

FOXWOOD



Fox Wood Wildlife Rescue, Inc.

Merry Christmas to all! It has been another interesting year, full of learning and experiencing the greatness of people and animals. This year was the first time ever that we had an Open House here on the property. A considerable amount of time and planning went into making this event safe, fun

and successful. If it weren't for an incredible group of volunteers, it never could have happened. Susie, Anastasia, Scott, AmeriCorps, Susan, Danielle, Connie, Fredi, Sean, Rebecca, Rose and Aline are just a few of the wonderful people who made the Open House a success. The animals even had a good time! "Collie" and "Jadin" wore donation cups around their necks and were very helpful! Baby fox was cute and personable and the coyotes were gracious hosts too....

Fox Wood Wildlife Rescue never would have survived 2009 without the generous donations from our supporters. Thank you to all who were so generous in such difficult economic times.



Above: Fredi our chef with a happy volunteer!



Donations can be made via PayPal to: foxlady@yahoo.com



Thank You to all of the individuals and businesses who donated items and gift certificates for our Chinese auction.

This fox was the first rabid animal in Erie County in 2009. One would never guess by looking at this Gray fox that it is rabid. People often think a rabid animal looks sick.



Fox Wood Wildlife Rescue is a United Way participant

“Bobby”

Bobby was a stray that was never looked for by his family. He was picked up by the dog warden and held for considerable time while she waited for his owners to call, but they never did. When his time was up, I brought Bobby to Fox Wood. I too tried to find his owners without success. I am very choosy who gets to adopt the dogs that come here, and after 4 months the perfect family came along. Bobby is now a Canadian citizen! **Photo courtesy of Robert Watroba**



Above: Snickers. Rest in Peace.



A group of foxes is called a skulk or a leash

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Rest in Peace “Snickers”

A lovely old dog that was no longer wanted by her owner of nine years, Snickers had developed separation anxiety. Snickers did her best to try to run back home to Arcade every chance she got. One of our summer Volunteers, Sean, was concerned for her and asked his mom to adopt her. Sean drove Snickers to her new home in Chicago. Just a couple months after being adopted into Portia Nagel’s loving home, Snickers developed a severe spine problem and had to be euthanized. Thank you Portia for opening your heart and home and giving Snickers the loving family she deserved, even if it was for a very short time.

Below: Fenny sits in her ferret condo-giving our little dogs some rest from all the playing. Fennec foxes, *Vulpes Zerda*, are found in the Sahara and Saudi Arabia. They are the smallest wild canine, weighing only 2 to 3.5 pounds. Those satellite dish ears are the largest ears relative to size of all the canids. The ears help them to keep cool, as well as hunt- Fennecs can hear prey moving underground. Fur on the soles of their feet help protect them from hot sand. The fennec fox is an omnivore and eats small mammals, plants, berries and fruit. Unlike many other canids they can produce two litters a year.

The word Fennec comes from the arab word fanak, which means fox. The species name zerda comes from the Greek *xeros*, which means dry, describing their habitat. The fennec was formerly placed in the genus *Fennecus*, but has since been reclassified in the genus *Vulpes*. **Photo of Fenny courtesy of Jennifer Able**



Gray Fox

Urocyon cinereoargenteus has a salt and pepper gray back, a white belly, brownish orange on the sides, neck and legs, and a black stripe along its back and tail. These very agile foxes are the only member of the canid family that can climb trees. Gray foxes prey on rabbits, birds and small rodents, but also eat fruits, berries and vegetables. They weigh between 7 and 12 lbs and usually live an average of 3 – 4 yrs in the wild, but can live to 16 years in captivity. Gray foxes share more habits and habitat with raccoons than Red foxes. They are nocturnal and spend more time in the deep woods. Gray foxes, like raccoons tend to become very aggressive when they have rabies and are usually responsible for the “rabid fox attacks” one might hear about on the news. Gray foxes are also very vulnerable to Distemper, a virus which also affects raccoons and skunks. Other mortality factors include cars, trapping and hunting. Only recently has a vaccine been developed that would protect Gray foxes from the Distemper virus. Until the development of this new vaccine, vaccinating a gray fox for Distemper with the available vaccines could potentially give the fox the disease. Interestingly, Gray foxes are not affected by Sarcoptic mange like Red foxes are. Fox Wood has a Gray fox we call “Baby Fox” she was kept for way to long by her finder and is too tame to release to the wild. We hope that Baby Fox will help educate people about Gray foxes.

