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YEAR-END REPORT

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Wildside Rehabilitation is a non-profit organization dedicated to provide a safe-haven for wildlife in need of healing and advocacy in Central Oregon. This rehabilitation includes fawns, raccoons, squirrels, rabbits, chipmunks, elk, skunks and many other mammals. Wildside caregivers strive to heal or nurture and prepare wildlife for a return to their native environment.

Mission Statement

Provide competent, compassionate care to mammals of Central Oregon with the least human impact; Educate and advocate for wildlife; Conservation and preservation of the wilderness.

Donations Gratefully Received

Tax ID Number 26-3589400

CRITTER COUNT FOR 2015

16 ORPHANED FAWNS

7 ORPHANED RACCOONS

2 ORPHANED CHIPMUNKS

11 SCRUB JAYS

1 INJURED GOLDEN
MANTLED SQUIRREL

38 ORPHANED WESTERN
GRAY SQUIRRELS

17 ORPHANED
COTTONTAIL RABBITS

Our website has been completely reconstructed
for your enjoyment and education, check it out!

www.wildsiderehab.com




Wildside has done a lot to improve our housing facilities in 2015. Sincere thanks to the donors that have made these changes possible!



Our Squirrel Facility was finished in spring 2015 and now houses all our squirrels and chipmunks from weaning to release. We are delighted that the design has worked as anticipated. Younger squirrels can be separated from older ones until they are confident enough join them. Soft release is easily accomplished now. Animals that are too young to be released before winter can be held over in safe, comfortable and spacious confinement until spring.



Because of the pass-through feeding, squirrels have no contact with humans and therefore do not associate us as their food source. Within a week or so they are very wild!



Each of the three stalls have many shelves and nesting boxes. Each stall has access to the outside pen which can be opened or closed depending upon the need.





The outside of the squirrel enclosure wraps around the building. All of the squirrels can go outside via one window, or two stalls can be closed to the outside while one stall's window is open so those inhabitants can go in and out without mingling with the rest, or all squirrels can be closed out while inside stalls are being cleaned.

Thanks to the following people for physically helping with the construction:

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| Jen McKie | David Banks |
| Judy Niedzwiecke | Deirdra Kelleher |
| Keith McKie | Diana Redfield |
| Kevin McKie | Greg McNutt |
| | Harris Kimble |

Thank you to all donors!

Especially to Anne Walsten who donated \$1,000 specifically for this project.

Thank you Harris Kimble and Eric Cadwell for donating the gravel foundation.



Andy Niedzwiecke spent the summer and fall of 2014 and the spring of 2015 building the inside & outside of the squirrel facility.

THANK YOU ANDY!

Feeding the Squirrels and Chipmunks

A can of milk formula for the infant squirrels and chipmunks costs \$20.00.

One baby squirrel will require half of the can before it is weaned. We have had 38 baby squirrels and two Chipmunks in 2015.

15 pounds of mixed feed for the squirrels between weaning and release (and to help them out for a while after release) costs \$45.00 We go through 10-25 pounds a month depending upon how many we are feeding.

Nine Gray Squirrels and one Chipmunk will be spending the winter with us.



Golden Mantled Squirrel

2015 RACCOON RELEASE



RACCOON RODEO

Putting eight 10 month old 40 pound raccoons in cages (pictured above) to take them to their release site is a major rodeo! The adventure was split into two days, releasing half the raccoons in one place and the rest in another. It is a rehabber's delight to see our babies begin to explore their new life. Nine months ago we were bottle feeding these tiny raccoons and now we set them free and hope for the best.





These 7 babies will spend the winter with us. They will be released as soon as weather permits in the spring of 2016.

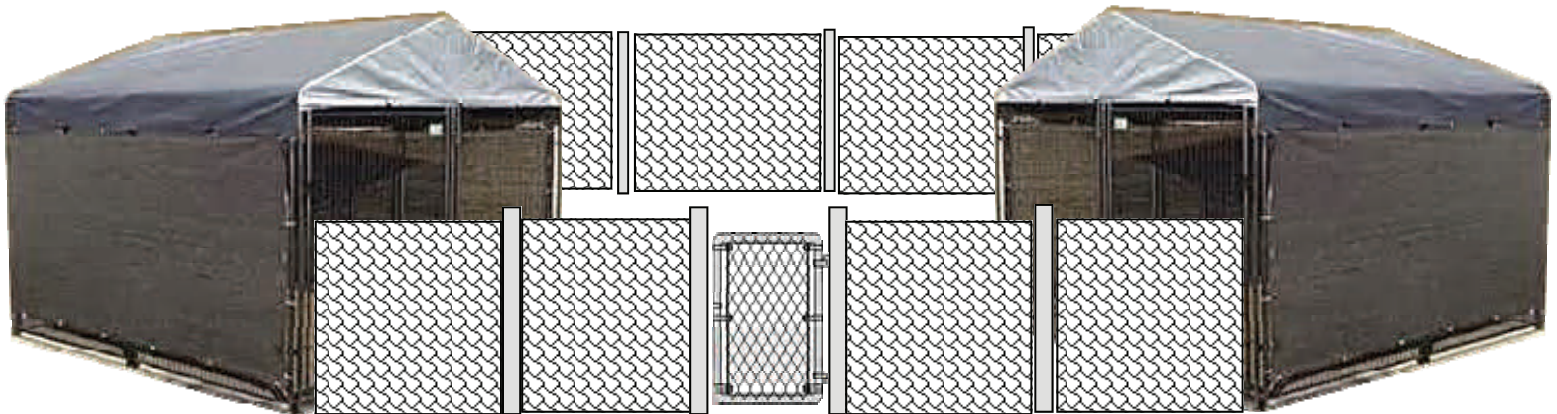
Raccoons are very expensive to feed. They are also a lot of work! We buy chicken hindquarters in 10 pound packages. We cut each hindquarter into 3 pieces, then package and freeze for daily feeding. They eat tilapia, crawdads, trout fry from the hatcheries, raw beef, apples, grapes, blueberries, raw eggs,



Neonate raccoons will require two or three cans of milk formula at \$18.00 per can before weaning. At this time these 7 raccoons are eating 3 pounds of raw meat, 8 cups of dry dog food as well as 7 raw eggs or a pound of fruit.....**everyday**. They cost us approximately \$150 a month.

