

Fox Wood Wildlife Annual Newsletter 2006

Thank you to the many people who so generously sponsored foxes and coyotes this year. When someone donates to Fox Wood, they can be assured that **every penny of every dollar goes directly toward helping and caring for the animals here.** We can accomplish a lot with your donations because unlike many other charity organizations, Fox Wood has no overhead, no paid employees. There is no percentage taken out for "administration", utilities, gas, mortgages, rent, etc.. or any other reason. **The donation money goes directly to the individual sponsored animals'** needs for medications, vaccines, food or caging. General donations are used for veterinary care, x-rays, surgeries, medications, foods, caging and equipment. On the next pages, see some of what *your* donations to Fox Wood have done for some very deserving animals in 2006! Thank you, Elise

Thanks to you....

..."Roamy" recovered from Pneumonia and will be released in Spring of 2007!



Fox Wood relies on your donations to continue our good work!

...and "Scarlet" recovered from a broken back and blindness and will be released in Spring 2007! She and "Roamy" are in a big pen in the woods that was built with your donations



....."Rocky" The once abused illegal pet continues to thrive in a large pen with his playmates

We are still in desperate need of a decent pick-up truck to transport animals, our huge Havahart trap for dog rescues, wood chips, building materials, skunks... etc... Can you help?



.....a pair of orphaned mink got a second chance at life in the wild. We have had six wild mink at Fox Wood in the last two years- looks like populations are on the rise!

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Thanks to you

"Jadin" recovered from gunshot wounds to his head and neck and now has a new home here. Thank you Dr. Nachbar and Staff for saving Jadin's life



Jadin is a beautiful 8 yr old Lab/ Newfie mix.



And



..."Mollie" once a shy "dumped dog" is now living in the lap of luxury with The Bellingers in Lancaster!

Read some great articles and interesting commentary on the New Blog!

<http://foxwoodrehab.typepad.com/>

..."Mikey" now has a beautiful home with a couple who adore him- and *no more separation anxiety!*



A sad Mikey "before" ..

Now Mikey is a very happy Great Pyrenees dog



And Thanks to You, "Fenny" the Fennec fox, now lives in luxury at Fox Wood



Thanks to you, our old foxes "Heather" and "Trixi" are thriving!

Thank you Eagle Scout Andrew Stange for the Fox Boxes!

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Thanks To You....

and Dr. Karen Moran, DVM and the Erie County SPCA, this young Red fox had his femur pinned and will be released in Spring of 2007!



Thanks to You and Eagle Scout Chris Langford, "Boo" is able to have a great visit in her huge exercise pen with Noah Johnson



...
"Vicky" was released in Spring of 2006 after successful surgery to repair a broken leg!

Thanks to sponsors, "Samson", an orphaned fox pup, is now all grown up, healthy and living wild and free.



Be sure to check out the Fox Wood Website:

<http://www.foxwoodrehab.com>

You can donate online to foxladye@yahoo.com via Paypal! Check out all the pics on the Blog too!



Thanks to your donations, ...this female cinnamon fox that was going to be used by a breeder to produce fox kits destined for canned hunts, is now spayed, her broken leg fixed and she has received all of her shots. She now lives in a large pen with two playmates she adores



Welcome new Webmaster and Blog Moderator... "Foofye".
Vote For Foofye for Best Dog Trick and Cutest Face on...

<http://contest.dogshowusa.com/?q=foofye&x=30&y=6>

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A Rabid Skunk Lesson.....

In August a friend of mine called to tell me that a young skunk had run in for food with the feral cats at her farm. She had seen this skunk before and now felt that something was not right with this skunk so she lured it into a cat carrier and transported it to me for evaluation.

Sometimes it is difficult to tell normal behavior from abnormal behavior, but the next morning I thought it best to have the animal euthanized and tested for rabies by the Erie County Health Department. Two days later the results came back positive for rabies.

