



EVELYN ALEXANDER

Wildlife Rescue Center
Eastern Long Island's **ONLY** Wildlife Hospital



WILDLIFE LINES

FALL 2021

OUR EDUCATION AMBASSADOR, LEONA

Leona is a very special owl. She is a **Long-Eared Owl** (abbreviated LEO, then affectionately changed to LEONA). She was found in the woods in Calverton on February 8, 2018 with a badly fractured left wing. After stabilizing the movement in the wing and giving her a special pain medicine, we transported her to veterinary orthopedic specialist, Dr. Arnold Lesser in Huntington who performed a delicate surgery to save her wing. Unfortunately, the blood supply was too compromised and she lost most of her wing. Being she is an unusual bird, rarely seen, we decided to apply for the special U.S. Fish & Wildlife permit to keep her as an ambassador. Now she travels to events and calmly sits on a gloved hand as her story is told to the world. Back in her habitat, she enjoys her trees and heated perches in the winter and her sprinkler baths in the summer.



This **baby squirrel** was one of the many baby squirrels we received this season. She came in severely dehydrated and infested with fleas. We don't know what happened to mom, but apparently she needed our help. A Good Samaritan found her and immediately brought her to us. She was hypothermic, and after we

warmed her up in cuddly blankets in the incubator, we started her on subcutaneous fluids (with a needle under the skin). Next, we started feeding her small amounts of diluted formula. As she improved, we offered her full strength formula. She is now with a new batch of siblings and is almost ready for release.



Not all our rescues have good outcomes. This **Great Black Backed Gull** ingested a fish hook that a fisherman had carelessly discarded. The gull passed away before our veterinarian could perform the surgery necessary to remove the hook. Each year, we receive countless wild birds either tangled in fishing line or with hooks embedded. Please do not allow fishing line, hooks, or lures into our environment and if you see any, please be a good citizen and pick it up.



Director's Column

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Welcome to our Fall newsletter! I hope everyone had a healthy, safe summer. This year has seen our highest intake of animals so far. As of this writing, there are 165 animals in our care right now, and 2,085 have been through our doors so far this year. We try to analyze the reason for this increase each year. One reason could be that we are more well known; another reason could be that the population is increasing each year on the East End of Long Island - this would naturally cause an increase in human/wild animal conflicts.

Now is the time to inspect your home to detect any potential entryways for wild animals. Spring and summer are not the times to evict wildlife from your attics, sheds, poolhouses, etc. since by doing so, it is likely to cause an orphan situation. Fix and secure all possible entry points now. Replace rotting boards and soffits. Keep the area around the home clean and well repaired. This will discourage animals from using your home as their home.

As we slowly get back to normal after the COVID pandemic, we will be planning our annual Summer Gala Get Wild as well as other fundraisers. It will be a relief to see everyone again and to bring in much needed funding for our injured, sick and orphaned wild animals. Sponsorships will be available shortly, and I hope you will consider being a sponsor!

Thank you for your support.

UPDATE ON BABY OSPREYS FROM SUMMER ISSUE

Volunteer Sandra Palm, who renested our two baby ospreys after the nest fell down, diligently watched the family for the rest of the summer. She watched the parents feed the babies and teach them to fly. She watched as the babies first flapped their wings and jumped up and down within the nest, then eventually took off in flight, soaring out over the open water. She watched them eventually catch their own fish, their parents supervising nearby. She sadly said goodbye to them as they embarked on their journey to the south as the colder weather approached. This is a far better outcome than raising them in captivity!

WHAT WE DO

The Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center is Eastern Long Island's ONLY Wildlife Hospital, a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to the rescue, medical rehabilitation and release of native wildlife on the East End of Long Island. The Center opened its doors in 2000. The Wildlife Rescue Center receives over 10,000 calls each year for information or assistance with wild animal encounters. Each animal that crosses our doorstep receives comfort and compassion. We are open 365 days a year and are available on call 24 hours a day. We also provide educational programs to local elementary and secondary schools. Students from local colleges participate in cooperative education programs and internships. The Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center annual operating budget exceeds \$750,000, all of which comes from the generosity of people like you. We do not receive state or government funding.

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The Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center Hospital is located at Munn's Pond County Park through a cooperative agreement with Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation and the EAWRC, a private, non-profit environmental group.



A financial report is on file with the NYS Attorney General, 120 Broadway NY, NY and on the web at: www.charitiesnys.com

How Can You Help The EVELYN ALEXANDER WILDLIFE CENTER?

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No experience necessary. We will train you. Rescue, Transport, Hospital, Office & Fundraising Volunteers needed. Download application at: wildliferescuecenter.org/GetInvolved

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Donate through Paypal, or with credit cards on our website or venmo@wildliferescuecenter

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Check if your employer matches your donation to nonprofit organizations.

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WELCOME!

Director of Development Brienne Doskoz

Brienne joins us with many years of experience in real estate and marketing and a passion for event planning and fundraising. She is excited to begin this new adventure and use her skills and experience to help support the mission of rescuing wildlife at the Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center.

IN LOVING MEMORY:

Stephen Michael Becker	Ben Lambert
Richard Brown	Suzanne Obser
Edgar Debono	Lola Onorato
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Karen Hughes	Matthew Rewinski
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So you thought mom wouldn't accept a baby once it has been touched by humans. The picture on top shows mom squirrel retrieving her baby after Janis Hurley, one of our volunteers re-nested the baby and two siblings. The picture on the left shows mom **picking up the towel** that Janis used to wrap the babies in while waiting for mom to return. We all got a good laugh with that one! (Photo by Janis Hurley)

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Whew! Did we have a lot of **baby raccoons** this summer! Most were admitted because people trapped the mother and either killed her or relocated her (illegally). Always call us for advice! We used 4 bags of KMR formula a week. At over \$100 a bag, you can see how much of an impact this made on our food budget! Please be as generous as you can with your donations so we can continue to care for all native species of wildlife impacted mostly by human activities. We thank you!



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