



# March/April/May 2012 NEWS & NOTES



## T-Shirts

Many of you ordered and enjoyed our 2011 t-shirts. We are, once again, so fortunate to have the support and wonderful talents of Carole Robertson ([www.robertsonartgallery.com](http://www.robertsonartgallery.com)) to design our 2012 t-shirt. Once again, Carole gave her time and talent free of charge and this year's design is quite magnificent. A very special thank you to Progress Energy for their contribution towards this year's shirt. Last year we were able to raise almost \$1000 and our goal this year is to top \$1500. We are so proud to offer these shirts for a suggested donation of \$20 (plus \$5 shipping and handling) – this design will only be available this year so hurry, please use the membership renewal form enclosed to order your shirts.



We are starting to plan for our Woodstork 2012 fundraiser. This will be our 5th Annual Woodstork event and will be held at 3Y Ranch, 195 Harvey Young Farm Rd., Crawfordville from 10am to 5pm on Sat., Oct. 13, 2012. Lots of planning is needed for this fun filled event. If you would like more information please e-mail Chris at [choppaotta@aol.com](mailto:choppaotta@aol.com) and visit our website at [woodstorkfestival.com](http://woodstorkfestival.com)

## YARD SALE

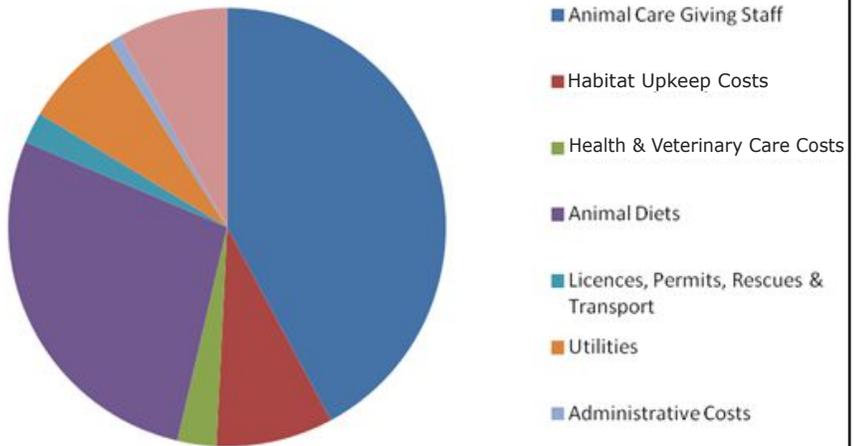
Don't miss our first yard sale of the year – great bargains and a chance to help our wildlife patients!

**Townsend Nads Storage**  
**59 Shadeville Rd, Crawfordville**  
**Thursday, March 15 • Noon-4pm**  
**Friday, March 16 • 8am-4pm**  
**Saturday, March 17 • 8am-1pm**

All donations are tax deductible and can be dropped off at Nads into Unit 33. E-mail [jeffstudio54@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffstudio54@yahoo.com) for more information or to arrange for items to be picked up.



## Annual Animal Care Expenses



### EXPENSE ITEM ANNUAL EXPENSE

Animal Care Giving Staff.....	47,252.72
Habitat Upkeep Costs.....	9,689.23
Health & Veterinary Care Costs.....	3,231.39
Animal Diets .....	31,046.55
Licenses, Permits, Rescues & Transport.....	2,572.41
Utilities .....	8,199.55
Administrative Costs .....	1,020.66
Fundraising.....	9,116.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,129.30</b>

### Animal Statistics 2011

FWMA provided care for 825 animals in 2011:

- 39 Domestic/ Exotics
- 430 Native Mammals
- 310 Native Birds
- 22 Native Reptiles

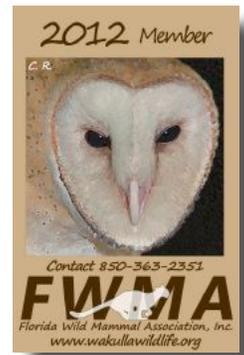
65% of these animals were returned to the wild, 3.5% were adopted, 5.5% were transferred to other facilities to be used for education or further conditioning, 10% remained in care at FWMA.

