



Merry Christmas!

I would like to wish each and every one of you who are receiving this letter a very healthy and prosperous 2009. The recession has affected each of us in many ways. While donations are down, animal intakes are up. Wildlife still gets orphaned and injured and more dogs than ever are being dumped as their owners lose their homes or income. I am more grateful than ever for the donations that are received as I realize that it is at greater sacrifice to you all. For all of the angels who have donated money, time, supplies or meat I am eternally grateful because without each of you Fox Wood couldn't survive. I hope you enjoy this year's newsletter.

Elise

PEE WEE



You may remember the story of Peewee, the tiny fox pup that was very tame and had crooked bones. It was very tempting to keep this little guy. But the right thing to do was to give him a chance to be a wild fox. Our goal was to fix his health woes, achieve some good strong bone growth and encourage him to want to spend

time with foxes, not humans. We enlisted the help "Trixi", our 14 year old "mother fox". She took right over and immediately discouraged Peewee from greeting humans. She did this by issuing a warning bark whenever he greeted me with his usual "Love me! Pick me up! Aren't I cute?" fashion. He was torn- he instinctively knew what the bark meant, but he loved humans so much. I did my part and

ignored his antics and went about my business of feeding him nutritious food. As summer progressed, Peewee, who had been a fraction of the other pups size started to grow and actually *surpassed* the other pups in size! He no longer preferred the presence of humans and wanted to be a wild and free fox. He was released with the others at a remote soft release location. Freedom is the greatest gift you can give a healthy wild animal.



Above: Peewee and his friends are big and Strong and ready for release!

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to Fox Wood!*

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One of the dogs we placed in a forever home this year!



FOX WOOD WILDLIFE RESCUE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2008



The most brilliant fox I ever met came in as a pup that was believed to be blind. Everyone including myself felt certain that she could at least see shadows, as she would jump on things, pounce on insects and harass the other pups endlessly . A visit to Animal Eye Specialist Dr. Kimberly Stanz revealed that she was indeed completely blind, not even having pupils. Her other senses were extremely acute, and that was why we all had been led to believe she could see something! The Maine Wildlife Park in York, Maine had contacted me early that spring wanting two Red fox pups for their beautiful new fox exhibit. I told them about the blind fox pup. They were skeptical saying that the enclosure was very large and that a blind fox could never navigate it well. I assured them that this pup was exceptional and that if they try her out, I would always take her back if she didn't work out. It was a no-risk situation for them. We decided to give it a try and the blind fox was sent to Maine, along with a gorgeous male pup with head and spinal injuries that would never be releasable. When the pups arrived, the park officials quickly realized that the blind pup was no ordinary fox and that she would flourish there. During the initial observation period before going into the new enclosure, the keepers became concerned about the male as he seemed withdrawn and they thought that he couldn't stand

on his back legs. I told them he had no problem running and playing here and suggested perhaps he was depressed? Once the pups were allowed into the new enclosure everything changed. The pup they thought was crippled and withdrawn started running, leaping , pouncing and playing . The blind pup very quickly came to know and command her surroundings. No visitors to the park can tell she is blind! If you are in Maine, please make it a point to Visit the Maine Wildlife Park !

[://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/wildlifepark/index](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/wildlifepark/index)



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Opossums are so beautiful and sweet! This little girl is going to stay at Fox Wood for the winter and be released in the spring.



The Guest Room next to the Clinic

Thank you everyone who helped finally finish our clinic and guest house building!!
Thank you Jeso's and Rogelio for donating your time and building skills
Special thanks to Tim and Patty Marlett for your time, skills and tools!
Thank you John Sterne, our Electrician!
Thank you to all who donated to The Building Fund!

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



Max- A Rottweiler that we were able to rescue from euthanasia **thanks to the Orchard Park Dog Wardens**- and **NO Thanks** to Rottweiler Rescues, who either suggested euthanasia or didn't reply to our calls and e-mails at all. Fox Wood was able find the perfect home for this beautiful, intelligent young dog. We hear he is doing great!

The Big Apple



I was asked to travel to New York City to do two coyote presentations with Hope Ryden, the author of God's Dog. My daughter Jennifer and I took this picture from New Jersey. We spoke in both Central Park and Greenburgh and received *rave reviews*.

Special Thanks to Dawn and Karen Hood!

Would you like to learn about coyotes too?

Be sure to come to The Grand Island Memorial Library to see Elise present her informative talk **Eastern Coyote: Friend or Foe?**

When: Tuesday January , 2009 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Where: 1715 Bedell Road, Grand Island, NY

Seating is limited, so please reserve your seats.

[@yahoo.](mailto:) or call 716-592-1861



Fox Fest 2008 was held at Chestnut Ridge Park in August. It was wonderful to see everyone's dogs, including a few that I had rescued.

