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Dear Friends:

The coming of spring usually produces a list of chores and activities. It's no different for WRC. As one of the largest wildlife hospitals in the country, we're busy preparing for the inevitable influx of thousands of injured and orphaned wild animals.

As with any large to-do list, we begin checking items off the list in January and February. We've redesigned rooms (including larger flight rooms), expanded our raccoon areas and completed a thorough spring cleaning. We're ready when nature needs us.

WRC provides universal medical care for all injured wild animals. Of course, none of our patients has insurance and they all have pre-existing conditions. We don't have risk pools to share the cost burden; we can't make up for small margins by increased volume. Nor are we able to rely on people who rescue animals to cover the cost of care.

Contributions from people who bring us animals account for just 10 percent of the total cost of providing that care. That's not really surprising. Rescuing injured animals, especially young orphans, is often a highly emotional time for parents and children. Having money or the checkbook in hand is not always at the top of their list.

More people use our services than pay for them. That's okay and one of the main reasons WRC was founded: to help people and wildlife, regardless of their financial reserves. We provide our services for free and we wouldn't want any animal to go without care because of cost.

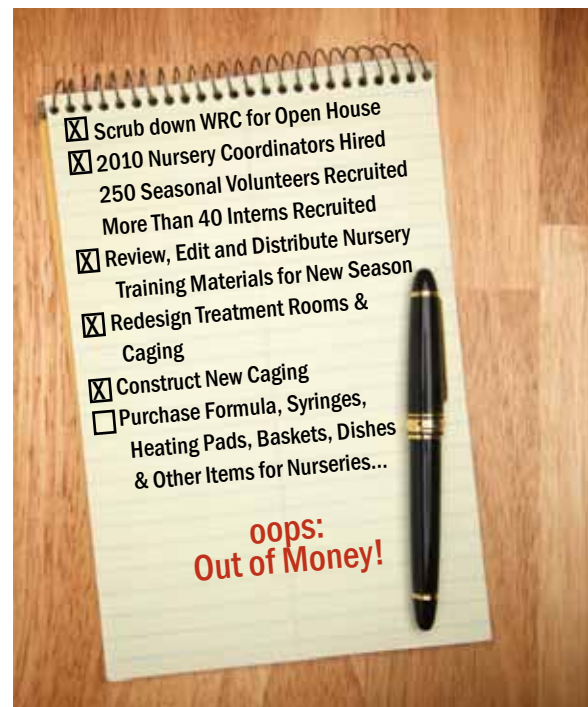
Thankfully, we have you: donors who share a like-minded vision of helping sick and injured wildlife, even if you never have to use our services yourself. Every year we worry that we won't have the resources to care for everything that comes in our door. And every year your financial commitment keeps our mission strong.

So please help us finish our spring to-do list. Make a contribution today.

Warm regards,

Philip M. Jenni
Executive Director

P.S. More than 85 percent of our revenue comes from people like you. The needs are huge as we approach our busy season, so please make your tax-deductible contribution as soon as possible. Donate online at www.wrcmn.org.



OUR MISSION:

provides quality medical care and rehabilitation for all injured, sick and orphaned wild birds and animals,
and shares its knowledge with the people who care about them.

Help Us Provide Care for Thousands of Baby Wild Animals

Do you realize that we treat more than 170 different species of animals every year? Imagine the knowledge that is required to provide not only medical treatment, but the appropriate caging and enrichment needed for animals to return successfully to the wild.



And, of the nearly 8,400 patients we admit, more than 5,000 of them will arrive at our door in the next 16 weeks. Whew!

Thankfully, we've been around for more than three decades and have kept impeccable records. We can pretty much anticipate the arrival of the first baby squirrel (usually right around St. Pat's), and the first baby Eastern Cottontail Rabbit (7-10 days after the first squirrel). Ducks typically arrive the last week of April, along with a steady line of baby birds.

Even with this knowledge, gearing up for all this activity takes hundreds of hours, resources and thousands of dollars.

In addition to the thousands of bunnies, squirrels, crows and other "backyard" animals that we receive each spring, we can expect to raise:

In Our Avian Nursery

Robins	250
Barn Swallows	70
Bluebirds	6
Blue Jays	43
Cardinals	25
Chickadees	35
Cedar Waxwings	40
Chimney Swifts	25
Downy	
Woodpeckers	14
Flickers	8
House Wrens	20
Mourning Doves	40
Nighthawks	2
Pileateds	2

In Our Waterfowl Nursery

Mallards	490
Killdeer	9
Loons	1
Hooded	
Mergansers	10
Wild Turkeys	10
Wood Ducks	200



In Our Mammal Nursery

Fox Kits	10
Mink	3
Raccoons	360
Opossums	50



Powering the Nurseries

Providing care for these nursery patients is no easy matter. Add to the increased patient load the management and training of more than 50 interns every summer. But, without this volunteer intern help we'd never be able to handle the patient load.