**Don't forget to join us on Facebook for all our latest news and events!**

# Membership

Its time for FWMA membership renewal. Here at FWMA we are very aware that most of us are still facing tight financial times. Over the past couple of years we have had to tighten our financial belt as well while still providing the care that our wildlife patients need to recover. We need the help of all of our members to make it through 2012. Please help us continue our mission to rescue, rehabilitate and return our wildlife patients to the wild. We are pleased to reveal our new FWMA Membership Decal – designed by Carole Robertson, a unique design for 2012.

100% of your donation will be used in pursuit of our mission. To show our appreciation we would like to send you your 2012 Membership Decal and three mailings per year keeping you up to date with the events at the center. We thank you in anticipation of your support.



## Hi There Folks,

My name is George, I am a Barred Owl and I am a permanent resident here at FWMA. I've been living at FWMA for quite a long time, ever since I was hit by a car. Despite my accident and the injuries I suffered the folks here at FWMA saw that I could be a great asset to them and our community. You see, I go out to schools and public events and help the FWMA staff and volunteers educate the other humans (especially the young ones) about me and a whole bunch of other animals. I have seen hundreds of fellow wild animals pass through FWMA during my time here. When they are first brought here they are often very sick and spend time in the indoor medical room facilities. Once they are feeling a little better they get to come outside to the specialized cages and habitats near where I live. Word has it that a lot of these habitats are in desperate need of repair.

This is where you might be able to help us--by donating any spare lumber that you might have had left over from one of your own repair projects, purchasing new lumber as a special donation or by donating Lowe's, Home Depot or Gulf Coast Lumber gift cards. Here is a list of items that we need to help us get started:

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| 100 4x4x10 PT                                 | 240 U brackets 1 1/4                              |
| 80 Galvalume Roofing(EVERGREEN) 12ft sections | 10 Cases 1 inch screws with rubber washer         |
| 20 Ridge caps (EVERGREEN) 10ft sections       | 50 2x4x8 (and greater) PT                         |
| 120 1x4x12 PT                                 | 80lb bags of cement (even if partially hardened!) |

## Recent Releases

FWMA's mission is the rescue, rehabilitation and RELEASE of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. Here are just a few of our most recent releases. A very



special thank you to our all of our wonderful volunteers who took these recovered wildlife patients back to the wild where they belong! Neil and Lois Hostnick do many of our releases and managed to capture this wonderful

picture showing one of the four barred owls they released on a beautiful February evening.

Melissa Starbuck not only does a fabulous job running our Facebook page, she also provides a wonderful location for the release of cottontail and marsh rabbits. Jason and Tiffany Vickery rescued a female bufflehead who had become stranded on the road and was very thin. They brought her to FWMA where she joined a male bufflehead duck who was in the process of recovery and, after about a month of care here at the center, Tiffany and Jason were delighted to return the pair back to a large group of visiting bufflehead ducks at Alligator Point. In addition to this happy couple we managed to send two juvenile herring gulls with Tiffany and Jason.

Mrs. Spohrer at Forgotten Coast TV rescued a young red tailed hawk from the side of Hwy 98 that was emaciated and very weak. After his recovery, Eric Lovestrand of Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (who also does most of our rescues in Franklin County), was able to meet up with John Spohrer for a spectacular release <http://www.forgottencoasttv.com/VideoPreviews/Birding/HawkRelease.wmv>

Marilyn Van Dusseldorp and Barbara Armstrong brought in a bobcat from Taylor County Animal Control that had been hit by a car. A big thank you to Dr. Guhrt ♥



for the bobcat's initial medical care. After several days of intensive care here at FWMA the bobcat started eating and was sent to Goosecreek Wildlife Sanctuary in Tallahassee and then on to Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest Florida where he is recovering from his hip fracture and the outlook for his return to the wild is excellent – big thank you's to Noni Beck of Goosecreek Wildlife and Dorothy Kaufmann. at Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest Florida.

