

News & Notes ~ March/April/May 2014

GIANT YARD SALE

Thurs., Mar. 13th, 8am – 3pm (Set Up) • Fri., Mar. 14th, 8am – 3pm
Sat., Mar. 15th '14 8am – 1pm

At Nads Mini Storage, 59 Shadeville Rd, Crawfordville

All Donations Greatly Appreciated. Donations can be dropped at Unit A32 or brought to the Yard Sale (before Friday afternoon)

For more information about FWMA visit our website: www.fwma.org. 100% of contributions are retained by FWMA for use in pursuing our mission.



T-SHIRTS We are so happy to be able to bring you The 3rd Annual FWMA Shirt. Once again, we are so fortunate to have the support and wonderful talents of Carole Robertson (www.robertsonartgallery.com) to design our 2014 t-shirt. Carole gave her time and talent free of charge (as always) and this year's design is quite magnificent. Last year we were able to raise almost \$2000 and our goal this year is to top \$2500. Unfortunately we do not have a corporate sponsor for this year's shirt so we really need your help to make this a huge success. We are 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.

MEMBERSHIP

It's time once again for FWMA membership renewal. Over the past few years we have had to tighten our financial belt here at the center while still providing the care that our wildlife patients need to recover and return to the wild. We need the help of all of our members to make it through 2014. Please, donate what you can and 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 2014. 100% of your donation will be used in pursuit of our mission. To show our appreciation we would like to send you your 2014 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 and membership renewal.



JUST A FEW OF OUR WINTER PATIENTS



We would like to extend a very special thank you to Melissa Starbuck for taking over the Facebook page in 2011 and bringing it from less than 100 likes to 1460! Facebook is a huge commitment and, after three years of hard work and dedication, Melissa is handing over the torch to one of our other wonderful volunteers. Thank you so much to Melissa for her time and efforts.

GOLF GONE WILD

Last year's Golf Gone Wild fundraiser was such a tremendous success. Come join us this year on Saturday May 3rd, hosted by John Spohrer and St. James Bay Golf Resort. There will be golf AND prizes. The event will be benefitting FWMA. Enjoy golf at the gorgeous St. James Bay Golf Resort at 151 Laughing Gull Lane in Carabelle, Fl. We still have spaces available for golfers and golf teams, if you would like to enter the tournament please contact Rob Burlison rob@stjamesbay.com. If you would like to help by sponsoring the event contact John Spohrer jspohrer@forgottencoastoutdoors.com - this is a fantastic way to advertise your business and help our local wildlife at the same time. Brochure, entry forms and additional information will be posted on our website (www.fwma.org) closer to the event date. We hope to see you there in support of our local wildlife for a spectacular day.



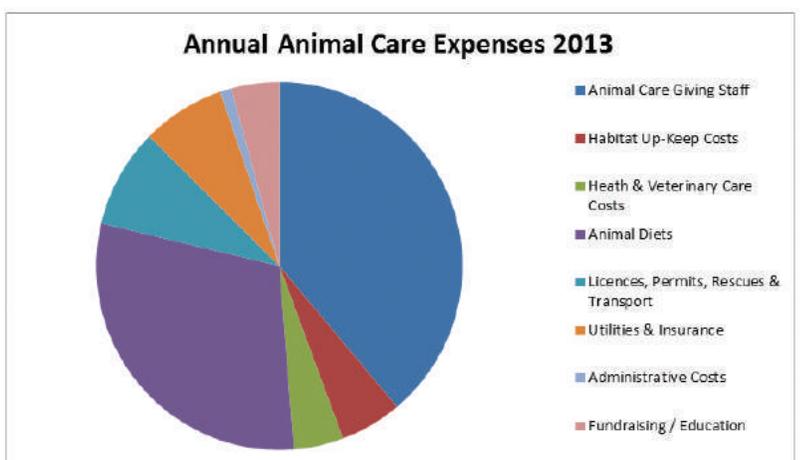


In loving memory of our very dear friend and supporter Lois Hostnick. Your love of nature, your kind heart, and your beautiful smile will never be forgotten. Thank you!

