



# Wild Life Lines

**S**pring is here and with it comes our “baby season” at the Center. We receive mammal and avian babies requiring our care during this time. Owl nestlings hatch and mammal babies are born starting in February. March is commonly when our first mammal infants arrive for care. Other nestling birds hatch beginning in the middle of April and start arriving soon after.

Our most common mammal orphans are Eastern Gray Squirrels, Eastern Cottontails and Virginia Opossums. This is partially due to the number of babies born to one mother. Opossum moms can have and successfully raise as many as 13 nursing joeys. Bunny litters average 4-5 kits while squirrels usually birth 3-4 pups. Other orphaned mammals that we receive requiring care include red foxes, white-tailed deer and woodchucks.

The unfortunate truth about baby season is that not all of the patients that come under our care are orphans or even needed assistance. Every year we receive numerous ‘orphans’ that are brought in by well-meaning Samaritans who unknowingly actually kidnapped the young from their mothers while trying to help. The good news is that sometimes we are able to successfully reunite mom and her babies but this is not always the case.

So the question becomes, how do you know when the infant or juvenile animal needs help? Our staff has compiled information to help you determine if the animal needs assistance. And if you are still not sure if you should intervene and lend a hand, call us.

We are here to answer questions and address concerns about what’s normal for mom and her young because not all animal moms care for their young in the same way.

-Valerie Van Houten-Hausch

## Oh Baby! Spring has Sprung...



Opossums are marsupials so the babies are always in mom’s pouch or riding on her back once they are older. If a juvy falls off and becomes separated from mom, she will not necessarily realize and thus will not return for her young. Opossum moms are always on the move and while they have a territory they stick to, they have no nest or den to return the young to in the hopes of re-uniting with mom. A single juvenile opossum depending on its size may be on its own already, they are independent before they are full grown. A female opossum that’s been hit by a vehicle may have babies in her pouch or about her in the road. Her young still have a chance at life even if she is deceased already. It is important that they get to us, here at the Center, as soon as possible.



Eastern Gray Squirrels are quite possibly the best moms. Not only is there a very good chance that the babies can be re-nested, but if something happens to the nest, it’s okay. Squirrel moms have at least one already built nest as a backup in an emergency so she can move her babies. Once the pups are juveniles, they will leave and return to the nest on their own when they are done playing or exploring for the day. Squirrels like to nest high up in trees, but finding a nest elsewhere sometimes happens.

*Still not sure if the animal needs help?  
See if any of the situations listed on  
page 3 match what you see  
and give us a call.*



Eastern Cottontails nest in shallow depressions in the ground covered with grass and mom’s fur. Cottontail moms leave their young alone most of the day, returning to the nest only once or twice a day to feed their babies. It is rare that you will see mom at the nest, so if you are concerned that mom is not returning, you can double check with a test. Sprinkle flour in a circle around the nest or create a tic-tac-toe board with string over the nest. Either one will allow you to see that mom was there while you were away. Rabbits that are larger than a softball (@100 grams) are already on their own and do not require help.

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## A MESSAGE FROM GINNIE

I would like to dedicate this column to our volunteers. Volunteers – the lifeblood of our organization. Because no one person can do it all. Without our volunteers, we would never be able to handle the influx of animals we receive here at the Center. With our busiest time of year just around the corner, I wanted to take the time now to thank each and every one of you. Sometimes it may seem in the hectic day-to-day operations, that we just don't thank everyone properly. Please know that we are amazed at the work you put in – many of you after your long shifts at your paying jobs. It is not easy work, and certainly not as rewarding as volunteering in a shelter for cats and dogs, where the animals interact with you and are grateful for your attention. Wildlife is never grateful, the animals merely tolerate you going into their cages to provide "room service." They don't learn to pee and poop in a litter box or in designated spots in the cage. Many times, they use their food and water dishes as their toilet. Yes, it's back-breaking work, but so rewarding when we can see a wild thing advance to the outdoor cage and then finally be released to the wild. Many volunteers pick animals up for release, getting to see the fruits of their labor. While we cannot save them all, we know we are making a difference to the ones we do save and are making the ones that we can't save more comfortable as they pass to their next life.



As usual, it is extremely difficult to get injured animals from the East Hampton area transported to our Center. Many times, the veterinarians and staff at the Veterinary Clinic in East Hampton transport the animals themselves which is difficult for them too. Please, if you work in the East Hampton area and travel west at the end of your day, consider calling the Veterinary Clinic at 631 324-7900 to see if there are any animals there that you can transport to us. It would help us so very much!

