

Wildside Rehabilitation

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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 2014

7 FAWNS

9 RACCOONS

11 WESTERN GRAY SQUIRRELS

1 PINE SQUIRREL

6 CHIPMUNKS

1 STARLING

4 STELLER'S JAYS

5 SCRUB JAYS

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Wildside now has three licensed Rehabilitators!

Wildside has three facilities with three rehabilitators coordinating and cooperating in the best interest of each individual critter. One of us might have the best housing while another might have the time or expertise to best provide care.

We work together to nurture and protect them...we are a team!



Tracy

License #1522

Tracy is the President of Wildside Rehabilitation, Inc. She and Val McKie founded Wildside Rehabilitation.

Tracy is a licensed Veterinary Technician. She mentored under Bill and Jane Stevens and has more than 40 years experience in wildlife rehabilitation.

Tracy is a walking encyclopedia when it comes to the feeding and care of a vast list of species, which qualifies her to be our valued advisor.



Judy

License #1583

Judy and her husband, Andy, owned and managed a horse breeding farm until they moved to Bend 25 years ago. Judy organized and ran the foster program for the Humane Society of Central Oregon for 6 years and still participates in the program by caring for animals until they are ready for adoption. Judy's background in photography, journalism, graphic design and her organizational skills bring order, public education and communication in the form of a newsletter to Wildside.



Sandy

License #1584

Sandy has a Bachelors Degree and is presently employed by a local small animal veterinarian as a vet assistant.

She started volunteering with great mentors, Bill and Jane Stevens when she was 10 years old.

While in college, Sandy volunteered at Chintimini Wildlife Center in Corvallis.

Wildside critters benefit from Sandy's education, work experience and the vast knowledge she brings to us from the Stevens and Chintimini.

Licensed Rehabilitator

It is against the law to contain a wild animal unless you have a license granted by O.D.F.W. (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife) To obtain a license we must pass test. Twice a year a licensed rehabilitator is required to report to O.D.F.W. on every animal, where it came from, why it is kept and where it is released. We are also required to attend educational conferences every year.

HOPE AND HOOVER

ALMOST ALL MULE DEER FAWNS ARE BORN IN JUNE. SO TRACY WAS DUBIOUS ABOUT A CALL FROM CONCERNED CITIZENS REGARDING A DOE THAT WAS STRUGGLING TO GIVE BIRTH ON THE 6TH OF SEPTEMBER. WHEN TRACY ARRIVED ON THE SCENE THE DOE HAD DELIVERED THREE FAWNS!

ONE OF THE TRIPLETS WAS A NORMAL SIZE FAWN. THE OTHER TWO WEIGHED LESS THAN 4 POUNDS AND WERE NOT TALL ENOUGH TO REACH THEIR MOTHER'S UDDER. THE DECISION WAS MADE TO LEAVE THE NORMAL SIZE FAWN WITH HIS MAMA AND TO TAKE THE TINY ONES TO TRACY'S FACILITY AND TRY TO SAVE THEIR LIVES.

THE FAWNS LIVED IN AN X-PEN IN TRACY'S BEDROOM FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS. THEY WERE BOTTLE FED AROUND THE CLOCK, AT FIRST ONLY TWO HOURS BETWEEN FEEDINGS. IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THEY NEVER GOT THE PRECIOUS COLOSTRUM FROM THEIR MAMA, HOPE AND HOOVER THRIVED UNDER THE EXPERT CARE TRACY GAVE THEM.



JUDY WITH
24 hour
old fawn

THESE FAWNS ARE VERY RARE! NOT ONLY IS IT RARE FOR A MULE DEER TO GIVE BIRTH TO TRIPLETS BUT IT IS ALMOST NEVER THAT THEY ARE BORN SO LATE IN THE YEAR. (WHICH MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO SURVIVE THE COLD WEATHER THAT IS SURE TO STRESS THEM AND LIMIT THE FOOD SUPPLY) WITHOUT OUR INTERVENTION, TWO OF THEM WOULD NEVER HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO SURVIVE.

