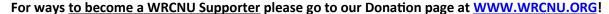


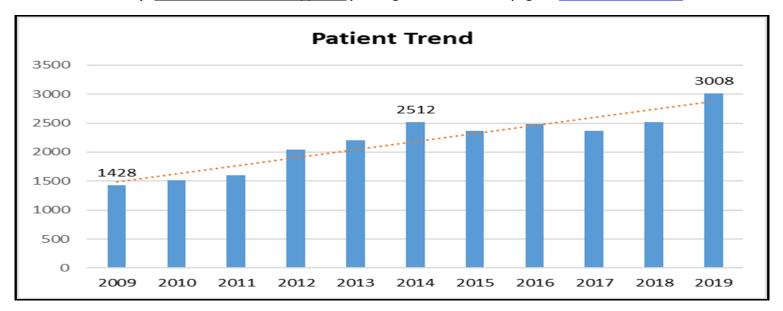
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What A YEAR!

As our WRCNU Staff and Volunteers prepare for the upcoming "Baby Season", we look back on the biggest year yet, 2019.

While our support has grown over the years, so have our patient numbers. We ended 2019 with a total of 3,008 patients, almost 500 more patients than the year prior. As patient numbers continue to rise, so do the costs of doing business: veterinary bills, food bills, work hours, utility costs, just to name a few. As the numbers go up, we are improving our volunteer program, creating Weber State internships, increasing staff, and adding more outreach/education opportunities to teach our community about human impact—we CANNOT do this without your AMAZING SUPPORT!





Other 2019 Highlights

WRCNU is supporting several research projects with information gained from the animals we have taken in. We are providing research information to three university projects, two here with the University of Utah and another with the US Air Force Academy and also helping HawkWatch International (SLC) with data on American Kestrels. Sadly, as you are probably aware, not all of our patients survive their injuries. These research projects allow some of our deceased patients to be used for permitted studies. Even after death, many of these animals provide valuable information about their amazing adaptations and life history without the pain and suffering of doing studies on live animals which WRCNU does not support.

Avian Craniocervical Flexion: a U of U Doctoral student is measuring bird craniocervical flexion (i.e., how much the head and neck can flex/turn) using deceased patients from various species

Avian Visual Acuity: a U of U Moran Eye Center study on how carotenoids (filters that tune the spectral sensitivity of the photoreceptors) are partitioned throughout the eyes of birds with different types of fovea (a small depression in the retina of the eye where visual acuity is highest).

Raptor Microbiome Study: an Air Force Academy Cadet is using fecal samples collected from many live Red-tailed Hawk patients for their Raptor Microbiome Research Study. The hope is to create a body of knowledge on what lives in the digestive tracts of raptors, and how they impact the raptor's health.

Rodenticide Exposure Assessment: HawkWatch International (SLC) is studying concerns about rodenticides and the effects they may have on our declining American Kestrel population. WRCNU has supplied samples for this continuing study.



Spotlight on Weber State Internships

We are excited to introduce our "Class of 2019/2020" students from our new partnership with Weber State University through their Work Study Program. Through this cooperative program, WSU Zoology/Biology students learn about wildlife husbandry, rehabilitation and conservation at WRCNU, while at the same time getting paid!

To qualify for consideration in our program the student must:

- Be an active WSU student majoring in Zoology/Biology or one of the Conservation Sciences.
- Be eligible for financial aid through the Federal Work Study Program.
- Be taking at least six credit hours of classes.
- Be able to commit to a schedule of 4 20 hours per week for the eligible semester(s).



Tais (Lt) is interning for her 2nd semester while Emily (Rt) is taking a break from her heavy school schedule and has stayed on as a "WRC Volunteer"! Thank you both for all you do for WRCNU!



If you are a WSU student with an interest in learning about wildlife husbandry, rehabilitation or conservation, (or know of a student that may qualify,) please contact alison@wrcnu.org - We will be interviewing for our summer positions soon!





Are you feeling a bit "Landlocked"?

While many people are lucky to enjoy our amazing North American coastlines there are those of us living so far inland that it makes it difficult to see and enjoy the amazing ecosystems and wildlife along our coasts.

Make a "Save the Date" note for Saturday Nov 7th, 2020 on your calendar TODAY and participate in WRCNU's 3rd Annual Fall Speaker Series with guest speaker Jeff Foster. Hear Jeff speak about his amazing work with marine mammals at home and around the world.

<u>Jeff Foster, Marine Mammal Biologist and Rehabilitator</u>, has worked in all facets of the marine mammal field including capture, animal husbandry, training, rehabilitation, research and reintroduction.

Jeff oversaw the sea otter rescue along the Kenai Peninsula during the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. He was Director of Research & Field Operations for the Keiko Project, the attempted reintroduction of the Killer Whale from the movie, "Free Willy," and he oversaw the capture, rehabilitation and successful reintroduction of "Springer" an out of habitat orphan Killer Whale in the Pacific Northwest.

He is also the "Site Search, Animal Transfer & Rehab Coordinator for the Whale Sanctuary Project."

Jeff has received numerous accolades and awards for his contributions to the marine mammal field, including NOAA's "Environmental Hero of the Year "in 2006, received for his dolphin rescue work during hurricane Katrina and the tsunami in Southeast Asia.

His work has been featured in National Geographic, CNN, 60 Minutes, Date Line, the BBC and the New York Times.



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2020 Wildlife Baby Shower!

April 24th, 25th & 26th

NOTICE: In light of the Covid-19 outbreak and taking our responsibilities seriously, WRCNU has canceled several community presentations and changed how our staff and volunteers engage in the care and treatment of our wildlife patients. As we continue to prepare for our Annual Wildlife Baby Shower, we ask that you remain informed to the possibility we may have to cancel this event in the coming days. Please check our website (**www.wrcnu.org**) & Facebook page "Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah" for updates.

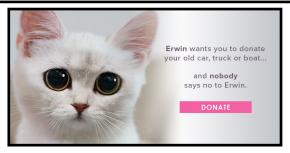


Ways to support WRCNU anytime ... especially in the event of a potential Baby Shower cancelation!



Our website (<u>www.wrcnu.org</u>) is a perfect place for one-stop shopping. Go to our "Donate" page for many ideas, including links to our <u>Amazon Wish List</u>, <u>Smith's Rewards Card</u>, <u>Needs List</u>, <u>vehicle donations</u>, <u>etc</u>.

<u>Increase your Amazon purchase donation without additional costs</u>: sign-in to your AmazonSmile page by using the link (top/center) of your Amazon page (same login as your Amazon account), select "Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah" and Amazon donates to WRCNU based on your spending, each time you make an AmazonSmile purchase!



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