FRODO'S STORY Frodo (named by his rescuers) was brought in from the Crawfordville area where a Good Samaritan captured him after he noticed the young fawn running into everything in his yard. Frodo's little face and ears were covered in hundreds of ticks, he was dehydrated, and very thin. It became clear that both eyes were cloudy and he was probably blind. Frodo became the mascot of the med room as he gained his strength. Tina and Pam gave him excellent care! Lori, one of our members who donates many supplies, has taken an extra special liking to him and brought him apples and pears on her visits. Promise Land Ministries also sent fruit and vegetables for Frodo and the other deer. Finally, Frodo was strong enough to see our favorite vet Dr. Guhrt who immediately made him an appointment with Dr. Chandler at The Animal Eye Clinic in Tallahassee. We have been blessed by being surrounded by great vets! Both vets were great with Frodo and Dr Chandler's recommendation was to do cataract surgery which would need to take place at their clinic in Jacksonville. Noni, who runs Goosecreek Wildlife in Tallahassee, very kindly offered to do the transport and one of our volunteers, Pat, drove him to Goosecreek. Frodo's surgery went very well and he was sucking down bottles of milk and nibbling on some feed right after he got home. He continued to improve daily and just two days after surgery he really started playing, jumping, and twisting in the air like fawns do. We are now three months on and Frodo is now living outside with other deer and it is often hard to tell which one he is (he fits in so very well!). We wanted to put a great big THANK YOU out there to everyone for making this possible. A huge thank you to Dr. Chandler and The Animal Eye Clinic for their dedication with helping Frodo regain his sight!



EXPENSE ITEM	ANNUAL EXPENSE
Animal Caregiving Staff	51,864
Habitat Upkeep Costs	7,295
Heath & Veterinary Care Costs	5,867
Animal Diets	39,980
Licenses, Permits, Rescues & Transport	11,626
Utilities & Insurance	9,774
Administrative Costs	1,353
Fundraising / Education	5,638
	133,397



ANIMAL STATISTICS 2013 ~ FWMA provided care for 825 animals in 2013: 31 Domestic/Exotics, 380 Native Mammals, 361 Native Birds, 24 Native Reptiles, 29 Permanent Education Animals, 65.9% of these animals were returned to the wild, 2.3% were adopted, 4% were transferred to other facilities to be used for education or further conditioning, 8.8% remained in care at FWMA. Intake by County: Wakulla – 563 Animals (68.2%), Jefferson/Taylor - 34 Animals (4.1%), Leon – 53 Animals (6.4%), Franklin – 165 Animals (20.0%), Pinellas – 7 Animals (0.8%), Gulf – 2 Animals (0.2%), Gadsden – 1 Animal (0.1%).

MEDICAL ROOM FWMA faces a huge challenge this year and is humbly requesting your continued support towards the renovation/rebuild of our medical room. This building is a critical part of our program since it is where all of our incoming sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife patients are housed, treated and cared for when they first arrive. In addition to the cage room which holds the animals while they undergo medical treatment there is a kitchen for animal food preparation, storage for medical supplies, and a small office used for documentation, an isolation area for those animals that may be contagious, and a laundry room. The building we are presently occupying is on the verge of being unusable. Unfortunately it has succumbed to the ravages of time, overuse, exposure to the elements and lack of excess funding to repair and maintain it. We do not have an alternate area to provide the specialized care required for these animals at this critical time for their rehabilitation. We are desperately trying to move forward on this project before May 1st, 2014 as this is the beginning of baby season (our busiest time of the year). We do not want to have to turn away orphaned wildlife because we have no place to house them. If you can help please contact Chris at choppaotta@aol.com.



MATCH DAY 2014 Match What? MATCH DAY, that's what! For the second year in a row FWMA will participate in Match Day, a fundraiser for nonprofits supported by the Community Foundation of North Florida. The event allows our organization to earn matching dollars for money donated to FWMA during the event. Thanks to many generous donors last year the amount contributed to FWMA last year (including matching funds) exceeded \$4000. Match Day is scheduled for June 2014. When the final date is announced we will post it to the website and notify FWMA members via email. (So please make sure we have your email address on file!) This is a unique opportunity to double your investment in the future of North Florida wildlife.

UPDATING OUR CONTACT INFORMATION Do critters use email? Well no, but most of us certainly do, and FWMA wants your email address! We have several exciting fundraising opportunities coming up that just won't work with snail mail. Plus we would rather spend your money on the animals instead of additional mailouts. So please take a few minutes to write your name and email address on the enclosed form and send it to us even if you can't make a donation right now. (Or even better: send us an email so we will have your email address.) PLEASE DON'T ASSUME WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS. A few things to know...

- FWMA will not share your email address with anyone else. We respect your privacy and will give you the option to unsubscribe from our email list if you choose to in the future.
- We promise not to inundate you with frequent emails. After all we are busy doing real work like taking care of animals...
- And finally, thanks as always for your support!