



FRIENDS OF WILDLIFE
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Will You Help?

Just as each species of animal needs special care in critical times of the year, the need for financial support is constant. FOW is a 501C3 volunteer organization which operates entirely on donations from friends like you. Each injured or orphaned animal needs special food, medicine and caring attention which costs money. In these difficult times, when so many are pinched and hurting, it's easy to forget our little wildlife friends. Please give what you can. Please make your check payable to Friends of Wildlife and mail it to: P.O. Box 1505, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Also, check our website at www.friendsofwildlife.net to donate through PayPal. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Rabbit	\$25
Squirrel	\$35
Opossum	\$35
Turtle	\$50
Woodchuck	\$65
Raccoon	\$125
Fox	\$150
Deer	\$300

The amounts listed above are approximate costs related to raising an animal (or an entire litter) to date of release, though sometimes the expense is considerably more if any are seriously injured.

ABOUT BATS....

Bats often enter homes through the smallest of cracks and often find attics a nice place to winter over. If they should intrude on your home, open a window or door with out a screen and it will find its way outside. The swooping flight it takes is not to attack you but to build momentum to turn around and fly in the other direction.

Wish List

- Release sites on private land
- Heating pads
- Materials for building outdoor cages (wood, wire mesh, etc.)
- Volunteer help in building cages
- Monetary donations to help with veterinary expenses & supplies

You can also participate in the Scrip/Community Rewards Program at Kroger, Hiller's, or Busch's. These stores donate up to 5% of your total bill to FOW (no extra cost to you!) FOW's Kroger Rewards number is 82467

Questions? Contact the FOW Scrip Coordinator at: tempiedell@chartermi.net or 734-426-3361



Friends of Wildlife

Winter 2013
Since 1965

Our Mission

Friends of Wildlife

Is an independent, non-profit 501C3, volunteer organization dedicated to the emergency and extended care of orphaned or injured Michigan wildlife.

Our Goal is to rehabilitate these animals in a professional manner which allows them to return to their natural habitat and continue their lives in the manner of that species, independent of humans.

We are licensed by and have a close working relationship with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

In addition to wildlife rehabilitation, we are vitally interested in education and the broader aspects of protecting and restoring the natural habitat of the world we share.

Friends of Wildlife endorses the high standards set by the National Rehabilitators Association and the International Rehabilitators Council.



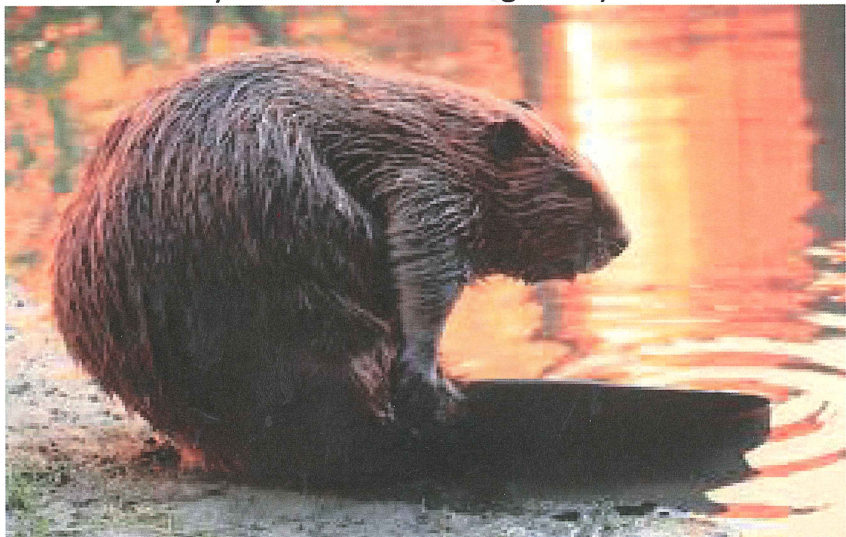
Eagle Scout Service Project a Success for Everyone

By Elaine Bater

We help wildlife, and aspiring Eagle Scout Scott Taphouse helped us. Scott from Ann Arbor Boy Scout Troop 131 offered to build us not one but two squirrel release cages for his Eagle Scout Service Project. We were thrilled with the offer and even happier with the results. Scott built them to the DNR size requirement, and he even delivered them to two separate locations. He also came to one of our Board Meeting to explain the process of the Eagle Scout Service Project Plan including showing us pictures as the cages were built. I now have five, very happy, young fox squirrels in a beautiful new release cage. We are thankful for Scott's contribution that continues to allow us to release wildlife into their natural habitat. Congratulations to Scott on becoming a new Eagle Scout!

