

Wildlife News & Notes Membership Issue 2019



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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Florida Wild Mammal Association
Wildlife rescue since 1994



Membership 2019



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 2019 membership decal designed by Tiffany Mootrey. In addition, three 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.



FWMA T-shirt coming soon!

What a busy year it has been! Each year the Center continues to grow and so do the number of animals we treat. In 2018 over 1100 wildlife patients arrived for treatment. Their injuries ranged from being caught by cats, stuck in fishing line, hit by cars, or orphaned due to a variety of reasons. They range from the tiniest songbird to deer and tortoises. Each one brings its own unique story and medical conditions which can be quite challenging at our busiest time of year, “baby season”, when FWMA is full to the brim with orphans that require constant feedings. We are very grateful to have an amazing animal care team, wonderful foster care parents, the volunteers that allow us to do soft releases on their property, and so many awesome volunteers from the Student Work Program to assist in the many duties involved in taking care of so many. In addition to animal care and veterinary needs, each of these animals have specific dietary and caging needs that can be quite costly to maintain. In steps a whole new group of volunteers that give of their time to raise the funds to meet these needs. Among them are our grant writer, our fundraising committee of which we have many new members this year, and our office team. Okay that has to be it right? Nope! There are a number of other people that we couldn't do without, such as all the volunteers who will stop what they are doing at a moment's notice to go on a rescue for an animal that has been injured and transport it to the Center, those of you that drop off supplies of animal feed and cleaning supplies, the ladies at the Senior Center who fold out our papers, and the civic groups who plan a work day to help us clean up or do repairs, all of you who make a contribution to allow us to continue the work that we do, and those of you who are compassionate enough to rescue one of these beautiful creatures in their time of need. I always have a little chuckle when someone brings in an animal and they say, “you

are so wonderful to do what you do” and I try to remind them that it's not just me...it takes a village and it really does!

Thank YOU to ALL of you for saving so many! **Chris Beatty**



LAND UPDATE

In 2017 we started the process of purchasing a 20-acre tract of land that was in probate and in September of 2018 we went to closing and it's officially ours! This was Phase I complete and Phase II almost complete! Phase II involves getting all the engineered surveys and permits needed for the site plan that we have been working on simultaneously with the purchase process in 2018. This process was extensive and costly as there are wetlands on the property. In November (after a delay by Hurricane Michael) our site-plan was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. There is one more permit we need to obtain from FDOT to start land preparations and it is being held back by the government shut down. We are anxious to start work on Phase III of the project which will include road development, grading, culverts, and a retention pond (and clearing where the retention pond is going to be). The estimates we have received for this phase are between \$80,000 to \$140,000 for the work that needs to be done. As you can imagine we had not anticipated Phase II and III to be so costly, so we are reaching out for donations of services and supplies such as rock and fill. We are very hopeful that we will be able to complete this phase in 2019 and are gathering estimates for Phase IV: Utilities. We have a long way to go before building any structures, but we are going to say our prayers and know that together we WILL get this done!

Thank you to everyone who came out to help after Hurricane Michael! We could not have done it without you!

Animal Care Giving Staff and Volunteers

Student Work Program

FWMA believes that education is the key to saving our wild population and our environment and that is why we offer a wide variety of education programs. Here is a glance at the participation in our programs this year. The Youth Education Program at FWMA provides employment and volunteer opportunities for young people while caring for animals. Onsite participation included 3 high school students with disabilities, 22 at-risk individuals who earned 278 community service hours, 20 students who earned 497 credit hours towards a scholarship, 4 college student interns that earned 319 hours, 5 teenage volunteers who dedicated 50 hours of their summer vacation, and 3 adults at 448 hours. A "project workday" was organized by students through the FSU Environmental Service Group and 8 students came out to do special projects. These wonderful volunteers who participate in these programs allow FWMA to really grow and flourish with so many helping hands



