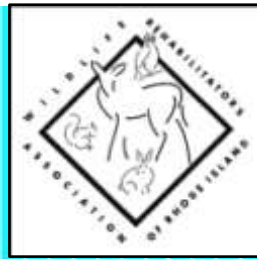


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The Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island

Newsletter

Fall 2011



At Last ...

As many of you know, Wildlife Rehabilitator Association of Rhode Island has been assisting injured and orphaned wildlife in our state since 1993 on a wing and a prayer. Over the years, progress has been made in our ability to better serve the animals and birds, as well as the humans who have found them. In 2000, we opened the first "Wildlife Clinic", located beside Dr. Bird's veterinary practice in a two-car garage. With assistance from The Rhode Island Foundation, The Champlin Foundation and generous donations from caring individuals and businesses, renovations were made so that we had heat, air conditioning and running water. Still, we struggled to properly treat and house nearly 2,500 injured and orphaned birds and mammals over the course of 2010 in less than 350 square feet of space.

We are very happy to announce that 10 acres of land have been acquired in Saunderstown for the construction of a new wildlife rehabilitation facility and education building. Through the exceptional generosity of two of our supporters who have purchased the land for this purpose, and the work of Nancy Leslie Architects of Wakefield in designing the facility, we hope to finally provide the level of care deserving of our most precious natural resource.

We are currently embarking on a \$1,000,000 campaign to raise the funds to renovate the existing structures on site, as well as build a carefully designed medical and rehabilitation facility and education building. At this time, approximately \$50,000 has been pledged by our board of directors through our "100 Pledges" campaign. It is our initial goal to raise at least one quarter of the cost prior to requesting money through grants. If one hundred individuals or businesses in our state pledge 10,000.00 each, the entire cost of the project would be covered! We are also hoping for offers of assistance with the actual construction and outfitting of the buildings.

Our Wish List

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| • Paper towels | • Kleenex tissues |
| • Fleece/flannel baby blankets | • Clorox wipes |
| • Heating pads | • 55 gallon garbage bags |
| • Canned Sardines in Water | • Liquid detergent or bleach |
| • Whole walnuts (in shells) | • Towels, pillow cases, and sheets |
| • Gift cards for grocery, pet store, CVS, office and building supply stores | |
- Lastly, help with building our new state-of-the-art rehab and education facility



Don't Forget: You can Donate and Become a Member through PayPal! Go to www.RIWildlifeRehab.org

HURRICANE IRENE IMPACTS RI WILDLIFE

As the winds began to die down from Hurricane Irene on Sunday, August 28, the Wildlife Hotline began to take calls from folks finding injured and orphaned animals. Baby birds and squirrels had their nests blown down in the gale force winds. On Monday following the storm, the Wildlife Clinic saw a record intake of 74 animals in one day. Two weeks after Irene passed us, we'd taken in 190 animals in various stages of distress, with more arriving daily. 80% of the animals brought to us were juvenile squirrels ranging in ages from two to six weeks. Many came in with severe injuries and dehydration. The rest of our patients were juvenile songbirds and doves.

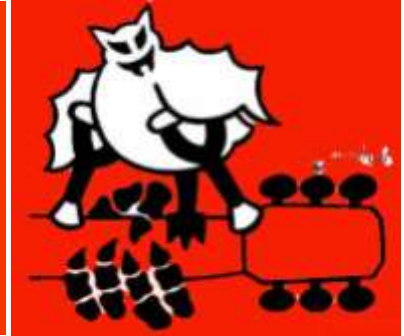
Though it's been almost a month since the storm took its terrible toll on our wildlife, many of us are still caring for little ones whose lives were turned upside down. The next challenge is to get them ready for release before winter arrives.



Special thanks to all the dedicated rehabilitators who pushed their limits caring for unprecedented high number of babies, while battling with no power and in some cases, no running water.

It's a Spooky Good Time...

WildStock 2011!



On Saturday, October 29, 2011, the 8th Annual Halloween Wildstock Benefit Concert will be happening at Jacky's Galaxie, 383 Metacom Avenue, Bristol, RI, from 6pm to 1am. This year's band line up includes Band of Brothers, Trinity, Juniper Hill, and Liquid Fix. Jacky's Galaxie will be providing a spectacular buffet and as usual, a huge raffle will complete the fun and spooky evening! All entertainment and the buffet is included with the \$20.00 ticket, as well as a chance at a great door prize. Come in costume or come as you are! All proceeds will help us continue our work with injured and orphaned wild critters. For more information or ticket sales, please call the Wildlife Clinic at (401) 294-6363 or Kristin Fletcher at (401) 293-5505. Tickets may also be purchased through our website at www.rwildliferehab.org through Paypal. We are also looking for raffle donations and business sponsors to help defray the cost of the event.

WILDLIFE HOLIDAY RAFFLE

Who couldn't use some extra CASH this Holiday season?

Tickets \$1 each or a book of six for just \$5

1st Prize: \$400

2nd Prize: \$200

3rd Prize: \$100

Drawing: Dec 7th at the Wildlife Clinic

ALL proceeds benefit the Wildlife Clinic of RI

Last year's winners: Maureen Corcoran, Joanne Burke, and Peg Rice

3rd Memorial Russo 5K

In memory of **Michael Richard Russo** who was killed by a hit and run driver in 2008, his family and friends created the Russo5k "Run for the Animals" and family fun walk. WRARI was chosen as the benefactor of their Third Annual race that took place at Colt State Park, Bristol on Oct 1.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS:

James Cole (22:10)
Dana Ventetuolo (23:57)

Special thank you to Lynda Artesani and her team for organizing such a great race.

Wildlife Continuing Education

WRARI provides our rehabilitators with wildlife rehab trainings during non-peak rehab season. Meetings are held on the following Sundays, 3-5 pm at:

25 Shermantown Road, Saunderstown RI 02874

Oct 2: Picnic
Nov 6: Cottontail Rehabilitation
Dec 4: Wildlife Rehab Skills
Jan 8: Pediatric Nutrition
Feb 5: Wildlife Diseases and Zoonosis
Mar 4: Metabolic Bone Disease and Nutritional Diseases.

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Why not get your 2012 membership early?

All memberships to the Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island include our quarterly newsletter filled with great local wildlife information, heartwarming stories of second chances at life for our wild neighbors, and great photos of Rhode Island wild "patients" at the clinic. You will also receive a membership card, our logo decal, and our new bumper sticker!

You can choose to become a member with the following membership types:

- ❖ **Individual:** \$25
Includes newsletters, membership card, decal, and bumper sticker
- ❖ **Family:** \$50
Also includes our new membership T-shirt, and stickers for the family
- ❖ **Business:** \$75
Also includes public advertisements on our website when you provide a business card!
- ❖ **Supporter:** \$100
Also includes our new membership T-shirt, and a surprise gift
- ❖ **Benefactor:** \$200
Also includes two of our new membership T-shirt, a surprise gift, and special acknowledgement in future publications
- ❖ **Memorial Gift:** **Any Amount**
Includes special acknowledgement card and package for membership type

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