HOPE AND HOOVER NOT ONLY SURVIVED BUT THEY THRIVED! WHEN THEY WERE 6 WEEKS OLD, THEY MOVED OUTSIDE TO DEAL WITH THE WEATHER AND START THE PROCESS OF WEANING. AT 2 MONTHS THEY OUTGREW TRACY'S FACILITY AND WERE MOVED TO SANDY'S FACILITY WHERE THERE WAS MORE GRASS AND ROOM TO RUN. SANDY BOTTLE FED THEM THREE TIMES A DAY AND INTRODUCED THEM TO OTHER NATURAL FOODS.



SANDY
WITH 6
week
old
HOOPER

HOPE IS A DOE AND SHE IS VERY INDEPENDENT AND AS SELF RELIANT AS SHE COULD BE AND STILL SURVIVE. HOOVER, A BUCK, WAS NAMED FOR THE WAY HE VACUUMED UP A BOTTLE! HE IS A MAMA'S BOY AND VERY DEMANDING OF ATTENTION.



TRACY WITH 6
week old fawns



Hoover—3 months old.

ALL CREATURES RELY ON A SIGNAL TO THEIR EYES THAT ALERTS THEIR BODY TO PREPARE FOR HARSHER WEATHER. AS THE LIGHT OF DAY BECOMES SHORTER, THEIR BODILY FUNCTIONS CHANGE AND THEIR HAIR GROWS TO PREPARE THEM TO SURVIVE THE WINTER WEATHER.



Hope—2½ months

BECAUSE HOPE AND HOOVER WERE BORN SO LATE AND KEPT INSIDE (WHERE NATURE'S SIGNALS COULD NOT BE RECEIVED), THEY DID NOT GROW THE WINTER COAT NEEDED FOR THE WEATHER CHANGE. ANTICIPATING THIS PROBLEM, WILDSIDE BOUGHT THE FAWNS JACKETS TO WEAR WHEN THE COLD WEATHER SET IN. THEY ONLY WEAR THEM ON THE COLDEST OF DAYS AND AN EFFORT IS MADE TO

EXPOSE THEM TO A FULL DAY OF SUNLIGHT. THEY ARE STILL BROUGHT INTO A BARN AT NIGHT BUT SOON THEY WILL STAY OUTSIDE DAY AND NIGHT AND HAVE MUCH LESS CONTACT WITH HUMANS.

WE ANTICIPATE RELEASING THE TWINS IN APRIL OR MAY. THEN IN JUNE, WE WILL BEGIN TO TAKE IN 2015'S ORPHANED FAWNS THAT HAVE LOST THEIR MAMA FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER.



THIS BUCKET OF FORMULA TO MAKE MILK FOR THE FAWNS COSTS \$74.95. THIS WILL FEED 2 FAWNS FOR 3 WEEKS. WE USUALLY FEED 6-10 FAWNS A YEAR. WHEN THEY ARE WEANED THEY ARE FED A PELLETED DEER FORMULA, GRASS HAY AND CALF MANNA. A BAG OF THE PELLETED FORMULA COSTS \$17.00 AND WILL FEED 4 FAWNS FOR 1 WEEK.



Sandy & Hoover 1-18-15

THE ANNUAL FAWN RELEASE

IN OCTOBER, AFTER HUNTING SEASON CLOSES, WE LOAD OUR FAWNS IN A TRAILER (what a rodeo!) AND TAKE THEM TO A BREATHTAKINGLY BEAUTIFUL REMOTE CANYON TO SET THEM FREE. THIS IS A BITTER SWEET EXPERIENCE! WHEN THEY FIRST STEP INTO THEIR NEW HOME, THEY CLING TO US IN FEAR OF THE VASTNESS, ALL THE NEW SOUNDS AND SCENTS. THEY CLING TO US AND WE WALK WITH

THEM FOR SEVERAL HOURS UNTIL THEY BEGIN TO RELAX. WHEN THE REALITY OF THEIR FREEDOM SETS IN, THEY BEGIN TO RUN.....

AND THEN THEY ARE GONE.