Big plans for improving Tracy's facility in 2016

In 2015 Wildside bought two 10x10 covered pens for Tracy's fawns and/or raccoons. We have not been able to get her facility set up yet because we need more materials. We Need **gravel for foundation, chain-link panels and gates.**



2015 FAWN RELEASE



FOR FOUR MONTHS, WE NURTURE THEM, TINY LITTLE ORPHANS WHOSE SURVIVAL IS QUESTIONABLE AND DEPENDENT UPON US. AND TODAY WE SET THEM FREE. THEIR NEW HOME IS OVER 1500 ACRES OF PRIVATE PROTECTED PROPERTY WITH A POND, A RIVER, PLENTY OF GRASS, BITTERBRUSH AND EVEN APPLE TREES. THEY HAVE A GOOD LAYER OF FAT TO KEEP THEM WARM AND NOURISHED WHILE THEY LEARN TO FORAGE FOR THEMSELVES.

WE WILL NEVER GET TO SEE THE DOES WHEN THEY HAVE FAWNS OF THEIR OWN TWO YEARS FROM NOW. WE WILL NEVER GET TO SEE THE BUCK'S GREAT ANTLERS.

**BUT TODAY WE GOT TO SEE THEM RUN!
TODAY WAS OUR REWARD!**



AT FIRST THEY CLING TO US FOR SECURITY AND WE WALK TOGETHER TAKING IN THE GRANDEUR OF THIS INCREDIBLE CANYON. SOME OF THE FAWNS WANDER OUT OF SIGHT FOR A WHILE AND THEN REJOIN US. AFTER A COUPLE OF HOURS WE CAN SEE THAT THEY BEGIN TO RELAX.

AND THEN THEY BEGIN TO FROLIC AND THEN, THEY REALIZE THAT THEY CAN REALLY RUN!



We are so very thankful to be able to release our babies in this beautiful canyon near Sisters.

And we sincerely thank our donors for making it possible for us to afford to raise these orphaned fawns.

We have many more awesome pictures of this spiritual day (taken by Sandy Thompson and Jen McKie) and we plan to rotate these pictures on our website.



When the fawns are weaned we cut bitterbrush for them, they eat grass pasture and hay. We also feed them a pelleted deer formula. A bag of Antler Plus costs \$20.00 and will feed 4 fawns for 1 week. We also feed each weanling fawn a cup of Calf Manna a day. A bag of Calf Manna costs \$42.00. A bucket of fawn milk formula costs \$74.95. This bucket will feed 2 fawns for 3 weeks. We bottle fed 16 fawns in 2015.

In the spring of 2016 we will be screening the 48'x48' fawn pasture fencing. Thank you to generous donors who have purchased almost all of the screening material. We still need two more sections @ \$86.56 each.



Screening is recommended by O.D.F.W. for two reasons: Fawns that are unable to see people, predators, dogs, machinery and everyday activity around them develop a healthy fear and instinct to flee predators after they are released. Fawns that are restricted from nose to nose contact with wild deer are less apt to catch deadly diseases.



Sandy has become our neonate bunny expert. She has bottle fed 17 orphaned cottontail rabbits in 2015.

Bunnies are very difficult to raise and not many rehabbers have the knowledge and instinctive ability to nurture such a delicate life.

Tracy is a gifted neonate fawn caregiver. Most of our 16 fawns came to her within days, sometimes hours, after their birth.

They need the proper amount of colostrum and/or milk formula at the right temperature every three hours around the clock. Tracy's babies live in her bedroom for their first crucial days.



Thank You!

Sincere thanks to all of you who have donated cash and materials to make it possible for us to care for orphaned and injured wildlife in safe and comfortable facilities.

Thanks to our supporters, we now have a very efficient raccoon enclosure. We enlarged the deer pasture and added a bigger overnight shelter. Our new squirrel facility is finished and this structure has vastly improved our ability to safely soft release the squirrels and chipmunks.

We bought Sandy a stout pen for raccoons/fawns. Most of the fawn screening is purchased and ready to install in the spring. We bought Tracy the main shelters for her facility and anticipate getting it all set up in 2016.

OUR EXPENSES FOR 2015 AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN \$12,000 !

Food & Vet: \$9,206.00 : Milk formula, raw meet, fruit & vegetables, seeds & grains, hay & feed pellets, vaccines & wormer

One time expenses: \$1,837.00 : Tracy's enclosures, Squirrel outside enclosure & promotional/educational expenses

OUR EXPENSES IN 2016 FOR FOOD AND VET WILL PROBABLY DOUBLE !

We have historically taken in more animals every year and because the Deschutes County human population has increased dramatically, we must expect that the wild animals needing our help will be increased due to human intervention such as: traffic, available food, loss of habitat, fire, available water, hunting, etc. The cost of feed has increased 40% in one year!

! At the rate that the adenovirus is devastating the deer population, every fawn we save might be immune breeding stock that can save the deer population in Central Oregon. !

Every penny donated to Wildside Rehabilitation Inc. is spent on the animals for food, medication, vaccinations, worming and housing. There are no paid employees, no administration fees and we donate incidental expenses such as gas and utilities.

If you wish to help us with 2016 expenses please send checks to:

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