Thank you to all of the individuals and business who donated items for our Chinese Auction! Special Thanks to Donna Yeager and her family and Rebecca Roudebush for your hard work

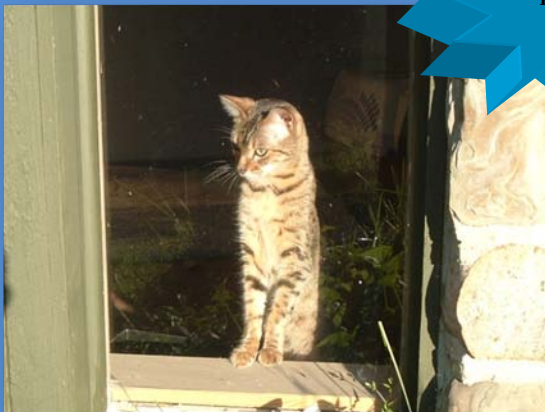


The Foofye 2009 calendars are printed!

Impress your friends with a full color calendar with 12 exciting photos of Foofye – plus a Special Bonus Picture! Great gifts for your animals loving friends, your vet or even your dog! These **limited edition** calendars are only \$24, and your donation goes toward a great cause! Click on the Tip Jar of our website <http://foxwoodrehab.typepad.com> for an online purchase, or e-mail @yahoo to purchase one



Help! We need chain link kennel panels!



ATHENA

The Bengal cat we rescued from the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter is now over her respiratory infection and is doing fantastic in her new home with Dawn Camp of Camp Skipping Pig. Dawn also does pig rescue! Check out Dawns website and see the pictures of the Kune Kunes at:

[://www.skippingkunekunes.com/](http://www.skippingkunekunes.com/)

Thank you to Mech and Noah Johnson for making a trek across the United States to help two little foxes in need. These two foxes we called "The Mormons", grew to be big, beautiful and very wild thanks to you and your unselfish donation of much time, sleep loss and gasoline!

Because of my visibility in the wildlife rehabilitation community and a good presence on the web, I am frequently asked for help by people from other states and countries. I call this time spent working on wildlife issues from afar "e-habbing". Every year it demands more and more of my time. Thank goodness for digital cameras that can make identification a snap, and often make diagnosing easy as well. I have received e-mails and calls for help all the way from Australia to the Yukon. Now how incredible is *that*?

Chasing and Killing Coyotes with Dogs

Something that everyone should be aware of is that people are chasing and killing coyotes with dogs through the woods and fields of New York State. This (legal!) practice is extraordinarily cruel and I encourage you not to turn a blind eye, but to be informed of how it is done and not to allow your property to be used for this. Please check out the photos and the information on the website and blog below and pass it along. Subscribe to the blog feed so that you can be fully aware of what is being done to our wildlife in our own back yards. I allowed the use of some of my photos for the site

Coyote hunting site: [://coyoteinfo.typepad.com/](http://coyoteinfo.typepad.com/)



Please support our education efforts and donate to Fox Wood!



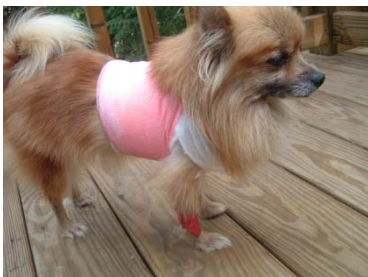
Thank you very much to the Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops who donated their time and boundless energy to help repair cages, paint, keep the grounds looking nice, build shelters for the wild animals and help with the endless work here. Thank you also to the Eagle Scouts who built boxes and cages. I couldn't do it without you!



This is "Charlie", another rescue who found a forever home this year

The Poor Little Dog Recovers!

Thanks to everyone who donated, the Poor little Dog is now fully recovered! When we were called to the City of Buffalo Animals Shelter to pick up Athena, the "wild" Bengal cat, we couldn't resist taking a quick walk through the dog kennels to see if there was someone else we could save. In the very first kennel was a pathetic little Pomeranian mix that looked very much like our little "Foofye". She was very sick and we were told not a good candidate for adoption. We pulled a few strings and brought her home the next day. Even though she was taken to a vet right away and put on antibiotics, her pneumonia worsened. She also had extremely bad teeth, a gum infection, a mammary gland tumor, a broken tail and a urinary tract infection. She also needed to be spayed (particularly because of the mammary gland tumor). After several weeks of different antibiotics, a test was performed and it revealed that the bacteria in her lungs were resistant to most antibiotics. After several more weeks and almost losing her, a miracle happened and she recovered from the pneumonia. When she was strong enough, we had her spayed, removed the tumor and had eight bad teeth pulled. Since then she has *doubled* in weight! Her eyes sparkle and she is full of energy. The little Pom is working hard on the potty training and we are hoping, for the carpets sake that this catches on quick. Any ideas out there?



Poor Sick Little dog!



Feel free to print this letter and pass it along to your friends!

Forward this newsletter to others via e-mail!

Donations can be made to:

Fox Wood Wildlife Rescue, Inc

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Or online using PayPal to "foxladye@yahoo.com"

Inquiries / Phone contact: Elise 716-592-1861

Needed:

Cash donations are badly needed to catch up on vet bills!

Your donations are tax deductible.

You can donate via the United Way Designated Donor Program. Contact Elise with questions.

Items Needed:

Blankets, large towels

Packaged venison

Stamps

Paper towels

Chain link kennel panels

Dog Igloos, large dog houses

THANK YOU!!!!