



Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic

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### *WRC 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.*



*Fall 2011*

Fall at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic is a time for babies, joyous releases and exciting fundraising events to keep our clinic up and running. Even with our busy schedule working with the fall babies and preparing animals for release, we take time to reflect on the amazing generosity of our volunteers and WRC supporters. Here at WRC we are constantly reminded that we could not continue the rewarding work of helping so many wild animals in need without the support of so many from the community.

In the fall, we have a chance to continue our mission in helping care for sick and injured animals by having fantastic fundraisers in which we get to meet so many of our truly amazing supporters. We hope to see you at the wonderful events planned for this fall! At our Open House on October 2, you can come and meet some of our fall babies and see what we do every day at WRC. The Whiskers, Witches and Wildlife Walk on October 29 is an incredible event for the whole family—including your dog!—and is promised to be a huge amount of fun. Finally, we have our very popular Trivia Night on November 12 which will be a night of entertainment and great prizes for all. We invite you and your family to these events and thank you in your continued support of WRC – You make the difference!

~Emily Coffey

#### **A Special Thank You**

**The WRC would like to thank everyone who helped us survive the heat. To help prepare the animals for the wild, our transition area is not air conditioned. Due to the extreme temperatures this summer, the need for air movement was huge. A special thank you to Degenhardt Heating and Cooling for the donation of an industrial wall fan and to Kristy and Kevin Forbes for the loan of their industrial floor fan. These fans really move the air and have definitely helped control the temperatures. The volunteers and your furry friends greatly appreciate your generosity!**

# Princess and her unique friends

In my 10 years as a volunteer for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic, I have never seen a raccoon the color of one we are currently rehabilitating.

In May, we received a call from a man who had a "white raccoon" all alone in his yard. Abandoned by its mother and needing fluids quickly, the youngster was brought to our facility. To our delight, she had unusual coloring. We named her Princess.

Unlike most of her species – which are dark gray with black markings – Princess has a gorgeous silver/gray coat, and her mask and tail are dark brown. Although her coloring is unusual, studies have shown that raccoons like Princess ARE accepted by the general raccoon population despite their differences. Their survival rate is good if they can avoid trappers.

Fortunately, we have many release sites to choose from for Princess. They belong to people who apply to have certain animals returned to the wild on their property. We carefully check over each site to make sure it can provide for the needs of that species. Of course, one stipulation is that there must be no hunting/trapping of our animals on the property.

You can see this beautiful raccoon at our Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Open House. Soon after that, Princess and her group will be ready to be released. We have the perfect home picked out for them: 400 hunting-free acres near Bourbon, Mo., complete with a spring-fed lake and their own "Coonie Condo" -- a tree house built as a temporary shelter for them until they find that perfect hollow tree.

If you would like to be considered as a release site, forms are available at our facility.

~Julie McDonough

*Check out Princess below.  
Isn't she beautiful?!*

*We've also had the  
privilege of working with  
Cinnamon, a uniquely  
colored opossum and some  
almost all-white skunks!*



## The WRC Needs You

**Do you like to work with animals? Have experience writing grants? Enjoy working with local media to help promote our cause? Can you create and organize fun fundraising ideas? If you have one or more of the above talents or interests, we would love to have you as part of our family. We especially need help**

**in the following areas:**

**Grant writing**

**Fundraising**

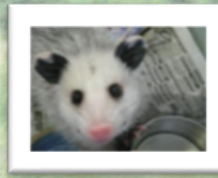
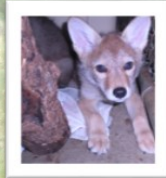
**Public Relations**

**Volunteering 4-5 hours a week caring for the animals**

**For more details, call us at: 636-677-3670 or pick up an application form at our facility.**

# Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic Open House

Join us for a fun afternoon and come support the WRC!!



Meet the baby animals!!!

Raffle Baskets

Gift Shop

Food; including hot dogs, drinks and more!

Kids' Games

**Sunday October 2, 2011**  
**1864 Little Brennan Rd.**  
**High Ridge, MO**  
**1:00pm-5:00pm**  
**FREE ADMISSION!**

Face Painting

## Animal Riddles

I am the only marsupial in the United States. Who am I? (A marsupial is an animal that carries its babies in a pouch.)

I am also called by the name "Whistle Pig" due to the noises I make. Who am I?

I am the only species of the "Strange-Jointed" mammal family living in Missouri. Who am I?

When I run, my front feet come down first and then my back feet extend in front of my body. Who am I?

I have flaps of skin that enable me to glide through the air. Who am I?

Answers: 1) opossum 2) groundhog 3) armadillo 4) rabbit 5) flying squirrel

# Kids' Corner

# Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic, Inc.



"caring for tomorrow's wildlife"

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## The Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic, Inc.

is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt, 100% volunteer organization licensed by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

**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.

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#### **Membership Levels:**

- \_\_\_ Guardian \$25.00
- \_\_\_ Pathfinder \$50.00
- \_\_\_ Tracker \$100.00
- \_\_\_ Caregiver \$250.00
- \_\_\_ Companion \$500.00
- \_\_\_ Protector \$1,000.00
- \_\_\_ Ambassador \$2,500.00
- \_\_\_ Benefactor \$5,000.00

### 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"x8" brick, and a \$150 donation will purchase an 8"x8" brick. Each brick will be engraved to your specifications and will be a lasting way to celebrate life. Engraved bricks will be placed throughout the facility as construction continues. Download an order form from our website:

[www.wild-life-rehab.com](http://www.wild-life-rehab.com)

### Upcoming Events

- **Fall Open House:**  
October 2, 1:00pm-5:00pm  
Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic
- **Garage Sales:**  
October 8 & 12, 7:00am-1:00pm  
Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic
- **Whiskers Witches & Wildlife Walk:**  
October 29, 8:30a-1pm  
Tower Grove Park
- **Trivia Night:** November 12, 7pm-11pm  
St. Martin of Tours

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