

Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic, Inc.

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"caring for tomorrow's wildlife"

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Leave it to the Beavers

You can't get much cuter than baby beavers (called kits). They are round balls of fluff with the most unique tail. As they grow, beavers continue to fascinate even the veteran rehabber. They are remarkable animals with amazing talents and very healthy appetites.

Until this past season, our clinic had never fostered more than one beaver at a time. This year, we have had the privilege to rehabilitate seven. All were brought to us as kits, so volunteers have had the opportunity to watch them grow and change. We have marveled at their many talents and interesting behaviors. For example, beavers are skilled swimmers. Like aquatic acrobats, they roll, twist, flip and glide through the water. They also work together for a common goal, whether it's by forming an assembly line to move food from their pool to their house or in their non-stop efforts to build a lodge.

And yet, with seven beavers, the clinic has learned the sobering reality of caring for these amazing mammals. "Busy beavers" need a lot of food to sustain them. Strictly vegetarians, they must have a supply of fresh food available at all times. Their galvanized pool must be emptied and refilled with fresh water at least once a day. Needless to say, our water, sewer and grocery bills are much higher this year than in the past.

Can you help us? These beavers have unexpectedly depleted a large portion of our funds. Spring babies are already arriving.

We are 100% dependent on donations.



We need your help to raise the funds needed to take care of these amazing animals.

We Need Your Help



This coyote was hit by a car.



This muskrat suffered wounds to its forelimbs.

- Some of Our Top Costs: 2009**
- *Vet: \$1,443.87
 - *Grocery: \$11,794.61
 - *Sewer: \$815.98
 - *Water: \$1,081.46
 - *Gas: \$1,500.61
 - *Cleaning Supplies: \$1,391.36
 - *Animal-Care Supplies: \$5,700.96
 - *Medical Supplies: \$3,832.18
 - *Nursery Supplies: \$3,478.73

Below: Because its momma was killed by a motorist, this squirrel; will not survive without our help.



Above: This baby raccoon's home was destroyed by a bulldozer. Found days later, he was too weak to recover.

Cost Per Animal Per Month

	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

Flying Squirrels

In the 50 years I have lived in Missouri, I have never seen a flying squirrel in the wild. In fact, until I began to volunteer at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic, I had no idea these nifty little mammals were native to Missouri.

It's not surprising that most people have never encountered a flying squirrel. They are nocturnal which means they are active at night and sleep during the day. They are quiet little creatures that, at night, you might mistake for a bird or bat.

Although called "flying" squirrels, these animals do not actually fly. Instead of wings, they have flaps of skin which extend from their forearms to their hindlegs. These flaps enable the squirrels to glide from branch to branch. They eat a varied diet including seeds, tree buds and flowers, fruit, berries and nuts.

Flying squirrels live inside cavities in trees or in a nest of leaves (called a drey) built in the tree branches and, unfortunately, sometimes in an attic or garage.

Most of the flying squirrels that we rehab arrive as babies that have been removed from attics and could not be reunited with their mother.

We are currently fostering four flying squirrels.



Thank you, New Sponsors

Ruth Leeholz
S.L. Kotar/J.E. Gessler
Sandra Lanigan
Melody & Ian Bolne

Jackie Hutter
Linda Jones
Sally Thomas
Linda Smith

Thanks also to all new members and all who have donated their time and money to help us fulfill our mission. We have a marvelous group of volunteers, and our community is the best. A special thank you to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Remington Oaks neighborhood kids

Wildlife Sponsor Program

Help 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: ____

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OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, May 2, 2010

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Meet the Spring Babies

&

some Special guests !

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

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Join us for our **OPEN HOUSE.**

See the spring babies.

Free fun for all.

Sunday, May 2

Doors open 1-5 p.m.

See inside for details.

New: We are now on **FACEBOOK!**
Check us out!

Membership

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____

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

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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: www.wild-life-rehab.com.