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Second Chances...



What do I know about baby beavers? Nothing! We had cared for a young adult beaver a few years past, but never a baby. The Wildlife Clinic staff brought the baby to me, along with a book on beavers. I determined after some research his formula needed to be a mix of Esbilac and Multi-Milk. Did we have what we needed to make the formula? Of course not! The book suggested I feed the baby with a human baby bottle, but what size nipple and how much? And finally, the book said to burp the baby after feeding. How do I burp a beaver? Fortunately, both he and I made it through the first night, but the next several weeks were trial and error. I tried several formulas and finally settled with one. We reached the stage where it was time to introduce branches and leaves (the staple diet of beavers), and days of diarrhea that followed!

We recruited Jay Miller, a member of our board of directors, to attempt to find the beaver lodge upstream of where the baby had been found. Jay came back with

exciting news that he found a structure that appeared to be a beaver lodge. We tried approaching the lodge from land, which proved to be more difficult than we imagined. After multiple attempts, we stumbled on a path that took us directly to the top of the lodge. Then it was 2 weeks of visiting the site at dawn and dusk, fighting off mosquitoes and biting flies. The early morning visits got earlier and earlier, with the hope of getting the attention of the adult beavers before sunrise.

On August 12, the baby and I visited the bank of the river beside the lodge before 5 am. It was still dark. Shortly after I placed the baby inside a heavy metal cage at the water's edge, and settled myself down quietly hidden in the nearby woods, an adult beaver came to check out our baby. Through the cage bars, I could see the recognition between the two. It was time to part with "our baby". It is good to know that he will grow up happy with his own kind.

~Dr. Chi Chan



A Chance to Help!

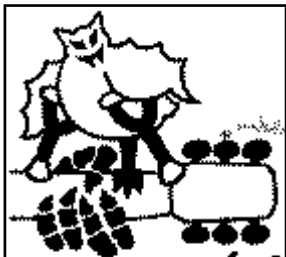
For the entire month of October, the Whole Foods Market in Garden City, Cranston will be offering folks the opportunity to donate to WRARI and The Wildlife Clinic. At each register, coupons for \$2 and \$5 will be available to shoppers to make a donation toward the care of our wild patients. Stop by and see us on the weekends when we hope to have informational tables with pictures of some of the critters that have required our help. Thank you for your support of Whole Foods and wildlife rehabilitation!



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

It's A Spooktacular Night... WILDSTOCK 2010!

On Saturday, October 30, 2010, the 7th 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, Liquid Fix, Juniper Hill and The Kickbacks. 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 dressed for the season or come as you are! We are proudly being sponsored by Bartlett Tree Experts, Jacky's Galaxie, H.G. Associates, Tupelo Gardenworks Ltd, and Aspects Inc. 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) 253-3991. Tickets may also be purchased through our web site at www.rwildliferehab.org through PayPal. We are also looking for raffle donations and business sponsors to help defray the cost of the event.



Did You Know?

- Beavers rub their anal gland secretion into their fur to waterproof it. The composition of the secretion is unique and does not change with diet. That is, the scent also serves a purpose in kin recognition.
- Young beavers are very vocal. Their whine is a soft, high-pitched sound that resembles a baby cry. (Check out our website for a recorded cry of our little friend, under "interesting cases")
- The beaver lodge provides protection from cold, heat, and predators. In the lodge, the beavers rest on a platform above water, with several entrances under water. Speed is the hallmark of the beaver's work; a substantial lodge can be built in only 2 nights.
- Beavers do not hibernate in the winter. A medium size beaver (26 lb) will need 1.5 lb of fresh aspen per day to maintain its energy requirement; 2.2 lb in the winter. Based on that calculation, an acre of aspen is sufficient to provide for 10 beavers for 442 days.



Fall Wildlife Celebration



On November 13th 2010 WRARI presents the Second Annual "Fall Wildlife Celebration"! The evening celebration at the Elk's Lodge, 60 Belmont Avenue, Wakefield from 6:00 PM through 9:00 PM, consists of a "Wine Tasting" with an exciting selection of International Wines along with Hors d'oeuvres, Desserts and Coffee, plus a special raptor presentation celebrating Rhode Island's wildlife. We are fortunate to have various local wine vendors guiding us in the wine selection plus coordinating industry representatives to provide enlightened discussion of each wine and particular attributes. Tickets for this event are \$35 each.

Topping off the evening, and further defining our commitment to wildlife, will be raptor rehabilitators John and Vivian Maxson, of the "Born To Be Wild Nature Center." Their raptor presentation will include their beautiful hawks and owls.

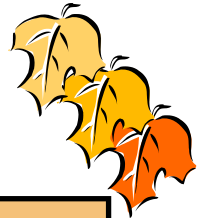
All proceeds of this event will benefit The Wildlife Clinic and The Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of RI, a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization dedicated to the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We are also looking for raffle donations and business sponsors to help defray the cost of the event.

For tickets and reservations call the Wildlife Clinic at 401-294-6363 or Judy McGuire at 401-294-3259.





Wildlife Harvest Raffle



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

1st Prize: \$400
2nd Prize: \$200
3rd Prize: \$100

Drawing will be held on
November 13, 2010
At the "Fall Wildlife
Celebration" Wine Tasting

ALL proceeds benefit the Wildlife Clinic of R.I.

Last Year's Winners:

Susan M. - \$400 ~ Leslie H. - \$200 ~ Kelly M. - \$100

Congratulations!



It's Not Too Late to Become a Member!

Becoming a member of WRARI is a way for you to help financially support our organization while being a part of a statewide network of people dedicated to assisting injured wildlife! Your membership dues provide a reliable source of income for our organization so that we can be assured that we can acquire all of the food and supplies that we need each year for our wildlife patients. Our organization is made up of not only our hardworking rehabbers, but of the caring individuals in our own community finding injured wildlife!

All memberships to the Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island include quarterly newsletters 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. Not only that, 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 when you provide a business card!
- ~**Supporter:** \$100
Also includes our new membership T-shirt and a surprise gift
- ~**Benefactor:** \$200
Also includes 2 of our new membership T-shirts, a surprise gift, and special acknowledgement in future publications
- ~**Memorial Gift:** Any Amount
Also includes special acknowledgement card

***WRARI is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. All donations are gratefully accepted for any and all amounts and all are tax deductible. We thank you for your support.

2010 MEMBERSHIP FORM - Don't Wait, Join Now!

Please fill out this form clearly and completely, in Circle One:
print. Make all checks payable to WRARI. Mail to the address listed on the back of this form.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- Individual \$25
- Family \$50
- Business \$75
- Supporter \$100
- Benefactor \$200
- Memorial \$ _____

ADDITIONAL DONATION \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

***Check here if Receipt and Tax ID number are requested _____

Please fill out the following information if you are purchasing a GIFT or MEMORIAL membership.

Name _____

Address _____

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Is there a date or message you would like to be acknowledged? _____

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