

Welcome to

INSTINCTS

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"The newsletter helping you follow your Wild Instincts."

Progress Update

The delay in a timely newsletter over the late summer/early fall was due to construction!

For this to be the year of record-breaking early cold was not a welcome event here at Wild Instincts.

We had to forge ahead to make sure we were ready for insulation. Ice on the toilet water motivated us to put all we had into getting the ceilings sheathed to allow for insulation to be installed.

Added to that was the untimely event of the insulation company getting new equipment and putting an even earlier deadline upon us. Either be ready by the end of Sept or wait another six weeks to be on their schedule.

Wow. That was a good motivator. There was no way we could operate another six weeks without having the building insulated and we couldn't let the animals down.

The good news is we got it done. However, it was at the expense of not getting a newsletter out in a timely fashion.

We're trusting that you will all understand our extremely small staff made that impossible and you won't hold it against us. Now that the ceiling is sheathed and the strange weather has flip-flopped into warmer than usual temps we have put the indoor construction on hold and turned the concentration to more outdoor enclosure construction.

The pond for the otter aquatic enclosure is dug. The concrete should be poured in the next week or so. That will give us a big jump on spring construction.

The eagle flight enclosure is also being laid out and trees cleared to start construction on that next.

Thanks to All Giving Us Hope

There's no doubt, starting Wild Instincts has been a huge undertaking. We've been working some pretty crazy schedules doing sometimes seemingly superhuman tasks. The community support from all of you has kept us going. Just when we would become overwhelmed with what in front of us to accomplish and real doubt we could complete the task, someone would appear, unrequested, to help out. There are too many of these instances to single out. Please know your support hasn't gone unnoticed and some days it's the only thing that keeps us going.



Wipfli Accounting Work Crew donated part of a day to help shovel gravel and fill trenches.

A Loss to Wildlife

On 9/30/11, long-time wildlife rehabilitator, Roland "Fred" Friedrich left this planet to continue his next journey without us. Not only was Fred a friend to Wisconsin wildlife everywhere and a staunch supporter of Wild Instincts, he was a close personal friend.

We're reminded of a quote by Kahil Gibran: "A sense of humor is a sense of proportion." By that standard, Fred was a man of large proportion and we're sure will be remembered as such.

His absence will be felt by many on many different levels, but he lives on tucked deep into our hearts and that of the wildlife we encounter.



Fly free, Fred, and soar high.

WISH LIST

For a complete wish list, please visit our website: www.wildinstinctsrehab.com

Chain link fencing
1 1/2" steel pipe
Fence poles
Walk-in Freezer
Whole fish
Frozen venison
Dry dog food
Canned dog food
Paper towels
Dish soap
Hand soap
Newspapers
Sheets/blankets/towels

Cash Donations
Gas Cards
Good Used Pick-up Truck
Unsalted Pecans
Unsalted Walnuts

A Few Wildlife Tales

On 9/2/11, Wild Instincts admitted a Red-tailed Hawk.

The initial exam revealed swelling in the right elbow possibly from a through & through gunshot wound and what felt like shot pellets in each leg.

Radiographs confirmed the shot pellets which were able to be physically manipulated out to reveal copper-coated shot pellets.



Copper-coated shot pellets removed from Red-tailed Hawk.

The bird recovered without incident regaining flight and health enough to be released.

On 9/21/11, the bird was returned to the wild.



Red-tailed Hawk Release.

A full-story and more photos of this story can be found on our blog:

www.wildinstincts.wordpress.com

Look for the entry titled *Red-Tailed Hawk*.

Recent Releases:

In early September, the coyote pups raised at Wild Instincts were released. With a small staff, often times the camera has to be put down to help with actual animals needs. Unfortunately, the coyote release was one of those times so we have no photos of the release to share with you. But here's one taken almost a month before their release.



Coyote pups still weeks from release in this photo.

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Over the first weekend of Sept, eight fawns raised here at Wild Instincts were released.



Newly released deer "tasting" its new home.

A complete story of the deer release with many more photos can be found on our blog:

[www.wildinstincts.wordpress.com](http://www.wildinstincts.wordpress.com)

The entry is titled *Wild Once More*.

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Just when we thought we were done with fawn care for the season, the day following the last deer's release, we admitted another fawn that had been hit by a car. We had that fawn for another few weeks before successfully releasing her back into the wild also. ☺

Mark teaching IWRC

Over the winter, Mark was approached about becoming an instructor for the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (IWRC).

IWRC is one of the organizations promoting wildlife rehabilitation as a profession. They are the only organization sponsoring actual courses from basic to more advanced subjects for wildlife rehabilitators. They have a certification process in which one can become a Certified Wildlife Rehabilitator.

Mark will be helping teach an introductory Basic Rehab weekend class in October.

Mark loves to share his vast knowledge and wisdom with those wanting to learn. It should be a great way to recharge after a very challenging year.

Wild Instincts Apparel

We have placed a small order for short-sleeved and long-sleeved tee shirts with the Wild Instincts logo on the front.

We hope to have them shortly in order to sell for the holiday season (and beyond).

If they are popular, we will be trying to keep some in stock or asking for pre-orders before the next order.

If you have requests for specific sizes, please contact:

sharon@wildinstinctsrehab.com

Species admitted 1/1-9/30/11

American Crow	5
American Goldfinch	3
American Robin	20
Bald Eagle	13
Barred Owl	2
Beaver	1
Black Bear	4
Black Duck	1
Black-billed Cuckoo	1
Black-capped Chickadee	1
Broad-winged Hawk	3
Canada Goose	3
Cedar Waxwing	1
Chipping Sparrow	1
Common Grackle	2
Common Loon	3
Common Raven	1
Coyote	5
Deer Mouse	4
Downy Woodpecker	1
Eastern Bluebird	3
Eastern Chipmunk	2
Eastern Cottontail	42
Eastern Garter Snake	1
Eastern Gray Squirrel	20
Eastern Phoebe	3
European Starling	4
Flying Squirrel (northern/southern combined)	3
Gray Fox	2
Great Blue Heron	1
Great Horned Owl	2
Hairy Woodpecker	2
Hermit Thrush	2
Hooded Merganser	5
Horned Lark	1
House Finch	1
House Sparrow	1
Least Bittern	1
Mallard Duck	6
Midland Painted Turtle	1
Mourning Dove	6
Northern Flicker	1
Northern Saw-Whet Owl	1
Pileated Woodpecker	1
Pine Grosbeak	1
Pine Siskin	1
Porcupine	1
Purple Finch	2
Raccoon	5
Red Fox	3
Red Squirrel	13
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1

Red-eyed Vireo	1
Red-tailed Hawk	2
Rock Dove	4
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	5
Ruffed Grouse	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
Snapping Turtle	3
Snowshoe Hare	2
Song Sparrow	1
Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel	9
Tree Swallow	3
Turkey Vulture	3
Virginia Opossum	1
Western Painted Turtle	3
Whippoorwill	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	8
White-tailed Deer	28
Wild Turkey	1
Wood Duck	2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1

Total

296



Eastern Bluebird Fledgling wanting some food!

**Thank You for
Helping Us Help
Them!**