FWMA Calendar 2019

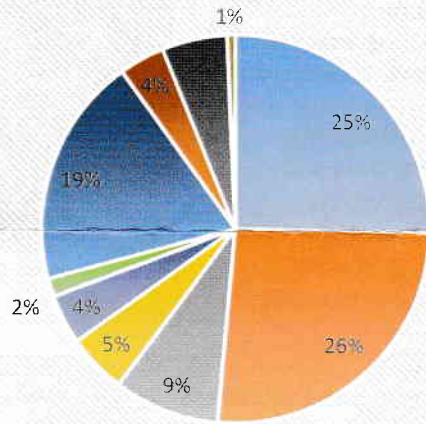
JANUARY	
14	Shell Point Dinner in
19	Arbor Day Festival
25	COAST School
26	New Leaf Market
FEBRUARY	
2	Brews by the Bay Fundraiser
23	Salty Barkers Mardi Gras Parade
TBD	Board Meeting and Elections
TBD	Membership Mailing
MARCH	
1	Membership Mailing
7-9	Spring Yard Sale
APRIL	
1	Baby season starts Nursery open
21	Easter Online Fundraiser
27	Carrabelle Riverfront Festival
MAY	
4	Blue Crab Festival in Panacea
23	ESE students off for summer
TBD	Sharks and Chablis -
TBD	Project Learning Tree
JUNE	
25	Summer Newsletter mailing
AUGUST	
1	FWMA 25th Anniversary
15	ESE students return to volunteer
SEPTEMBER	
1	Building for the Future Campaign
TBD	Ribbon Cutting for new property
OCTOBER	
1	Initiate Brews by the Bay 2020
31	Baby season ends, Nursery close
NOVEMBER	
20	Winter Newsletter and Holiday C
24	Christmas for the Critters
DECEMBER	
1	Wildlife Holiday Tree on display
TBD	Project Learning Tree

None of this could be accomplished without the passion of our committed 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!

Thank you for making Brews by the Bay a Huge Success!

2018: THE YEAR IN REVIEW: How your donations were used

FWMA Annual Animal Care Expenses 2018



EXPENSE ITEM	ANNUAL EXPENSE
Animal Care Giving Staff	56,540
Land Acquisition and Development	58,122
Habitat Up-Keep Costs	19,610
Administrative Costs	10,980
Health & Veterinary Care Costs	9,230
Licenses, Permits, Rescues & Transport	3,393
Animal Diets	42,728
Fundraising / Education	8,441
Utilities & Insurance	12,205
Rent and Lease	1,424
TOTAL	\$222,673

ANIMAL STATISTICS 2018

FWMA provided care for 1178 wildlife patients this year!




72 Exotic/Domestic
553 Native Mammals
452 Native Birds
40 Native Reptiles



26 permanent wildlife ambassadors live at the facility and are cared for year around. 648 animals (58%) were returned to the wild, 54 animals (5%) were adopted, 70 animals (6%) were transferred to other facilities to be used for education or further conditioning, 99 animals (9%) remained in care at the end of the 2018 at FWMA.

Intake by County: Wakulla – 741 Animals (66%), Taylor - 11 Animals (1%), Leon – 97 Animals (9%), Franklin – 251 Animals (22%), Others – 17 Animals (2%)

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Upcoming Fundrai\$er\$



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



Set up – March 7th ~ 8 – 12 p.m.
Sale begins Thursday, March 7th ~ 12 – 5 p.m.
Sale continues Friday, March 8th ~ 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sale ends Saturday, March 9th ~ at 11:30 a.m.

Please drop your items off on Wed March 6th at Nads under the tent or Thursday March 7th before the sale begins, Unfortunately Nads was not able to help us with a storage unit this year so please do not drop items before these dates or at the Center. We have no where to put them. **For further information please email Chris at choppaotta@aol.com**



Easter Egg- stravaganza!!!

Mark your calendar: The “Egg-citement” starts on Friday April 19th. During the 3-day period through Sunday April 21st (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 and Dr. Nelson of Apalachicola Bay Animal Hospital, and VCA Wakulla Animal Hospital. Thank you Don Lively and Rod and Connie Gasche for our new medical room roof!



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Please accept my FWMA membership

Single (\$20)

Couple (\$30)

Name: _____

Family (\$50)

Business (\$100)

Address: _____

Other Donation \$ _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ (any amount is GREATLY appreciated)

Email: _____

Check if you prefer to receive newsletter via email

