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Mission Statement

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic's mission is to respond to the rehabilitative needs of sick, injured and orphaned Missouri mammals, release healthy wildlife back into its natural environment and provide the community with a resource for educational programs, advice and general awareness of urban wildlife. We believe all life possesses an inherent value and that human life is enriched by sharing its habitat with wildlife.

Volunteers Needed

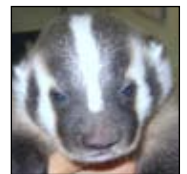
Do you love animals? Would you like to help rehabilitate native Missouri wild mammals so they can be released back into their natural habitat? Do you enjoy working with others who share your common interests? If you do and can donate one shift a week at our High Ridge facility, please call us at (636) 677-3670. We'd welcome you on our team!

Build, and They Will Come

We built. The animals came. And what an exciting season it has been. So far this year, we have cared for 655 animals. As in years past, the Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic has fostered many bunnies, squirrels, opossums, skunks, raccoons and foxes, but this year, we have had a few surprises. Our first badger arrived in April and our first armadillo in May. (Sadly, the armadillo succumbed to his hit-by-car injuries.) Other clinic highlights have been a litter of three coyote pups and seven beavers.

Needless to say, we have put the building expansion to good use. Thanks to donations from generous contributors, we now have a transitions area — a place where that animals can go after nursery care to become ready for release. This area has larger holding cages and a more natural climate (no heating or air conditioning out here). Indeed, we have had many successes, none of which would be possible without our financial donors and wonderful volunteers.

We have several upcoming events that we want to welcome you to. On Oct. 4, we will host our fall open house, followed by our third trivia night November 14. Please see the fliers inside for additional information.



Our First Badger

by Connie Schilling

Digger, our first-ever badger (named for what her species spend their lives doing), was admitted to the clinic April 29, 2009. After being injured and abandoned by her mother, she was brought in by a concerned gentleman from Middleton, MO. Digger had a cut approximately four inches long and a quarter of an inch deep under her front right armpit. Amazingly, she still had full movement of that leg, and the wound was relatively clean. We estimated her to be about four to five weeks old, and she weighed 800 grams — just under two pounds. The following day, she was taken to Dr. Marie Bauer, DVM, and underwent surgery a day later. The wound was cleaned and stitched. For the next week, we were especially careful not to rip out her stitches or infect her wound.

Since Digger was the clinic's first badger, we had some research to do. Lucky for us, one of our volunteers used to help at a rehabilitation clinic in Wisconsin, where badgers are more common. With that facility's help, we were able to gain much-needed information to get Digger on the road to recovery. We bottle-fed Digger for several weeks, and once her teeth broke through, we started introducing her to soft food and a ground-meat diet.

Digger grew at an astounding rate. It wasn't long before the bottles she had seemed to live for were a thing of the past. And, as she grew, Digger started to show her wild side. Now at over 20 pounds, she growls, barks and lunges at us when we go near her cage. When she is really wound up, she flattens herself out so she appears as wide as she is long.

Digger has been one of the highlights of the season. We were blessed to be given the opportunity to raise her to be the beautiful animal she has become. Digger will be released back to her home in Middleton in late September or early October.



Our thanks for "in kind" donations, services and support:

Marie Bauer, DVM - Veterinary Group of Chesterfield
Heather Schatz, DVM - Advantage Veterinary Center- High Ridge
Bentley Animal Hospital - Fenton
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Animals Cared for in 2009



Badgers
1



Raccoons
54



Skunks
32



Opossums
117



Groundhogs
3



Gray Squirrels
133



Cottontails
274



Coyotes
3



Beavers
8

Additional Animals

Armadillos: 1
Chipmunks: 2

Red Foxes: 4
Gray Foxes: 1
Minks: 1

Mice: 17
Rats: 4
Turtles: 1

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

by: Julie McDonough

Brrrring ... brrrring.