Have a wonderful spring season, and remember to watch for wildlife nesting in and around your property. Give them a chance to raise their young as their habitat is disappearing at an alarming rate. Please call us for any advice on how to live peacefully with them.

*-Virginia Frati, Executive Director*

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# STORIES FROM THE CENTER...

(cont'd, cover story)

Birds of prey have a high success rate for re-nesting the hatchlings. You can pick up the young to double check for injuries from the fall and then return them to the nest. If the nest is unable to be reached to re-nest, please call us for help or directions on how to make a substitute nest to be attached to the tree at a height that is feasible. But remember, even at this young age, birds of prey---owls, hawks, osprey, falcons---have talons so take care to avoid injuries to you and the bird. A thick pair of gloves is advised. And no worries about leaving your scent behind. That is just an old-wives tale, and they will not be rejected by the parents because you touched them.



Songbird nestlings also have a great success rate for re-nesting the birds with their parents. Same as birds of prey, songbirds are not rejected by the parents if you touched them. Nestlings hatch naked, blind and helpless and rely on mom and dad to eat about every 30 minutes for 12 hours a day. With most species, both parents care for the young so if one of the parents is deceased, the other will continue to care for the young. Fledglings are the juvenile stage of birds where they are feathered with a decent amount of their feathers and are learning to fly. Contrary to popular belief, fledglings learn to fly from the ground up. They have already left the nest and will spend several days or a week being cared for and fed by their parents while on the ground until flight is achieved. As fledglings learn to fend for themselves, the parents will come less often to feed them.



White-Tailed Deer moms will leave their babies alone all day, from around dawn to dusk. So if you see a fawn sitting by itself in some brush or tall grass this is normal and not a definite sign that help is required. You may check back after dusk or the next morning to re-evaluate the situation if other criteria for help are not seen at the time of the initial sighting.



Eastern Box Turtles are on their own from the time they hatch. They require no assistance in being raised even when they are the size of a quarter! Turtles of any size that are crossing the road can be assisted by moving them to the side of the road in the direction they were heading. Please do not move turtles to other areas as they have established territories and will only try to return 'home' if you do. Remember, turtles, like all animals, can and will bite. Using a shovel or container to move them is recommended over picking them up with your hands.



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## DOES THE ANIMAL NEED HELP?

*If any of these questions are answered with a YES then the animal requires assistance.*

- \* Is there blood, wounds or broken bones?
- \* Has the animal been in a cat's or dog's mouth?
- \* Is the animal cold, soaking wet or continuously crying?
- \* Are there fly eggs (look like grains of rice) or maggots on the animal?
- \* If young, are the parents KNOWN to be deceased?

Please NEVER try to care for wildlife on your own. All animals have very specific diets depending on their species and stage of life.

In NYS it is illegal to keep wildlife more than 24 hours if you are not a licensed wildlife rehabilitator with the NYS DEC. Call us right away if you find an animal in distress as it greatly increases the animal's chances of survival and the ability to release it back into the wild.

And if you have to keep the animal overnight until you can bring it to us, please remember these important rules:

### ***Never Ever:***

- \* Give any type of milk to animals (dairy or otherwise)
- \* Force feed the animal
- \* Pour water into the mouth or onto the animal
- \* Hold or handle the animal more than necessary (it stresses the animal and that stress can kill)

# THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF!

## Supporters of the Quarter

MS. NANCY HUGHES AND MS. THERESA DIETRICH

for their generosity in donating the funds for a brand new digital microscope. We are able to do so much more for the animals with this new technology! Thank you so much.

## VETERINARIANS FOR WILDLIFE

DR. ARNOLD LESSER

New York Veterinary Specialty Center, Farmingdale

Dr. Lesser performed surgery on a Northern Long-eared Owl in an effort to save its wing with a pin. Although the owl will not be releasable, he is healing and will possibly become a display or education animal in the future.



*This Great Horned owllet fell from its nest. It was examined by our staff, found to be healthy, and re-nested by EAWRC volunteer, Jim MacDougall*



# Save THE Babies!

April 21st or May 19th at the Center  
Saturday at 12 Noon

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Thanks you guys! AD



## A FOXY MAKEOVER

-Adrienne Gillespie



COMMON NAME: Red Fox  
SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Vulpes vulpes*  
TYPE: Mammal  
DIET: Omnivore  
AVERAGE LIFE SPAN IN THE WILD:  
2 to 4 years

As a child growing up on Fire Island, I had the pleasure of encountering red foxes on a daily basis. I would often see them playing in groups on the beach or running down the burma road. That's when I believe my passion and love for these beautiful creatures started. Now, I have the pleasure of rehabbing red foxes through my job with the Wildlife Rescue Center.

