

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

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Membership 2018



Why is your annual membership contribution so important? It helps cover many of the expenses of running a 24/7 wildlife rehabilitation center and we simply could not do it without your help. FWMA would not exist without the generosity of the community and continuing support from our members! In appreciation for your contribution we will send you the 2017 membership decal. In addition, four newsletter mailings will be sent per year to keep you informed about wildlife patients, environmental education programs, upcoming events, and major initiatives underway at the center.



LAND UPDATE

2017 brought some exciting news for FWMA as we located a tract of land to call our new home that is right here in Wakulla. We are very fortunate that the land owner is willing to work with us on the price and the time we needed to pass planning and zoning rezoning requirements. We were able to get through the first rezoning process with limited time or expense, but the second phase, which is called a Special Use Application- where the property can be rezoned to allow a wildlife facility, has turned into a huge challenge; being both very expensive and very time consuming. We would like to thank Dan Garlick of Garlick Environmental for donating his time to create a site plan and Jeff Schremser of Brushmasters Tractor Service for doing a great job on clearing out some areas for the surveys to get started. We are really hoping the project will continue to move forward so eventually we will get to the next phase of this journey. Unfortunately, with the estimates we have for the survey and engineering work needed there will be very limited funds left to put towards a building when the rezoning process is completed but we trust that once the land is ours and we have permission to relocate the center that this too will fall into place. Please send all your positive thoughts our way that we can turn this dream in to a reality.



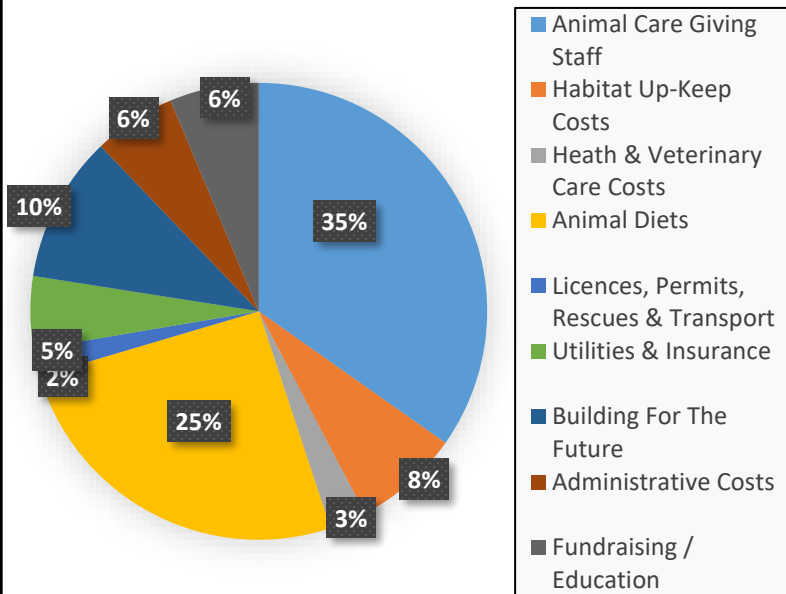
COLD WEATHER

I can't remember when we experienced the kind of cold weather we have had this year or maybe I am just getting old! The cold snaps have been severe for our area and have caused cold stunned sea turtles to be brought to our friends at Gulf Specimen Marine Lab and other marine sanctuaries. Not only is it hard on turtles but many of our sea and shore birds no longer migrate from this area as we don't normally see multiple hard freezes anymore. This type of weather can affect brown pelicans and can even cause frost bite to their feet and pouches. In addition to injury, birds that were not in great body weight condition at the beginning of winter can lose the little body fat they have trying to stay warm. All 24 Brown Pelicans wintering at the Center have had a very adventurous season as each time one of these Artic freezes heads this way we have been bringing them all into the warmth of the Medical Room. Several days later they all go back out to their outdoor enclosures. This has been very stressful to all of us not to mention how much laundry we have been generating! Pelicans have not been the only animals affected as we have quite a few barred owls arriving after being hit by cars while hunting for prey on the roadways. This is usually a winter sport as prey is harder to come by at this time of year and the roadway makes a perfect spot for hunting as it is long and clear and easy to spot prey....and no, owls don't understand that a car is traveling at 55mph in their direction. Needless to say, we are all ready for warmer temperatures to arrive!

Thank you to all our donors making 2017 another successful year! We could not do it without you!

2017: THE YEAR IN REVIEW: How your donations were used

Animal Care Expenses 2017



Expense Item	Annual Expense
Animal Care Giving Staff	60,114.48
Animal Diets	44,062.54
Utilities & Insurance	8,888.18
Fundraising / Education	10,896.30
Licences, Permits, Rescues, & Transports	3,308.50
Health & Vet Care	4,489.58
Administrative Costs	10,088.17
Habitat Upkeep	12,965.92
Building for the Future	17,921.26
TOTAL	\$ 172,734.93

Notes:

- (1) NO board member receives any compensation for their time or efforts.
- (2) NO paid professional fundraiser is ever used.
- (3) No government funds are granted to the organization. FWMA is run completely on donations and grants from Foundations.

