



Wildlife Rescue League

Rescue Support

Autumn 2002

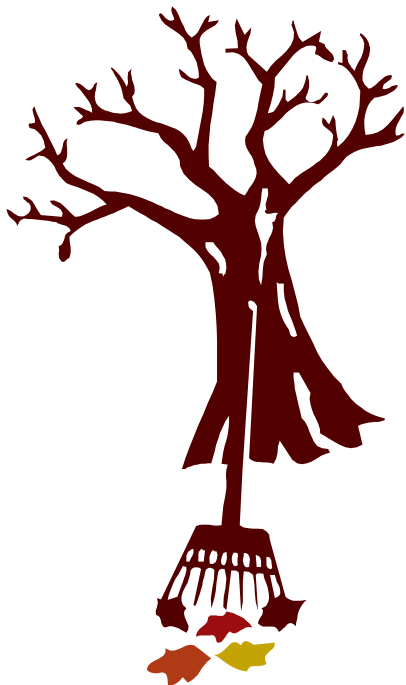
Fall Greetings

Welcome to Fall! Days are shortening, the hotline is winding down. With the turn of the season, Rescue Support volunteers should be turning their attention to Board elections coming in December. This is your time to let your voice be heard as to who the leaders of the Wildlife Rescue League should be. Page 2 of Rescue Support has a listing of job descriptions with the requirements needed for the various board positions.

Thanks to all of you who submitted nomination forms - the nominating committee has finished going through the suggestions, and has submitted the following slate, printed below. Please be sure you come to the Winter General Meeting in December and VOTE!!!

WRL 2002 Nomination Slate

President: Yvonne Brandon
Vice-President: Allison Pang
Secretary: Dawn Davis
Treasurer: Sarah Bell
At Large: Erika Yery
At Large: Pat Chamberlain
At Large: Charlene DeVol
At Large: Linda Jasper
At Large: Kathy Denino



Important Dates

Quarterly Meeting:

- December 7 - 11:00 am - Long Branch Nature Center
Elections, raffles and more!

Education

- November 23 - Emerging Diseases - 12:00 am - 3:00 pm
Long Branch Nature Center
Presented by Cynthia Driscoll, DVM
- December 8 - Basic First Aid - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Long Branch Nature Center
Presented by Ann Hiss
- December 14 - Rehabilitation of Box Turtles - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Green Spring Gardens Park
Presented by Dennis Desmond
- January 11-12 - Squirrel Rehabilitation Class
Holiday Inn, Dulles, VA
Presented by Shirley and Ann Casey
More details on this class can be found here:
<http://www.wildliferescueleague.org/WRLWorkshops.html>

For any information regarding any of the above dates, please contact the WRL at 703.391.8625 or email wrl@wildliferescueleague.org

Announcements

- Contributors to the Rescue Report member newsletter - keep in mind that the deadline for the Fall issue is January 15. Email Jen Connors at jenbconnors@yahoo.com.
- Rehabbers, Hotliners, Transporters! - If you have an announcement, thank-you, story, photo, or any other information you would like to put in Rescue Support, please contact Allison Pang at allison-pang@cox.net.

WRL Board Position Information

Board Member Job Description:

1. Regularly attends board meetings and important related meetings.
2. Makes serious commitment to participate actively in committee work.
3. Prepares themselves well for meetings, and review and comments on minutes and reports.
4. Participates in fund raising for the organization and promotes the organization to the community at large.
5. Monitors financial planning and financial reports, and assists in preparing the annual budget.
6. Evaluates personal and organizational performance.

President:

1. Is a member of the Board.
2. Does not receive financial compensation in any capacity, but may receive reasonable reimbursement for expenses incurred.
3. Provides leadership to the Board Members.
4. Prepares and distributes agendas and all supporting materials sufficiently in advance of meetings to allow for Board review and preparation.
5. Encourages Board's role in strategic planning.
6. Helps guide and mediate Board actions with respect to organizational priorities and governance concerns.
7. Monitors financial planning and financial reports, and in consultation with other Board members prepares the annual budget.
8. Plays a leading role in fundraising activities.
9. Evaluates annually the performance of the organization in achieving its mission, and presents results to the Board.

Vice President:

1. Is a member of the Board.
2. Performs President's responsibilities when the President cannot be available, and usually ascends to the presidency if necessary.
3. Reports to the President.
4. Works closely with the President and other staff.
5. Performs other responsibilities as assigned by the President of Board consensus.

