

Fox Wood Wildlife Rescue Christmas Newsletter | 2010

Merry Christmas everyone! If you are receiving this newsletter, then you have helped us in some special way and we would like to give you our sincerest *Thank You!*

In a normal spring baby season, we might raise as many as ten orphaned fox pups. This year was an exception- over 35 orphaned and injured fox pups arrived! A combination of an upswing in the fox population, coupled with foxes becoming increasingly adapted to living near people most likely contributed to the high numbers this year. In addition to this, our visibility in the rehabilitation community and the internet as the place that does the best job for foxes has increased our numbers.

Over the years, we have found better and better ways to handle the animals without stressing them, transfer animals from pen to pen, transport them and raise the largest and healthiest pups we can. In fact, the pups we raise are larger than their wild-raised counterparts at release time. We have also been able to release them sooner because of their size, wildness and level of maturity. One of the key elements to our success, "Heather", passed away at the age of 17 this fall. Often foxes in captivity don't live past the age of 10. Interestingly enough, she passed away just two days after the last fox pup was successfully released to the wild. She seemed to want to complete her mission. Heather was instrumental in the successful release of well over 100 pups for the last 16 years. Heather gave the pups a feeling of security and family when they were introduced to her. She insisted on feeding them, and making it clear that humans were not to be trusted. Even the tamest pup would become wild again in her care. Heather passed on very quickly when her time came. Fortunately, we now have two pairs of foxes that will take Heathers place parenting the pups in the future years.



Above: The pups a few weeks later



Above: The numbers grow



Rest in Peace Heather

Below: Our first 6 pups whose mother was killed by a car



Ready for transport to the release site. Only a few more days, and the pups will be free again



After a slow release, the trail camera catches a pup re-visiting the release pen



Meet "Boo" one of our dedicated new foster mommas for pups. She is taking a much needed rest from mothering duties



Left to right, Bonnie, Joe, Ashleigh and Mark Carra with some of the creatures he brought to show our visitors

Our second annual Open House was wonderful this year, though we seem to always pick the rainy weekend. Maybe we'll get a sunny day next year. Many people worked very hard to make this event a successful fundraiser for us. Thank you to all who donated silent auction items, baskets, and certificates. Thank you to everyone who helped make baskets, weed the gardens, stand at the animal pens and give info.



Rest in Peace Lizzie. Thank you Beth for giving her the best home a dog could ever have



Collie did her share to help raise money at our Open House by wearing a box and asking attendees for donations

Please remember Fox Wood during the United Way Campaigns. Through the donor choice program, you can have your contribution go to us to help more animals

Our internet presence allows us to help animals all over the world! We are currently helping animals in Australia, China and Canada. Our coolest call was about was an injured arctic fox in the Yukon!

During the off-season there is more time to rescue dogs. Many dogs that may have been euthanized have already been placed, and we still have more. Hopefully by spring everyone who needs to be re-homed will find their forever homes. Sometimes it takes a very long time to match the dog with the right person. Chloe has been here for 3 years now, and we figure that by now, she sees Fox Wood as home, so will stay.



Chloe (left) got to play with Ben (right) for a few months before we found the perfect home for Ben. Great Pyrenees dogs are sometimes difficult to place because of their independent spirit love for roaming and barking. All the dogs we place are spayed or neutered first.

Check out our website

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



This little dog was in the City of Buffalo Animal shelter since June 1 pending a court case. Jay and I very patiently waited for her for 6 months! Within 30 minutes of her being freed for adoption we bailed her out of jail and brought her to Jay's home where she will have lots of fun and be spoiled rotten for the rest of her life!



Thanks to Orchard Park Eagle Scout Niko Piekarski and his family (above) , we have two useful heavy duty all purpose cages!



Thanks to Eagle Scout Kevin Neary of Grand Island, our coyotes have a huge new pen to run and play in.



Thanks to Rich Luczak (above) of troop 618 in Elma, we have a new fox pen in the woods for Red pups to wild up in

Thanks to Eagle Scout Tim Turner of East Concord, we have a new fox pen in the woods that will be perfect for Gray foxes!

Thank you to the people who send donations to help us every month!
 Thank you to the people who have brought blankets, towels and other items
 Thank you to everyone who donated chicken, beef, venison and other meat for the foxes
 Thank you to the SPCA Wildlife Center for working your magic on those most difficult of cases



Check us out on Facebook!



This beautiful cinnamon colored fox became a foster father to our orphaned pups this summer. Together with his mate "Sniglet", we hope he will raise many more wild pups next spring.



Friend Larry Lowell took this photo of the lilies on the pond



The black poodle (left) and the Little White dog both failed temperament tests at a local shelter, but we rescued them and placed them successfully in loving permanent homes



A local breeder had way too many shelties to care for properly, so we were able to take some and place them for her, some are still here. Having a smart and beautiful sheltie was on my bucket list. Having 4 is really, really wonderful! Pictured above is "Mala"



This Beautiful shepherd and her pup were dumped on a busy highway in Ohio. Volunteer and contributor Gary Waldman took the adult female home. Her puppy was adopted quickly. Miss Rottie (right) was dumped in Orchard Park- she too was placed in a loving forever home where she is thriving.



This male red fox was hit by a car in Elma. Thanks to the Erie County SPCA veterinarian Karen Moran and the SPCA Wildlife Department, he had the gaping wounds tended to and his broken femur pinned



This x-ray shows the foxes broken femur. Below, the fox is ready to wake up after the surgery. Hopefully the pinning will work and this fox can be released back to his territory.



Please consider making a small donation to help us continue our work as we grow in our service to the community and its animals.

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