Animal rescue and rehabilitation: FWMA provided care for **1068** animals last year.

What were most treated for?

- 371 Orphaned
- 305 Hit by Vehicle
- 208 Attacked by Cats or Dogs



What type were they?

- 474 Native Mammals
- 466 Native Birds
- 44 Native Reptiles
- 57 Domestic/ Exotics



What happened to them?

- 671 Released
- 35 Transfers
- 46 Still in Care
- 27 Education Animals
- 42 Adopted

Where were they from?

- 707 Wakulla County
- 205 Franklin County
- 35 Taylor County
- 78 Leon County
- 16 Others



Which species were the most common?

- 166 Squirrels
- 116 Opossums
- 92 Carolina Wrens
- 35 Owls
- 67 Pelicans
- 32 Raccoons



Special Guests

- Masked Booby
- Long Tailed Duck,
- Summer Tanagers,
- Sooty Terns, and
- Bald Eagles

Wildlife Education

Did you know? FWMA offers a wide variety of programs through the Youth Education Program which provides volunteer opportunities for young people to complete community service hours while they care for the animals undergoing rehabilitation.



We also offer outreach programs where some of our permanent animals are taken out to educate the public on wildlife issues.

Onsite participation last year included:

- 5 at-risk individuals earned 300 community service hours
- 6 students earned 650 credit hours towards a scholarship
- 2 students participated in the OWLS (Outstanding Wild Learning Students) program.
- 4 students with disabilities.
- 6 students who donated over 100 volunteer hours.
- 4 students' groups with 65 participants on 4 separate workdays.
- 1 college student that did a summer internship

We also attended over 20 community events last year with educational animals from the center in pursuit of our mission. At FWMA we believe education is the key to the future of saving wildlife and their habitat. If you would like to learn more about our outreach programs, please contact Terri at fwmaeducator@gmail.com or Jess at wakullawildlife@gmail.com.

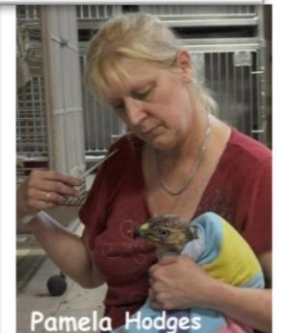
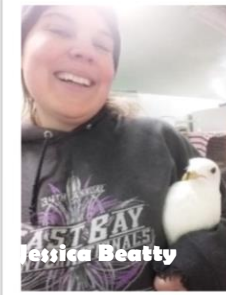
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A very special thank you to Gill Hepple and Nancy Wood for their continued support for our Board of Directors

Animal Care Giving Staff and Volunteers



None of this could be accomplished without the passion of our small staff and many dedicated volunteers. We want to thank these passionate individuals who work tirelessly at the center, day in and day out. Many more kind and caring volunteers from our community helped with everything from rescue and transport, fostering young animals, fundraising, supply pickup, media and communications, and so much more. We just can't thank all of you enough!

 Find us on Facebook at: Florida Wild Mammal Association, Our Facebook page has over 3,500 followers – Help us reach 4,000!

Upcoming Fundrai\$er\$



Join us at FWMA's Giant Yard Sale DONATIONS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!!



Set up - March 8th ~ 8 - 12 p.m.
Sale begins Thursday, March 8, 12 - 5 p.m.
Sale continues Friday, March 9 ~ 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sale ends Saturday, March 10 at 11:30 a.m.

Join us at FWMA's annual yard sale that will be held at Nads Storage on March 8th, 9th, and 10th. Location: 59 Shadeville Road in Crawfordville. Donations of yard sale items can be dropped off at Nads Storage in number B27 but you will have to call Kathy at 926-2658 to make arrangements for access to the units. Items can be dropped at any time before the sale or can be brought to the sale on Thursday March 8th. All donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for helping us help our local wildlife! For further information please email Chris at choppaotta@aol.com

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Easter Egg-stravaganza !!!!!

Mark your calendar: The "Egg-citement" starts on Friday March 30th. During the 3-day period through Sunday April 1st (Easter weekend) you can make an online contribution to support the Building for the Future initiative at FWMA. If you choose, your donation can be made in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one. During the Easter weekend that special person will receive an email notification of your thoughtful gift. On Easter Sunday the magnificent Easter Bunny and all her donated eggs will be revealed on our website, so everyone can see the names displayed. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and generosity. Details and updates will be posted on our website, monthly newsletter and Facebook page



A Special Thank You to:

Dr. Hobson Fulmer of
Apalachicola Bay Animal
Hospital, VCA Wakulla Animal
Hospital and Dr. Drygas at
Capital Veterinary Specialists



Membership 2017

Please accept my FWMA membership

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