Wildside's new squirrel facility

Thanks to generous donors, we were able to erect this building during the summer of 2014. There is still a lot of work to be done before it will be ready for the baby squirrels this spring. The interior has got to be finished and an outside cage must be constructed which will wrap around the back and the right side of the building. The small cage on the left side of the building connects to a window through which the squirrels can pass in and out of a room inside the building. The window will be kept closed until the squirrels are ready for release. At first, for a few weeks, they will only be able to come out of the building into the cage. Then we will open this little squirrel sized door and set them free. Food and water will still be provided and the squirrels will be able to come and go as needed until they learn to fend for themselves. This is called a "soft release".



4 WEEKS OLD

Baby squirrels open their eyes when they are 6 weeks old. They are bottle fed for about 3 months. When they are weaned they will move into this building until they are

ready to release at about 5 months old. The squirrels we released in 2014 are still being fed until the harshness of the winter subsides.



6 MONTHS OLD



A can of milk formula for the infant squirrels and chipmunks costs \$16.00. One baby squirrel will require half of the can before it is weaned. One sack of feed for the squirrels after weaning and after their release costs \$32.95. We go through two or three of them a month.

WISH LIST

- * Cash or materials to build outside portion of the new squirrel facility
- * Got elk, deer or fish in your freezer that you won't eat? Raccoons would love it!
- * Chain link panels to set up Tracy's new facility
- * Gravel
- * Cash or gift certificate for feed (feed store or Food4Less)

Eight raccoons grow up in our raccoon facility.



These pictures were taken when our baby raccoons were about 3 months old. They had recently been weaned and weighed about 20 pounds.

When they were tiny orphans, they were divvied up between Wildside's rehabbers to be bottle fed and nurtured until they were old enough to wean. Sandy raised three, Judy raised three

and Tracy raised two. After weaning, they all moved to Judy's facility where they will stay until their release in early spring. They all weigh between 30 and 35 pounds now. They have been vaccinated and wormed and now, until their release, they will have little contact with humans. We expect them to weigh 40-45 pounds when we release them.



August 2014-just weaned

At this time, our eight raccoons eat

5 pounds of raw meat or fish

12 cups of dry dog food

8 eggs or 1 pound of fruit

EVERY DAY

They cost us approximately

\$150.00 a month

Still with us...



Scrubby came to Wildside from Hi Desert Rehab with 9 other birds for a soft release. Judy's facility has an abundance of pine trees which is a must for Scrub Jay and Steller's Jay habitat. The birds were held for a month so they would know where to find food after release. All were successfully released except for one.

Scrubby (a Scrub Jay) never grew a tail! We know not why. So he is still with us because he can only fly short distances.

Two chipmunks remain in protective custody because they should be hibernating. We feared they were not mature enough, before winter set in, to build a nest and stash food. One of them is hibernating but the other is still running around his cage gathering and stashing food. They will be released in the spring of 2015



1-19-15



About 3 weeks old

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. IN 2014 WE ENLARGED THE DEER PASTURE AND ADDED A BIGGER OVERNIGHT SHELTER. OUR NEW SQUIRREL FACILITY IS NEARLY FINISHED WHICH WILL VASTLY IMPROVE OUR ABILITY TO SAFELY SOFT RELEASE.

OUR EXPENSES FOR 2014 AMOUNTED TO ALMOST \$11,000!

THIS NUMBER IS ROUNDED UP BECAUSE WE HAD SIGNIFICANTLY LESS SQUIRRELS IN 2014 THAN WE USUALLY HAVE, SO IN A NORMAL YEAR WE WOULD PROBABLY SPEND ANOTHER \$300 ON SQUIRRELS.

FOOD & VET: \$7,116.00 (MILK FORMULA, RAW MEAT, FRUIT & VEGETABLES, SEEDS & GRAINS, HAY & FEED PELLETS)

ONE TIME EXPENSES: \$3,637.00 (CAGE & EQUIPMENT PURCHASE, CONSTRUCTION & REPAIR AND BROCHURES)

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 DO NOT COUNT INCIDENTAL EXPENSE SUCH AS GAS AND UTILITIES.

IF YOU WISH TO HELP US WITH 2015 EXPENSES PLEASE SEND CHECKS TO:

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