The Tuesday morning shift was just about to leave the Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic. All the animals had been fed, cages cleaned, formula prepared for the evening feedings and phone messages returned.

Brrrring ... brrrring. I couldn't let the answering machine pick up. The night shift wouldn't get the message for several hours. It might be an urgent call.

So much for leaving on time. I answered the phone. The caller explained how she was hearing baby animal noises under her concrete patio. Shining a flashlight in the hole had revealed some furless, black and white little bodies. "Skunks," I thought. Where was Momma?

After a few more minutes of investigating, I learned that an adult skunk had recently been killed on a nearby road. Knowing it wasn't normal for baby skunks to be so vocal — that something must be wrong — volunteer Sue Flynn offered to run by the residence, which was in her neighborhood.

Once at the location in Cedar Hill, Sue found a couple of week-old skunks at the entrance to the den. They were cold and dehydrated. She immediately wrapped them to warm them and then tried to reach the others, but without luck. They were too far back in the hole. Because they were under concrete, there was no way the babies could be dug out. After calling our director, Nancy Hunt, and discussing the situation, we decided to place a heat lamp in front of the den to lure the other babies out. The homeowner promised to check the sight the rest of the evening for any additional skunks that might come to the entrance.

By dusk, two more babies had been retrieved, and the next day, three more little ones came forward. We now had seven babies. All were males! We were delighted that we had saved seven and amazed that they were all boys. And yet, it was bittersweet: Noise was still coming from far back in the hole. At least one baby remained in the den, cold and dehydrated. We knew that at this stage, if we didn't retrieve it soon, the little skunk would perish.

The next day, the homeowner called with the good news: The last baby was out. We all cheered and one volunteer remarked, "Wouldn't it be funny if it were a girl? With seven boys and one female, we would have Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

Upon arrival at the clinic, it was confirmed: "It's a Girl!" was yelled before she was whisked away to be warmed in the incubator. The family was complete.



Introducing our new Wildlife Sponsor program. Help in a new way to support our wildlife patients and get a gift from us in return. Memberships are valid for one year from the month of purchase.

Wildlife Sponsor

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
E-Mail _____

Chose one of the below animals:

____ Gray Squirrel ____ Fox Squirrel
____ Flying Squirrel ____ Raccoon
____ Opossum ____ Groundhog
____ Rabbit ____ Red Fox
____ Coyote ____ Skunk
____ Beaver ____ Bobcat

Membership Levels:

- ____ *Level I \$30*
- Certificate
- Fact sheet of animal of your choice
- Name in quarterly newsletter
- Bookmark
- Bumper sticker
- ____ *Level II \$55*
- Everything above plus:
- Finger puppet
- Photo of a current animal in our care
- ____ *Level III \$75*
- Everything above plus:
- T-Shirt: ____ Size
- ____ *Level IV \$110*
- Everything above plus:
- Tote
- Please specify T-shirt size: ____
- ____ *Level V \$250*
- Everything above plus:
- Pewter Pin
- Private tour for 4
- Please specify T-shirt size: ____

Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic

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OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Oct. 4th
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

See the Animals!

& our guests...

St Louis Herpetological Society
House Rabbit Society of Missouri
Wild Bird Rehab

Clinic Tours
Gift Shop
Raffle
Bar-B-Que
Face Painting

WISH LIST

Special Needs:

Gift Cards
Hollow Logs
Cable Ties & Bungee Cords
Leather work gloves
Laptop Computer
Pet Carriers
Cordless impact gun

Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies:

Dish Washing Soap (Dawn)
Bleach
Simple Green
Laundry Detergent
Zip Lock Bags (pint & gallon)
Paper Towels
Disinfectant wipes
Scotchbright sponges

On Going Needs:

Soft Baby Blankets
Cloth Placemats
Purina Puppy Chow (Blue bag w/ White Dog)
Purina Cat Chow
Purina Kitten Chow
Kitty Litter (Clay only)
KMR (powder only)
Esbilac (powder only)
Nutri-Cal
Fluids - LRS
Lab or Rodent Chow
Hazel Nuts (in Shell)
Acorns
Baby Food (Plain Chicken, Fruits, Vegetables)
Fruit & Vegetable Baby Food Dices
Unsalted Peanuts
Pecans (in shell)
Yogurt (plain or fruit flavor)
Cheerios (Plain, Honey Nut & Multi-Grain)
Fresh Fruit (Red Seedless Grapes, Apples, Pears, Cherries, Bananas, Cantaloupe, Honey Dew, Seedless Watermelon, Peaches, Plums, Blueberries & Strawberries)
Fresh Vegetables (Sweet Potatoes, Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Corn-on-the-Cob, Broccoli, Fresh Green Beans, Carrots, Mushrooms & Cauliflower)

Medical Supplies:

Distilled Water
Pedialyte
Heating Pads (without auto shut off)
Revolution flea prevention
Flea Spray/Powder
Albon(R) Dewormer
Veterinary Ophthalmic (eye) Ointment
Microscope
Slides & cover slips
Electronic Baby Scale
Electronic Gram Scale (2,000gram capacity or more)
Sterile Syringes (all sizes)
Sterile Needles (23g, 25g & 27g)

Seasonal Needs:

Fresh Cut Live Christmas Tree (no tinsel or decorations)
Live Evergreen wreathes (no tinsel or decorations)
Whole Pumpkins

Professional Services:

Plumber
Electrician
Installation of kitchen base cabinets, sink & dishwasher

Fundraising Items:

Raffle Items
Gift Baskets
Gift Cards



TRIVIA NIGHT

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2009**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 162
9305 SO. BROADWAY
IN LEMAY JUST NORTH OF
HOFFMEISTER**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
GAME STARTS AT 7PM**

**\$20.00 per person
Tables up to 8**

BEER AND SODA INCLUDED!!!

- * Cash prize for 1st and 2nd place
- * Two 50/50 drawings
- * Mulligans
- * Door prizes
- * Raffle baskets
- * Gift Shop

To reserve a table contact Arlene
at (314) 623-0412 or email her
at kulade5@yahoo.com

Proceeds go to the Wildlife
Rehabilitation Clinic to provide
food and shelter for injured and
orphaned native Missouri wildlife.
501 C3 Organization

★ Teams of 8 compete
★ to win great prizes,
★ while benefiting the
★ Wildlife Rehabilitation
★ Clinic ★

Feel free to bring food and
snacks to share with your friends
and teammates!



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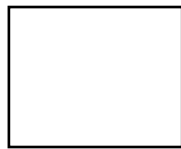
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We receive 100% of our funding from private donations. We are not funded by any government agencies. Because we are an all-volunteer organization, all donations are used to provide food, shelter and medical care for our animal patients.



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4 Fall Open House
November 14 Trivia Night

Check our website for more details:
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What it Costs

	Average cost (per month)	Average length of stay (months)
Raccoon	\$73	4
Opossum	\$63	4
Squirrel	\$52	3
Rabbit	\$32	1
Groundhog	\$73	4
Fox	\$63	5
Beaver	\$104	12

Membership

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-mail _____

___ Guardian	\$20
___ Pathfinder	\$25
___ Tracker	\$50
___ Caregiver	\$100
___ Companion	\$500
___ Protector	\$1000

Celebrate a Loved One

By buying an engraved brick, you can celebrate a loved one or honor a special event and help your furry friends, too! A \$100 donation will buy a 4" x 8" brick, and a \$150 donation will purchase an 8" x 8" brick. Each brick will be engraved to your specifications and will be a lasting way to celebrate life. Engraved bricks will be placed in a garden walkway and throughout the facility as construction continues! All profits will help rehabilitate injured and orphaned animals. Download an order form from our website:
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