FLOATING ON THE RIVER, A BEAVER TALE

It was a warm early Spring Day when a group of teenagers were walking along the rivers edge. Having just finished their picnic lunch and enjoying the slow, quiet movement of the waters flow. They looked out over the water when one of them noticed a very small furry head bobbing along with the current. It appeared to have no control of it's direction. Was it in trouble? Before any of the group could decide on an appropriate action, the floating fur ball landed on a sandbar in the middle of the river. It appeared to be exhausted and very young, without the strength to move to higher ground. One of the group waded across to the rivers sandbar to see if it was still alive. It moved only slightly so he scooped it up, wrapped it in his sweater and placed both inside his coat for the warmth of his body. Wading back across the river to join his friends, while all were deciding what to do with the seemingly orphaned animal. Luckily their car was parked in a lot where a HRWC Bulletin Board was located. On the board were many directives including one yellow card from Friends of Wildlife with pager help numbers for different Michigan native wildlife species that might need FOW's help and care. When the help arrived the group had become rather attached to the furry creature and wanted to keep it. Of course that would have been a death sentence for the very young beaver since all wildlife infants require special formulas and experienced care. They left for their homes happy in the knowledge that their actions saved the life of a very young helpless creature.



The FOW licensed rehabilitator cared for the young beaver. Supplementing warmth to keep it warm until its fur had fully developed with its water proof coat, feeding a proper formula and introducing it to its natural diet. (They love cattail roots) As the young beaver grew he became quite vocal and very interested in leaving his enclosure. A release site was chosen along the same river, very close to the spot that had natural signs of a beaver habituate and probably where he had come from. Off he went into the river, quite adapt at his swimming skills. A happy ending from people who care!

QUESTIONS THAT WE ARE OFTEN ASKED..... DID YOU KNOW????

ABOUT SKUNKSThe Scent glands of a skunk are located on either side at the base of its tail. They have the ability to spray from these glands separately or in unison. The spray can carry up to 20 feet. Do not falsely believe that you are safe because the skunk is facing you, they can VERY quickly go into a U shape and spray. If you unexpectedly encounter one of these black and white animals stand VERY still, no quick movements or loud sounds. Back away very slowly and quietly. Their hearing is good but their eye sight is lacking. If you or your pets should encounter a skunk and have been sprayed, a solution to help neutralize the odor: **One quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide, ¼ cup baking soda, 1 tsp of liquid soap.** There are also commercial products for this problem. It is not as important what solution you use (commercial or home made) but the length of time you leave it on (at least 20 to 30 minutes) to neutralize the scent.

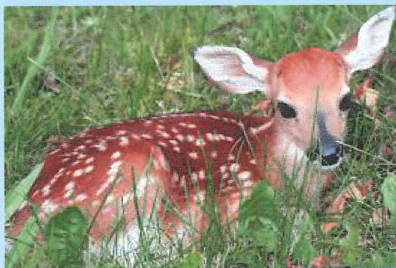
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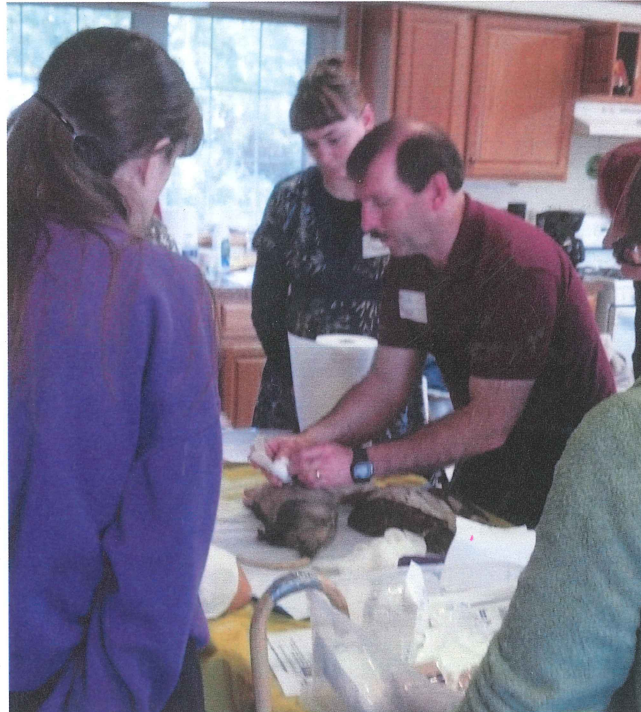
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Friends of Wildlife Hosted IWRC's Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation Class

By: Elena Wakeman, FOW Chair



While the calls for help to Friends of Wildlife (FOW) have increased, there has been a noticeable drop in the number of wildlife rehabilitators in South East Michigan. It is heartbreaking to take calls from the public, our front line rescuers of orphaned and injured wildlife, and not be able to offer placement for the animals due to the shortage of licensed rehabilitators. In response

to the problem, FOW and the Leslie Science Center hosted the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council's (IWRC) *Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation* course with the hope that attendees will become licensed rehabilitators and increase wildlife rehabilitation in Michigan. The IWRC (based in Oregon) offers formal wildlife rehabilitation education all over the world. This two day course includes lectures on wildlife rehabilitation and half-day lab (hands on instruction). Registrations surpassed capacity.



If you would like to learn more about the courses the IWRC offers or to be put on the list for the March, 2014 class, go to:

www.theiwrc.org or call the IWRC at (866) 871-1869.