We have 1st and 4th year vet students from the UMN who come to us through their coursework. Visiting vets come not only from across the nation, but around the globe, including Denmark and Portugal.

Additional interns join us in the nurseries or in the treatment room as vet tech externs. All of these positions put in a minimum of 20 hours per week and they do it simply to gain incredible hands-on experience with wildlife.

In addition to these interns, more than 250 seasonal volunteers provide the day-to-day feeding and care of all our patients. You still can join us as a volunteer this nursery season. Learn how at www.wrcmn.org/volunteer.php or email liz@wrcmn.org.



Animal Help is a Click Away...

By simply going to our Web site, you can choose to support the care of thousands of animals right here in Minnesota.

Our online giving section offers you the opportunity to "buy" care for someone as a gift and to even sponsor the care of a specific type of animal (baby mammal, baby waterfowl, etc.).

Please go online today and help support our patients.

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Nocturnal

A benefit for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota

Save the Evening

Nocturnal. A sophisticated evening spent under a canopy, surrounded by the natural beauty of dusk and its creatures. Includes dinner, fine wine, auctions, live entertainment and dancing well into the night.

6-11pm, Saturday, August 7th, Leawood Farm, Medina
Questions? Email Phil Jenni: pjenni@wrcmn.org.



1st Orphaned Mice Admitted



Our first orphaned infant white-footed mice arrived today. Weighing about 10 grams they are nearly ready to open their eyes (one has an eye almost all the way open). They will need several feedings of formula and constant care until they are able to eat on their own.

You can see in the photo that one has a green mark on its ear. This is a small dot of nail polish that we use to tell help us identify orphans. Identifying individual patients is important for monitoring their development and health. more...

Swans of a Feather Stick Together



At WRC we try to house animals of the same species together, especially the more social ones like waterfowl and certain songbirds. Recently, a Trumpeter Swan was admitted with a broken leg. more...

Keep up with WRC's daily Pulse on our Web site:
www.WRCmn.org

Love Animals? Support Their Environment.

Go green with WRC by requesting the majority of our communications via email.

Regular updates, special event notices and patient news are just a few of the things you'll keep informed of in a timely and "green" manner.

Email your request today to Tami:
tvogel@wrcmn.org.



Now What Do I Do?

There's a baby rabbit sitting in your yard. No mom around. No other bunnies around. Just a small, furry bunny. Hmmmm...

Your immediate thought goes to: are the neighbor's cats indoors? Then your mind begins to worry that maybe the rabbit is orphaned. It is awfully small.

We can help you figure out what's best for the bunny, and nearly every other wild animal you're likely to come across.

Call us at 651-486-9453. We handle more than 50 calls an hour in the spring and summer, so if we don't answer, please leave a message and include the following:

- type of animal (if you can ID it)
- where animal is located
- situation surrounding your question

We'll return your call as soon as possible.

If an animal is bleeding or obviously injured, please bring the animal immediately to WRC.

Have more questions? Check out the FAQ section on our Web site.

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Looking Ahead to 2010

The first quarter of the year is always a frustrating time for us as we spend thousands of more dollars than we bring in. In fact, we'll expense 25 percent of our annual budget, while our first quarter revenues are only seven percent. But, we have faith that those numbers will turn around as the year progresses and more people make donations. And, we know that we must spend these dollars now so we're prepared to deal with the thousands of orphaned and injured wild animals that will come through our doors in the next 16 weeks.

Looking back, a year-end survey of 640 Minnesota non-profits revealed that 61 percent raised less revenue in 2009; and half experienced a decline in individual giving. Fortunately, WRC's revenue for 2009 was about \$29,000 more than 2008, an increase of about 4.5 percent. Individual donations increased more than \$31,000, a 12.5 percent increase from 2008.

Your ability to support us during these stressful economic times is unparalleled, and enabled us to respond to 8,300 patient admissions, the third most in our 32-year history. Most gratifying of all, we released more animals than ever before.

The fact that we were able to provide care to this increased number of patients, while remaining open every day of the year and still not charging people for the care of the animals that they bring to us, is reflective of the depth of your support for our mission.



Certified Vet Tech Katie Heino displays the large wingspan of an anesthetized swan, just one of dozens treated earlier this year.