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Trivia Night & Silent Auction, Friday October 21



Join us & help birds! Blue Jays rescued when their nest came down in a storm.

We missed you in 2020 and 2021! Thank you to those who participated in our '21 virtual auction – bidders and donors. We appreciate your support. The *Trivia Night & Silent Auction* is Wild Bird Rehabilitation's major fundraising event of the year and we look forward to seeing you this year! We'll be at the **Kirkwood Community Center** for a fun evening and hope you'll join us to help birds. This is a great opportunity to visit with friends and family and shop for unique auction items and experiences, bird-themed items, jewelry, photography, home décor, crafts and more.

The silent auction begins at 6 pm and Trivia starts at 7 pm. Trivia teams consist of eight members and cash is awarded to the first and second place teams. You'll be able to reserve your table or buy individual tickets on our website at www.wildbirdrehab.org/trivia-registration-2022 in August. Register online with a credit card or print the Table Registration Form and mail with your check.

You can help! We welcome your donations to the Silent Auction and sponsorship opportunities are available. Email wbrtrivia@gmail.com or call (314) 426-6400 for additional information or questions.

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Wild Bird Rehabilitation's mission is to ensure survival of native songbirds through professional medical care and education regarding their value and needs.

A Rescue Story

As the only rehabilitator in Missouri who exclusively treats songbirds, WBR receives calls from throughout the state and from other areas of the U.S. and North America. Individuals and sometimes rehabbers, looking for advice on how to handle a rescue situation find WBR when they search for a rehabilitator. Often rescuers drive a bird to WBR from distances of a hundred miles or more!

Last month we were contacted by Tammy in Cedar creek, MO who found a Pileated Woodpecker nest in a tree that had fallen in a storm. The nest contained three nestlings, but only one survived. Tammy took the Woodpecker to a mammal rehabber in Springfield who currently helps WBR by triaging or feeding a bird until we can find transportation.

The challenge was to locate transportation to bring the Woodpecker to WBR for care. Diane, who took the call from the Rescuer, Tammy, recalled Damon from Springfield who she had helped previously. Damon spoke to Diane a few years ago when he rescued an injured hummingbird. At the time, he offered to transport birds to St. Louis when he was heading this direction for business. Damon agreed to fly the Woodpecker to Cuba, MO where Diane met him at a tiny airfield and then completed the last leg of the journey by car.

Mission accomplished! The Woodpecker is being cared for at WBR. This is a great story of how this group of people – rescuer, rehabber, volunteers and WBR staff – worked together to make this rescue a success story and give this Woodpecker a chance! She is thriving and on her way to returning to her native environment!



After being fed - she takes a nap on the car ride from Cuba and makes a sweet contented noise!



About 10 days later at WBR - she's the center of attention!

Though the Pileated Woodpecker is not endangered it is uncommon in urban areas. www.allaboutbirds.org provides this description: The Pileated Woodpecker is one of the biggest, most striking forest birds on the continent. It's nearly the size of a crow, black with bold white stripes down the neck and a flaming-red crest. Look (and listen) for Pileated Woodpeckers whacking at dead trees and fallen logs in search of their main prey, carpenter ants, leaving unique rectangular holes in the wood. The nest holes these birds make offer crucial shelter to many species including swifts, owls, ducks, bats, and pine martens.

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Summer Tanager recovering after he was hit by a car.

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In Memory of Goosey the Robin

Lisa Mueller

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Volunteer Corner

WBR has searched for ways to accommodate the increase in the number of patients and to simplify care of the birds. One challenge was the various feeding intervals for birds of different ages and how to utilize the available space. After analyzing these issues, a new patient “ward” system was put into place this year. Each category below represents a different room or distinct section of care that WBR provides.

Emergency Room: All incoming patients are weighed and examined here. Medications, if necessary, are determined as well as the appropriate next step. Hatchlings and nestlings are moved to the incubator. Fledglings are sent to Nursery 1. Adult birds are moved to our Adult Room for observation and medications.

Adult Room: This is the area where the injured and ill birds are treated. These birds are brought to WBR after window strikes, vehicle collisions, or cat attacks. Any bird that has been handled by a cat is immediately put on a seven-day course of antibiotics. Many finches (House and American Goldfinch) are treated for conjunctivitis. These birds often require many weeks of antibiotics and care.

Incubators: Here the orphaned hatchlings and nestlings are warmed, simulating the warmth of the nest with mom and their siblings. At this stage they are not totally feathered and can't regulate their body temperature. They are fed every 15-20 minutes for 11-12 hours every day. Most birds move on from the incubators to Nursery 1 between 10-14 days after hatching. At

this point they are more feathered and approaching the fledgling stage where they would normally leave the nest.

Nursery 1: Here the feeding intervals are expanded to 30-60 minutes. They have food dishes and hopefully begin to understand the goal is for them to feed themselves. The next step is a move to Nursery 2.

Nursery 2: This room is reserved for older juvenile birds who are conducting a significant amount of self-feeding. They are in larger cages, allowing them to further explore and feed on their own. Now they are in training for life when they return to their natural environment and are required to be independent. Some birds in this room are hand-fed every 2 hours, and others are no longer hand-fed.



Alicia examines a new patient in the E.R. to determine care and medication requirements.

Recovery: This area is home to adult birds who started in the Adult Room and no longer require acute medical care, but need additional time to build up strength and allow WBR to assess their ability to thrive in the wild. Here they are in larger cages to allow exercise and are expected to be self-feeding.

Aviaries: These outdoor enclosures are essential for both juvenile birds and some of the injured adult birds. Juvenile birds are moved to these outdoor cages after they are determined to be self-feeding, measured by the fact that they are maintaining their weight.

Meet our Intern! *Megan Gilliam is attending St. Charles Community College and hopes to work in veterinary medicine. Megan's experiences at WBR have included gavaging, wrapping and of course cleaning a cage or two and doing the dishes! Megan says: My time at WBR has been full of learning experiences and I look forward to continuing my journey with WBR. The purpose of the Intern program is to familiarize the individual with the many aspects of a rehab center and provide a first-hand experience with wild bird care.*



Calendar

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