

Florida Wild Mammal Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of sick, injured and orphaned wild animals. FWMA is equally committed to public education about wildlife issues.

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Wildlife rescue since 1994



Close Call for Tropical Storm Cindy



Although we were not hit by Tropical Storm Cindy a few weeks ago, we did receive a good deal of rain and two birds that we don't normally see in this area. Thanks to some wonderful eagle-eyed birders and spectacular teamwork, we were able to rescue a Masked Booby and a Sooty Tern that had gotten caught up in the wind systems created by the storm and deposited here in the Panhandle. Both were emaciated and exhausted from their extended flight away from home and ended up on the beaches of St Joseph Bay State Park and Cape San Blas too weak to try and make a return trip. Fortunately, both recovered nicely and were just recently flown down to our friends at Key West



Wildlife Center! The Sooty Tern will be released soon after the close of lobster season and the Masked Booby is going to have a few health check-ups and some time relaxing before she is released near the Dry Tortugas National Park. We wanted to thank everyone that made this possible and say a very special thank you to: Caitlin Kuersteiner who flew the birds down, Gail Fishman for driving the birds to the airport so early in the morning, and Peggy and her staff from Key West Wildlife Center for being so sweet and taking such great care of our feathered friends! You guys are awesome and we are all so excited these special guys made it home!



Pelican Craze

This seems to be the year of the pelicans. We have 21 at the facility currently and we had a record winter which means we have maintained over 20 at any given time for the entire year despite doing numerous releases. Part of these high numbers was due to the pelicans that were intentionally injured in Panacea, but we have also been taking in many adults that are starving. Many of these pelicans have become desperate enough to start swooping fishing lines. FWC has been doing a great job getting the word out about how to properly remove hooks and lines from pelicans but we still receive patients that have hooks embedded in wings, legs, or pouches. If you have accidentally hooked a pelican or have one that is entangled in line, please make sure that you remove ALL line and cut the hook barb in order to do the least damage. If the hook has caused any tears in the pouch or flesh, if you believe it still has hooks or line on or in it, or if the bird had line on it before you spotted it please bring it in to the facility. Tears in pouches or infections in the legs or body can mean a slow death by starvation. It is always better to be safe and have your local rehabilitator assess the birds before release. Many of the pelicans we have been receiving have old wounds that have caused irreparable damage because they were let go without treatment.

GIANT YARD SALE

Thursday Sept. 28th - Saturday Sept. 30th

Sale Begins 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

All Donations Greatly Appreciated!

Donations can be dropped at Nads (unit number will be available soon). Please call Kathy at 926-2658 to make arrangements as the unit will be locked or bring your items to the Yard Sale (before Thursday afternoon)

100% of contributions are retained by FWMA for use in pursuing our mission.

We are in the process of planning a new exciting fundraiser at the end of November! Please join us on Facebook for more information.

“Golf Gone Wild” Tournament



On Friday, June 9th FWMA hosted our sixth annual “Golf Gone Wild” tournament at Don Valler Seminole Golf Club. It was a great day and we would like to thank everyone involved for making it a huge success. The staff of the course was beyond helpful and cheerful and our entire fundraising committee worked very hard gathering, organizing, setting up, and just being all around awesome! We had a great turnout and lots of fun and over \$12,000 was raised for feeding and care for all our wildlife patients during our very busy season! A huge thank you to all of our very generous sponsors, golf participants, raffle prize donors, and the wonderful fundraising committee that put this incredible event together! Also, a VERY special thank you to Randal Taylor and Kathie Brown for a job well done, you guys are AMAZING!



Doing what we love!



We have taken in over 700 animals so far this year. We have been releasing songbirds, sea birds, birds of prey, and possums galore! Lots of assorted songbirds have already been let go including: Blue Jays, Common Grackles, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Carolina Wrens, Cardinals, sparrows, and many more. Cal Allen and Jon Johnson have been invaluable for rescues and transports of seabirds from Franklin County so we are very glad that they were also able to see some of the same birds get released. On July 15th, four of our Brown Pelicans were overjoyed to be returned to the beach. On July 14th, four more Brown Pelicans and three Laughing Gulls followed in their (webbed) footsteps and flew back out to the sea.

Finding A Home



Although our goal always is to release as many of our wildlife patients as we can, sometimes that isn't possible. When we end up with animals with injuries that don't affect the quality of their lives but will make them unable to survive in the wild, we often end up placing them with permitted education facilities. They become ambassadors for their species and can educate the public about wildlife issues and give everyone an appreciation for the lives and habitats around them. Gail Fishman is one of our wonderful long transport volunteers and she recently drove with one of our young Brown Pelican girls that was being placed with Columbus Zoo. This pretty girl lost a section of her wing this spring but was very spunky and upbeat, she never let it get her down. We were so excited to be able to work with Columbus Zoo to get her a permanent place with their program, and we hope she has a wonderful life and can teach many people about Brown Pelicans. We loved her, and we know they will too. Thank you, Gail!

Mammal Season

Just a quick reminder that we are starting to see baby fawns, opossums, and squirrels, so please be extra cautious about yard work or driving. We often receive squirrels after their nests have accidentally been trimmed down during tree work so please hold off until later fall if possible or be extra careful about checking for nests before cutting trees. Opossum babies are generally brought in after their mom has been hit by a car. If you see an injured or deceased opossum, please consider checking her pouch for babies. You might end up saving 9-13 lives! Fawns have a "sit still" instinct for the first few weeks of their lives. They also have closed scent glands so predators cannot smell them. Mom will leave her fawn in a safe spot but will be close by and out of sight. Please do not kidnap fawns! They might need human help if they are: injured, laying near or next to a dead parent, have been caught by a dog or clipped by a lawn mower, or are approaching you or your dogs. These babies are all adorable, but please do not keep them and try to raise them on your own. All wild birds and most mammals are illegal to keep as pets and it is always better for them to be raised by their own parents first, or trained professionals in case of injury or emergencies.



Thank you Facebook friends

A quick shout out to everyone that has liked our page on Facebook! We have almost made it to 3,300 people that are receiving updates on our animals and projects. Yay! If you are interested in receiving more stories from us between newsletters, please join us today!

Thank you Cuts and Color!

On July 15th, the lovely ladies at Root 319 Cuts and Color held a Cut-A-Thon fundraiser for us and raised \$550 dollars for the critters (with the help of Kinsey Hall Miller of course)! Thank you all so much for your hard work and donations of time, skills, and 100% of the proceeds from the day! Toga and the Mississippis!

Thank you Tallahassee
Community Thrift Market for
making us



Rescue of the Month!

Thank you!

Journey's in Yoga for
raising money for the
critters!

Thank you Becky
for the AC unit for
the Medical Room

Please consider making a donation today.

FWMA Donation Form

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