The red fox is the only fox native to our region. They serve as an important part of the environment and capture the true beauty of native Long Island Wildlife. In recent years, I have seen a large increase in sarcoptic mange cases in the red fox population. Many misconceptions exist about the disease and its treatment. I have made it my mission to help these animals by both treating the disease at no cost and by helping to educate the public.

Sarcoptic mange is a highly contagious skin disease caused by the *Sarcoptes scabiei* mite. The mite burrows through the skin causing intense itching, irritation, and hair

loss, but it is easily treated with a medication called Ivermectin. Ivermectin can be administered through injection under the skin or through injection into food. I have helped foxes across Long Island as well as Fire Island, and I have seen the amazing transformations possible with this inexpensive, yet effective medication. The foxes respond well to the treatment and in as little as a couple days, you can see the difference.

I have started a campaign to raise awareness about red foxes and the easy treatment of sarcoptic mange. I personally provide advice and services for the red fox population all over Long Island at no charge. By doing so, I hope that local communities and people will not fear the foxes or harm them when faced with the disease.



Left: Sarcoptic mange evident in coat, through face  
Above: Same fox, post-treatment with healthy coat and bright eyes



If you need help or advice on a red fox suffering from mange, please contact me!

## For Fox Sake

Rescue, Rehabilitation, Release  
adrienne gillespie  
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## From the Mailbag...



Thank you...for participating in the..Am-O'Gansett Parade! The meet and greet was terrific...your work is very important.

Joi, Patty & Lee, Amagansett Chamber of Commerce

I was relieved to hear that while [the bird] had suffered frost bite and was likely to lose toes, recovery and a new home and bright future lay ahead...I wanted to let you know how grateful I am that things have turned out so well...

C.P., Center Moriches

April Gornik & Eric Fischl  
look forward to this year's

## GET WILD!

To celebrate all the good that the  
Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center  
does throughout the year!



## Memorials

- |                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Russell Bird    | Suzanne Obser         |
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-Shayna Carter

On special occasions, we have patients that bond together during their rehabilitation time and will be released together as couples. Of course, we will only do this with animals of the same species. We love to see the connection that grows between the two, showing that animals do indeed form relationships and feel emotions such as love and affection.

We currently have two mallards in our care at the moment. The female came in with a very high lead level in her blood. When they are feeding on the vegetation off the bottom of a lake, pond, bay, etc., waterfowl ingest the lead shots, previously fired during hunting seasons as it was originally legal to shoot waterfowl with lead shots. This is likely what caused her lead poisoning condition.

The other mallard, a male, also came in with a very high lead level in his blood and sustained a fracture to his right tibiotarsus, (similar to the lower leg bone in humans) which he has now healed from. Unfortunately, the male came from a

farm where ducks are raised only to be shot by hunters when they are released from their cages. He was one of the lucky ducks to escape, and he will be released at Quogue Wildlife Refuge once his rehabilitation time is done. There, he will be fed and looked after, as he has never lived in the wild.

The two mallards made a connection as their cages were right next to each other, and they could often hear each other as well as see each other when we were treating them. So we decided one day we'd let them stay together in their own large cage and a love connection was instantly made. We were beyond thrilled we could give them a partner with whom they could spend the rest of their hospital time, and they will now be released together at the refuge in Quogue.

These two mallards are one of the many success stories we have at the center, and will continue to have, with your support and donations.



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"It's a...flying squirrel?"*

**LOOK, IN THE SKY!  
IT'S SUPER SQUIRREL!!!**

-Danielle Sheehan



Those were the exact words that I spoke aloud as I stared into the box before me. I knew what I was looking at from seeing it in photographs: the large eyes, the flattened tail, the extra skin between fore and hind limbs...but to have it here? In front of me? On Long Island?! I was in disbelief. Yet, I quickly learned that flying squirrels, specifically, the southern variety, are indeed native here. They are only rare to see because they are nocturnal, silently gliding through the treetops while many of us are asleep.

Volunteer Noreen LeCann brought in this particular squirrel. She found it in the road with an injured right forelimb. I could see the limb hanging limply as the squirrel held



it out, almost like a dog offering its paw. Senior staff member, Staci Earl, performed the squirrel's intake. She took X-rays to reveal fractures to the right radius and ulna. She administered pain medications and allowed them to take effect before she and hospital supervisor, Greg Matonis, applied a Robert Jones bandage to the tiny arm.