A person can be exposed to rabies if they are bitten by an animal exhibiting the symptoms of rabies, but there are other ways too such as if saliva comes in contact with an eye, mucous membrane or a cut - large cut or a microscopic cut. These are all possibilities and call for rabies post-exposure shots to ensure the safety of the person exposed. One can never be too careful with a disease as deadly as rabies, because once you have the symptoms, it is terminal. My friend opted for the preventative measures. The first series of shots were the worst because the immune globulin serum is very thick and there is a large amount that needs to be injected. There is only one part of the body that can take that much serum, and suffice it to say, sitting in the car on the way home must have been quite painful. Multiple trips back to the hospital on specific days were necessary to complete the series of shots.

A second skunk that I believe was probably rabid had chased a woman around her yard in late November. She told me she had to pick up the skunk with her bare hands and set it on the other side of her fence to get it out of her yard. While I greatly admired her bravery in handling the skunk in that manner, I also feared for her safety as the skunk was now gone and could not be tested for rabies. She is now going through the post-exposure treatment for rabies through the local health department.



Some helpful Information About Rabies...

- ✓ If a wild animal is acting strange, stay away from it and try to contact a professional wildlife person for what to do next.
- ✓ If your dog or cat fights with a raccoon or other wild animal that is acting suspiciously, don't touch it for about three hours – the rabies virus is very unstable outside of the body and it will be safer to handle your pet after any saliva dries.
- ✓ You can't get rabies by being sprayed by a rabid skunk. But you can get rabies from touching an animal that may have been licking itself. Again, Rabies infected saliva on a microscopic cut can expose you to rabies.
- ✓ Birds don't get rabies, neither do reptiles or amphibians.
- ✓ Opossums rarely get it (lower body temp than most other mammals).
- ✓ In Western New York, the animals that are usually a culprit are raccoons, bats and skunks.
- ✓ There are no specific symptoms for rabies – they say that "the only consistency is that the symptoms are inconsistent".
- ✓ Animals with rabies generally do NOT drool or "foam at the mouth" - that only happens in the movies. Drooling or foaming is a symptom of poisoning though.
- ✓ A rabid animal can be very excitable, or it can be very depressed.
- ✓ The symptoms can be identical to the symptoms of distemper, particularly in raccoons.

Elise Able
President
Fox Wood Wildlife Rescue, Inc

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Thanks to your donations, we were able to conduct many public educational programs on Eastern coyotes to ease public fears and misconceptions. We were also able to rehabilitate and release several coyotes.

There is no health insurance for wildlife, and no state or federal funding. The medical costs must be absorbed by the person who cares enough to bring them in, and this is us. The veterinarian work is rarely free. Someone has to assume the financial responsibility. That is why we need your donations. Please help us continue to help injured and orphaned wildlife. We never ask for money for our time, care, training, skill, gas, etc.. just the things that we cannot possibly afford on our own. For these animals, Fox Wood is the last stop. We will help when no one will. Our desire and skills to help are always there, we are only limited by what we can afford to do.

Fox Wood is a 501c3 not for profit organization.

Your donations are tax deductible.

If you can make a donation, there are several ways to do it:

Online by Paypal <https://www.paypal.com/>

Our recipient e-mail is: foxlady@yahoo.com

Be sure to add a note and let us know what you would like your donation to be used for.

You can also go to our sponsorships page and sponsor an animal at:

<http://www.foxwoodrehab.com>

We also have a list of items we need donated at :

<http://www.foxwoodrehab.com/Donations.html>

Sad Endings

Even though we can't save all of the animals that are brought to us, the ability to humanely euthanize those that are beyond help is a blessing.

We had an unfortunate start to the Spring baby season. Two orphaned Red fox pups were found in the den with their dead mother. Suspicious, I had the mother tested for rabies. She came back positive. The fellow who had pulled the dead mother from the den had to get his post-exposure shots, and unfortunately, the pups had to be euthanized.

Another sad ending was for an injured coyote pup found in Orchard Park. Close examination revealed where an adult coyote had shaken the pup so hard its' back was broken. This pup was euthanized, but surely saved from a slow horrific death.

Please Make a tax-deductible donation to :

Fox wood Wildlife Rescue, Inc

11156 Old Glenwood Road,

East Concord, NY 14055

We will acknowledge your contribution with a

receipt . Contact us at : 716-592-1861

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Thank you!!!!!!