Board Secretary:

1. Is a member of the Board.
2. Maintains records of the board and ensures effective management of organization's records.
3. Manages minutes of board meetings.
4. Provides copies of minutes and other records upon request.
5. Distributes minutes within a reasonable time period after meetings.

Board Treasurer:

1. Is a member of the Board.
2. Does not receive financial compensation in any capacity, but may receive reasonable reimbursement for expenses incurred.
3. Manages finances of the organization.
4. Provides annual budget to the board for members' approval.
5. Ensures development and board review of financial policies and procedures.

Hotliners!

Please remember to call your shift numbers in to your Team Leader or Kathy Denino when you are done with your shift. Also, check in with the shift before yours to make sure everything is covered. If you can fit in more shifts, check out <http://www.wildliferescueleague.org/hotline/calendar.shtml> for open shifts.

WRL's Online Store

Hey all! The holidays are coming. Get your favorite rehabber or volunteer something from the WRL store. Go to <http://www.cafeshops.com/wrl> to see the latest available merchandise. We have tree ornaments and stockings, baseball caps, stickers, baby clothes, shirts, sweatshirts and so much more. It's a great way to show your support to the WRL or to thank that special volunteer.

Wish List

Wildlife rehabilitators are volunteers who donate not only their time, but the supplies and equipment needed for the wildlife they care for. You can help by donating any of these items that you may no longer need. Please call **703.391.8625** if you have any of these items to spare or would like to gather donations for us. Thanks!

Wildlife Resources and Supplies:

- Sunflower seed or mixed birdseed
- Wildlife field guides
- Nesting boxes
- Humane animal traps

Pet Supplies:

- Cages & covers
- Pet Carriers
- Lucite Critter carriers
- Pine shavings/Bedding material
- Birdcage cups
- Dog/Cat food (Dry/Canned)
- Dog/Cat dishes

Office Supplies:

- Envelopes
- Paper
- Mailing labels
- Stamps
- Postal scales

Home Items:

- 30 gallon trash bags
- Blankets
- Cameras/Film
- Thermometers
- Quick stop or styptic pencils
- Heating pads (must be new)
- Fur coats, wraps, or stoles
- Bed linens/pillow cases (no holes)
- Towels (no holes/strings)
- Gram Scales
- Bottle Brushes
- Nuts in the shell
- Facial tissue
- Large Ziplock Bags
- Sleeping bags

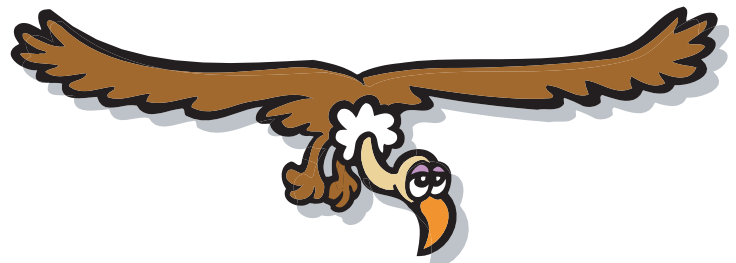
Children's Items:

- Cloth diapers
- Infant bottles/nipples
- Pedialyte (Ice pops preferred)
- Infant receiving blankets
- Small stuffed animals

Other Items:

- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Chlorine Bleach

All donations to WRL are tax-deductible. To make a donation or for more information, please contact Jen Connors at **703.319.3308** or email at jenbconnors@yahoo.com.



Wildlife in the Media

Snakes Alive!

A resident in Laurel had the wondrous experience of finding a small snake floating in her toilet. After unsuccessfully attempting to flush the snake, she called Animal Control. The officer removed the snake and released it.

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An evening animal control dispatcher in Millersville discovered a computer printer wasn't working due to a two foot baby snake entangled inside. The snake was captured and released.



The Rabid Animal That Wasn't...

In Alexandria, a person looked out a window and reported seeing a "small, possibly rabid, animal kicking its legs in the air." An animal control officer discovered a leaf blowing in the wind.

Dish-washing Opossum

A resident startled an opossum in his kitchen, prompting it to jump into an open dishwasher. The man closed and locked the dishwasher and called the county shelter. An animal control officer freed the opossum and ushered it out a door.

Raccoon Attempts to be Delivered

In Alexandria a man reported that a cat might be stuck in a neighbor's mail slot. An animal control officer discovered and removed a baby raccoon from the slot. The raccoon was later transferred to a rehabber.

Squirrel in Couch

In DC, an Animal Control officer found a squirrel hiding in a couch. The squirrel hid between the springs and cushions, eventually running out the door and up a tree.

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