



Summer 2024

Dear Friend of Wild Care

Summer is here! Our Wildlife Clinic and nursery are filled with baby animals. We're adding a new building, our Education Center and Cleaning Room. After five years of planning, the building is nearing completion. It's gone GREEN with a solar rooftop and other energy efficient elements.

We'd like to share some of our favorite second-chance stories from this season so far...

SOME GOOD EGGS

We've received several clutches of Osprey eggs from USDA this spring. These eggs were from nests that were removed from manmade structures. As we did last year, we are searching for appropriate Osprey foster nests to place the eggs and soon-to-be chicks. We recently placed a clutch of three eggs into a nest in Falmouth after we learned the female had lost her first two nests. Kevin Friel of The Osprey Project - Falmouth had been monitoring the situation and suspected the female had just laid one egg in her new nest. Being late in the season for newly laid eggs to be successful, we determined this was the best-case scenario to place our three eggs. As of my writing, the female has been incubating the clutch and we believe the eggs are beginning to hatch!

POISON IS NOT THE ANSWER

Wild Care continues to provide education and advocates to reduce the use of anticoagulant rat and mouse poison. There are numerous humane and environmentally safe methods for controlling rodents. Aside from our public education programs, and social media presence on this matter, We have been speaking at local Town and Select Board meetings in favor of bylaws to reduce outdoor pesticide use. Our stance is based on years of frontline experience and animal case data. We speak on behalf of the birds and our other precious local wildlife.

NOT JUST A CITY PROBLEM

Secondary poisoning from rodenticides is not just a city problem. Wild Care's Animal Care Staff provide care to countless numbers of hawks and owls sickened by rodenticides on Cape Cod and the surrounding areas on a regular basis. This spring, we received a Barn Owl from Martha's Vineyard that we successfully treated for rodenticide poisoning. After a month in our care, it was released back on the vineyard into a Barn Owl nesting and roosting box built by the bird's original rescuers.

GIVE TURTLES A BRAKE

Turtles are out and about breeding, or seeking a place to lay their eggs. In the past two weeks, we've received eleven hit-by-car turtles. Many of them with grave injuries. A female Common Snapping Turtle and an Eastern Painted Turtle were gravid with eggs. While we were not able to save these females, we extracted and are incubating their eggs, to continue the cycle of life.



Osprey eggs incubated at Wild Care placed in Falmouth nest.



Executive Director Stephanie Ellis speaks on behalf of birds like this Red-tailed Hawk to stop the use of mouse poisons.



Barn Owl treated for rodenticide poisoning released on Martha's Vineyard.



Wild Care continues the cycle of life by incubating or re-nesting the eggs of fatally injured female turtles.

These incredible animals have a second chance at life thanks to the care they received made possible by your support!



Northern Gannet

A Northern Gannet from Scituate suffered circulation issues and wounds from a plastic ring wrapped around it's wing. After a month in our care including antibiotics, swim therapy, and lots of herring, it was released back to the wild.



Common Loon

A gorgeous Common Loon was found stranded in a driveway in West Barnstable. The bird was debilitated, and remained in our care for over 20 days. This beautiful bird made a full recovery and was released.



Osprey

An Osprey from Orleans suffered burns after being entrapped in electrical hardware. The bird made a full recovery after over a month in our care. He was released in Orleans near the location of his nest. Neighbors were there to welcome him back home.



Northern Cardinal

A Northern Cardinal made a miraculous recovery after suffering from head trauma and severely swollen eyes from a vehicle strike. The bird was placed into oxygen and provided intensive care. It was touch and go, but this was one lucky bird! It made a full recovery and was released.



Great-backed Gull

This Great Black-backed Gull was found in Provincetown so weak that it could not stand for six days. The bird tested positive for avian influenza, and required intensive care in quarantine. With care, from our staff the gull become stronger and able to stand on it's own two feet!. A few weeks later, it tested negative for avian influenza, and was released.

We hope that you have enjoyed these success stories as much as we have. Your support is crucial to the lifesaving care they receive.

Photos Kerry Reid

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

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