Photo of “Baby Fox” courtesy of Robert Watroba



A group of hares is called a husk



Piggy and Oinkster, both rescues, have become close friends.

Can you help?

One of our big projects in 2009 was making our inside dog rescue area a nicer, brighter place. We put up drywall, added windows and sliding doors, painted and put in a drop ceiling. We ran out of money, so we tried to paint the concrete floor, rather than putting down a sub-floor and vinyl covering, which would have added some warmth. The epoxy paint isn't sticking. We want to be able to afford the sub-floor and Vinyl. It is going to be \$4500 which would include the sub flooring, the vinyl and the installation. Please help us be able to get this floor so we can make a better place for the rescue dogs! Donations can be sent to:

Fox Wood Wildlife Rescue, Inc
11156 Old Glenwood Rd, East Concord, NY 14055

Below: Chloe is looking for a new home...





Above photo courtesy of Robert Watroba
Boo, our friendliest red fox is the subject of many photographers. Because she is so tame and friendly, she is a terrific ambassador for Fox Wood!

Rest in Peace Pride

Pride lived a long and good life with
her best friend Prince.



Please help us build two new pens up in Spring 2010!
We have outgrown our wild animal pre-release pens.
The cost of wire and fencing has sky rocketed and these pens will be more expensive than ever. We need \$3000 to get these pens built. Can you help?

A Very Special Thank You To....

- *The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who volunteered their time and endless energy for spring clean ups, and special projects! Looking forward to seeing you in the spring!
- *The Eagle Scouts who built pens, cages and boxes for our animals!
- *Everyone who donated venison, chicken and beef! We need a constant supply, so please spread the word.
- *Everyone who donated towels and blankets! We need more blankets.
- *Everyone who donated baskets and items for our open house!
- *The wonderful, handy volunteers who helped with maintenance and projects all summer, especially Nate and Sean
- *The wonderful people who donated via PayPal
- *Everyone who sponsored a fox or coyote!
- *Everyone who donated via The United Way
- *The wonderful vets who helped the animals we brought you!
- *The people who come mornings and help clean pens, change water buckets and brush dogs when they would probably rather be sleeping in
- *Everyone who helped make our first Open House here a success!
- *Everyone who helped catch or transport and injured animal
- *The people who cared for my animals when I had to go out of town!

A Scalped Fox

We will never know what caused the horrible wound on this fox's head, but she had lost all of the skin and her ears were barely hanging on by threads. Fortunately, she had a Guardian Angel named Denise Covey, who had been feeding this Momma fox all spring. For a few days she had not shown up for her regular meals- and then when she did come back, Denise saw the horrible injury on her head. Denise knew she had to help this fox, so she started making phone calls and sending e-mails asking for help. When I opened the e-mail June 30th, and saw the photo below I admit I was shocked. I e-mailed Denise "We have to catch this fox right away!" Box traps were set and after a week we finally caught her.



Just over a month later, brand new skin had grown over the wound and the fur was mostly grown back. It was time to release "Foxy" back to her home. It was easy to tell that she wanted to be out of the clinic and back into the wild. "Foxy" was driven back to Rochester and released where she was originally captured. After a couple weeks, Foxy returned to her regular nightly visiting schedule.



We took "Foxy" to the Erie County SPCA wildlife rehabilitation center where they have one of the most wonderful and talented veterinarians, Dr. Karen Moran on staff. After examining her, it was determined that several treatments would be used including antibiotics, special salve and an experimental new light that is supposed to help wounds heal. See below the wound after just a short time. Healing was rapid and miraculous. Dr. Moran did some work on her ears, trimming and shaping to keep as much ear as possible.



Unfortunately, wildlife has no health insurance. When no one else will help, Fox Wood will step up to the plate and help these animals. Please help us help them! We cannot do it without your support. There are many ways to donate: through PayPal to foxlady@yahoo.com
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