Owl and Long-Eared Owl

These beautiful, delicate owls are both threatened species. The saw-whet owl was brought to WIC as an injured orphan when the tree his family was residing in was cut down. He continues to grow and heal from his injuries at WIC.

The long-eared owl was hit by a car as he flew across a roadway. A compassionate passerby found him lying on the side of the road and brought him to Wildlife in Crisis for care. His little body was badly bruised and he sustained

a serious head injury and pelvic fracture from the impact of the car windshield. After several months of intensive care, he was moved into a private outdoor enclosure with another long-eared owl who had suffered a similar fate. After almost a year of recuperation we were able to release this owl, an important outcome considering the decline of this species.



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Orphans at Wildlife in Crisis:

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Baby Skunk

Baby Raccoon

This baby skunk and baby raccoon were brought to WIC this summer after their mothers and siblings were trapped and killed. This skunk was found lying listless on a sidewalk. The raccoon was left behind in the attic of the home where his mother had made her den. By the time his weakening



cries were heard two weeks later, he was barely clinging to life. They were brought to Wildlife in Crisis where we gently bathed their emaciated, hypothermic little bodies with warm water and placed them in incubators. Once warmed, we administered subcutaneous fluids a little at a time until they were strong enough to swallow KMR, a milk replacement formula which we fed every hour. Day after day, week after week they grew stronger until finally we could place them with other orphaned baby raccoons and skunks with similar harrowing histories. After several months of meticulous care, they were placed in our large outdoor habitats in preparation for release and a second chance at life in the wild.

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Fawns

These fawns were brought to Wildlife in Crisis for many reasons such as--car strikes to mother and/or fawns, dog attacks, impaled or stuck in fences, gunshot, arrows and pesticide poisoning. One case scenario that we try very hard to prevent is the unnecessary taking of wildlife from their parents. Often people think that fawns are orphans when they are not. There are many answers to frequently asked

questions like these on the WIC website.
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Orphans at WIC

Gosling, Squirrel, Cedar Waxwing, Blue Jay,

Cottontail Bunnies

This fluffy gosling was the only survivor after his entire family was hit by cars on a busy roadway as they tried to cross. He was brought to Wildlife in Crisis in shock and bruised from the car strike, but after lots of TLC and time spent in a warm incubator he recovered and was raised with other goslings in preparation for eventual release in a safe place away from roadways.

The baby squirrel, cedar waxwing, blue jay and bunnies were all caught by cats and brought to WIC for care. Please keep your cats indoors, for their safety and to protect vulnerable wildlife.

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Resident Interns at Wildlife in Crisis:



The Resident Interns at Wildlife in Crisis work 14 hours per day caring for our patients. They are dedicated, compassionate young biologists who take meticulous care of species ranging from hummingbirds and bats to fox and white-tailed deer at WIC.

Volunteers at Wildlife in Crisis:



As a volunteer-run hospital, we count on volunteers for everything from fundraising, carpentry, plumbing, landscaping, laundry, web design, education, animal transport and assisting interns with patient care and facility maintenance at WIC. The dedicated volunteers at WIC are very special people with love in their hearts for wildlife in need.

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Wildlife in Crisis is a volunteer run, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to wildlife preservation and land conservation.

WIC was founded in 1988 and each year WIC cares for over 5,000 injured and orphaned wild animals. WIC relies entirely on donations to care for debilitated wildlife.

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**We deeply appreciate
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