

GIANT



Benefits FLORIDA WILD MAMMAL ASSOCIATION

Thurs March 7 ~ 8am – 3pm (Set Up)

Fri March 8 ~ 8am – 3pm

Sat March 9 ~ 8am – 1pm



At Townsend's Nads Mini Storage, 59 Shadeville Rd, Crawfordville

All Donations Greatly Appreciated

Donations can be dropped at Unit 34 at Nads or brought to the Yard Sale

For more information about FWMA visit our website:

www.wakullawildlife.org

100% of contributions are retained by FWMA for use in pursuing our mission: Dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wild mammals and birds.

T-Shirts

Many of you ordered and enjoyed our 2011 and 2012 t-shirts. We are, once again, so fortunate to have the support and wonderful talents of Carole Robertson (www.robertsonartgallery.com) to design our 2013 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 sponsoring this year's shirt. Last year we were able to raise almost \$1500 and our goal this year is to top \$2000. 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.



Membership

It's 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 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 2013.

Please help us continue our mission to rescue, rehabilitate and return our wildlife patients to the wild.

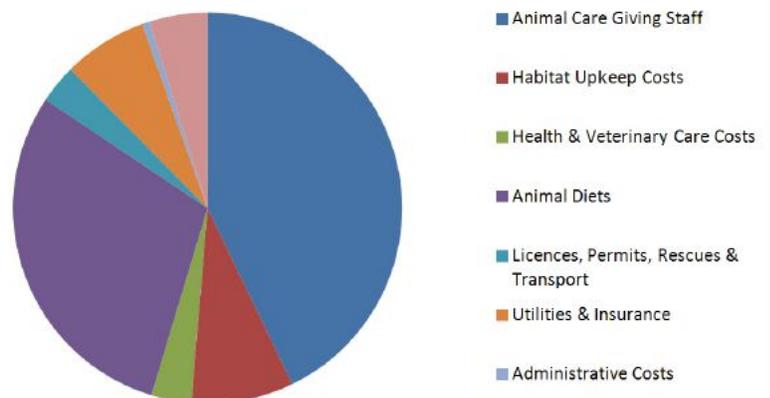
We are pleased to reveal our new FWMA Membership Decal – designed by Carole Robertson, a unique design for 2013.

100% of your donation will be used in pursuit of our mission. To show our appreciation

we would like to send you your 2013 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!

EXPENSE ITEM	ANNUAL EXPENSE
Animal Care Giving Staff	\$61,548
Habitat Upkeep Costs	\$12,206
Health & Veterinary Care Costs	\$4,794
Animal Diets	\$42,670
Licenses, Permits, Rescues & Transport	\$4,604
Utilities & Insurance	\$10,009
Administrative Costs	\$900
Fundraising	\$6,950
Grand Total	\$143,681

Annual Animal Care Expenses 2012



ANIMAL STATISTICS 2012

FWMA provided care for 791 animals in 2012:

31 Domestic/ Exotics

328 Native Mammals

378 Native Birds

25 Native Reptiles

29 Permanent Education Animals

55.1% of these animals were returned to the wild, 3% were adopted, 8.5% were transferred to other facilities to be used for education or further conditioning, 8.7% remained in care at FWMA.

Intake by County: Wakulla – 452 Animals (57.1%), Jefferson/Taylor - 43 Animals (5.4%), Leon – 65 Animals (8.2%), Franklin – 227 Animals (28.7%), Citrus – 3 Animals (0.37%), Hillsborough – 1 Animal (0.13%).

GOLF GONE WILD

Last year’s Golf Gone Wild fundraiser was such a tremendous success. Come join us this year on Saturday May 18th, hosted by Forgotten Coast TV and St. James Bay Golf Resort. There will be golf, prizes, art auction and “The Seasons of Apalachicola Bay” nature photography presentation by John Spohrer. The event will benefit FWMA. Enjoy golf at the gorgeous St. James Bay Golf Resort at 151 Laughing Gull Lane in Carrabelle, Fl. If you would like to help by sponsoring the event or donating auction items please contact Lois Swoboda at 850-653-5857 or e-mail her at antbetsy@excite.com. This event would be a fantastic advertising opportunity for your business. We still have room for golf teams so, if you would like to be a golfer or for more details please contact Lois Swoboda. Brochure and additional event information will be posted on www.wakullawildlife.org closer to the event date. We hope to see you there in support of our local wildlife for a spectacular day.



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! Marilyn & Barbara do all of our rescues from Taylor and Jefferson counties and were able to take this little American Coot, a screech owl and three rehabilitated box turtles back to where they came from.

Pam, who volunteers her time two days a week, helped Jessica (our medical room supervisor) release a Great Blue Heron, a Ring Billed Gull, several Barred Owls and a Red Tailed Hawk (who made an excellent recovery after being shot with a paint ball gun).

Unfortunately, not all the animals that we rehabilitate can go back out to the wild due to the severity of their injuries. We would like to thank Neil and Lois Hostnick for taking one of these permanent animals (a beautiful Great Horned Owl) all the way down to Lion Country Safari in South Florida to be used in their new education programs. In addition, we would like to thank Jessica and Robin for taking a very feisty Northern Gannett, an assortment of Gulls, a Screech Owl and two Barred Owls to Homosassa Springs; a beautiful education facility that can offer these animals a life-long, permanent home. We would also like to thank the Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science for taking a little red phase Screech Owl who is missing an eye and now has a permanent home in their aviary.



2012 – THE YEAR OF THE PELICAN!

Even though our name is Florida Wild MAMMAL Association, 47.8% of the wildlife patients that we cared for in 2012 were birds (378 birds in total). Of these 378 birds, 178 were seabirds, shorebirds and ducks, 61 were raptors and 139 were songbirds. Seabirds, shorebirds and ducks make up almost half of our bird intake and most of them are pelicans, loons, gulls and herons. These wildlife patients require very specific spacious habitats with large pools for swimming/bathing. They also eat a tremendous amount of seafood and require twice daily habitat cleansing (for obvious reasons!).

The most common injuries that we see in seabirds and shorebirds are caused by fishing line. Once the fishing line wraps around the bird’s wing, leg or even worse, neck it cuts off circulation to the appendage and can often result in amputation. With Brown Pelicans, part of the problem is that people feed them which leads to the birds associating people with food. This close contact is very often the reason why the birds then come into contact with fishing line (and vehicles – the second most common cause of injury in birds!). If you happen to hook a pelican on your fishing line please do not cut the line and let the pelican go as the hook can cause a tear in the bird’s pouch which will prevent the bird from being able to catch fish. Please bring the bird to us for immediate care and repair of the pouch.

The average Brown Pelican stays with us for about two to three months. Each pelican eats approximately 2lbs of fish every day, needs at least one visit to the veterinarian, worming and a dedicated care staff and clean up crew. So many of these animal injuries could be prevented if people would discard their fishing line properly and / or bring injured wildlife patients to the closest wildlife rehabilitation facility immediately.

During January/February of 2013 we have already taken in 12 Brown Pelicans, 2 Loons, 1 Woodstork and 1 Wood Duck and season hasn’t even officially started yet!