Over the following weeks, the wrap was removed and reapplied multiple times to ensure proper alignment of the bones. After approximately a month's time, the wrap was removed permanently. The X-rays showed that the radius realigned well, but the ulna did not. Despite this, enough calcification occurred at the fracture site to fully stabilize both bones. She quickly began climbing her cage, seeming to enjoy having use of her right forearm again—not to mention being free of the bulky bandage!

It will take time to determine if the squirrel's arm has healed well enough for release. Her nocturnal habits make it

difficult to fully assess her capabilities because she is typically sleeping when we are present. As of this writing, she has been placed in an outdoor enclosure that better replicates her natural environment. If she can demonstrate that her arm is strong

enough to build a nest, an essential function in the wild, then she will be ready for release. We will continue to observe her in her new enclosure until she shows us her super strength!



*While she may never fly faster than a speeding bullet or leap tall buildings in a single bound, we hope that she will climb trees and glide across canopies with ease!*

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## Our Education Family



**KAILALA**  
Great Horned Owl  
*Bubo virginianus* - Female

Kailala arrived at EAWRC in late February of 2007, just two days old, her eyes closed and without feathers. She had fallen 50 feet from a nest in Jamesport. Both wings were fractured with completely displaced bones and her pelvis was fractured.

Two Avian specialists told us to euthanize the bird, but during the two weeks she was with us for evaluation, she was eating, lively and thriving. We made the decision to give her a chance.

Today, "Meep," affectionately nicknamed after the sound baby owls use to call their parents, is fully flighted and 100% healthy, but she is imprinted. She thinks she is human and doesn't know how to hunt or survive on her own.

Because she cannot be released, she was trained to the glove and now serves as an educational animal.

## WHOO'S WHOOOO...

*Back from Migration Vacation*

### Red-Winged Blackbird



*Aggressive, but not vicious, will attack people and animals in their nesting territories.*

*Feed on both insects and seed—black sunflower seeds are a favorite!*

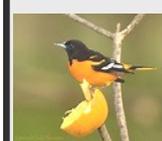
### Purple Martin



*Neo-tropical, return to the same nesting site annually from as far as Brazil and Argentina, mainly relying on artificial housing provided by people.*

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### Baltimore Oriole



*Very sensitive to insecticide poisoning as insects and caterpillars are favorite foods.*

*Sticks beak into soft fruits, and opens mouth to form a cup to drink nectar with its tongue.*

### Common Grackle



*Omnivorous and return in large, noisy flocks, with colonies of up to 100. Practice "anting" by*

*rubbing ants on their feathers and skin possibly to kill bird mites or as an insecticide.*

### Osprey



*Return to the general area from which they fledged or built or used a nest the year before. Eat*

*almost exclusively fish but will take small mammals, birds and reptiles. Closable nostrils and reversible outer toes to catch prey and can dive up to 3 feet.*

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## Think Spring!

### WORD LIST:

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| APPLE     | GARDEN     | PEPPER   | SQUIRREL    |
| ASPARAGUS | GREENHOUSE | RABBIT   | STRAWBERRY  |
| BEANS     | HARVEST    | RHUBARB  | SUNFLOWER   |
| BUCKET    | HERBS      | ROBIN    | THYME       |
| CARROT    | LADYBUG    | ROOTS    | TOMATO      |
| CHIMPUNK  | LETTUCE    | ROSEMARY | VEGETABLE   |
| CORN      | MULCH      | SAGE     | WEEDING     |
| EGGPLANT  | ONION      | SEEDS    | WHEELBARROW |
| FAWN      | OPOSSUM    | SHOVEL   | WOODPECKER  |
| FLOWER    | OREGANO    | SOIL     | WORMS       |
| FRUIT     | PEAR       | SPINACH  |             |

### EASY, FUN BIRDFEEDER CRAFT!



- Cut an apple, orange or other sturdy fruit in half. Core.
- Push a long stick through the fruit to act as a perch
- Tie a length of string to each end of the stick.



- Tie the ends of the string to a branch, leaving the cut side of the fruit up.
- Place wildbird seed on the fruit and refill as needed.
- *Enjoy!*

-Valerie Van Houten-Hausch

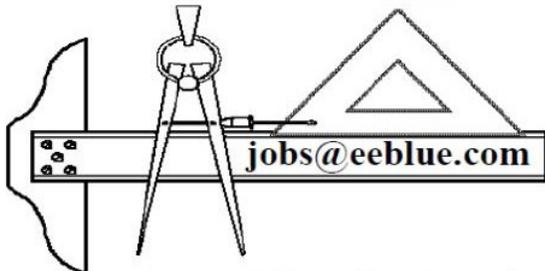


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