

"...responsible stewardship of wildlife and habitat."

2022, WE ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOME YOU!

Is everyone READY for a more NORMAL year!?! We are all overjoyed to see what appears to be a big turn in this pandemic and the opening of more normal operations.

Due to the timing of the last "COVID BLAST" we do not have the staff or time to get all of our regular events up and running until next year, but we feel very excited to put the last two years behind us and move forward.

Thank you all for your support and patience, we could not have done this without each of you.

2022 Wildlife Patients

If you follow us on Facebook, you might remember our Bald Eagle #71 (an electrocution patient) who arrived early February, as well as the female California Quail who was illegally shot with a blow-dart. Both patients were critical, but are still with us at the Center.

We are happy to report that at the time of this printing both are doing well; in fact the Quail is doing superbly!

Bald Eagle #71 has been through several surgeries. The initial procedures were to stabilize him to the point where we were confident that he would just survive with a high potential for a quality life. Due to his progress, we decided to go forward with removal of a large mass, found during his initial intake, located on his tail and situated in such a way as to interfere with his ability to efficiently eliminate waste. It was a long 3 hr. procedure, but he is doing well and the results of the histopathology was disease free.

The Quail will soon be released into the wild, while the Eagle will continue to remain in our care for a bit longer. We fully expect Eagle #71 will not be releasable due to the extent of his injuries, but we hope to be looking for legal placement options for him as an Education Ambassador for his species.

NOTE: Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) has indicated they are actively retrofitting power poles in the area the Eagle was found to help

mitigate the chance for electrocutions in the future—<u>THANK YOU RMP/PacifiCorp!</u>





Top right: CA Quail patient during her intake with blow-dart embedded from back to throat

Center right photo: the 3-1/2 in. projectile after removal

Bottom right photo:Quail patient is standing and doing great!







Above left: shows a hole in the left wing of #71. This is actually less serious than the injury to his right wing

Top photo: is #71 before his daily treatment regime

Left photo: #71 is on 100% Oxygen after a surgery









WRCNU Staff Highlight

It's been a long hard 2+ years, but entirely finally things seem to be improving. We are highlighting our amazing small staff of four, who with the help of many equally amazing volunteers, led the WRCNU operation through some extremely difficult times.

We functioned with less than ideal volunteer numbers in order to keep the loyal crew (staff & volunteers) we had, safe through it all.

On top of a smaller than ideal crew, the patient numbers seemed to explode in 2020/21 with two record high years in a row. Sadly, record years seem to be the norm, but the increase of 42% over the past four year average was HUGE.

WRCNU Staff (Lt to Rt)

Stephanie (Wildlife Apprentice)
Erin (Wildlife Specialist)
DaLyn (Exec. Dir / Wildlife Specialist)
Lisa (Wildlife Specialist)



2022 Wildlife Patients (cont.)



Above: Male American Kestrel immediately after his release. Photo by April Olson



Above: "Pretzel Wing" the Red-tailed Hawk was successfully released on Super Bowl Sunday. Photo by Scott Hamilton

First 2022 Miracle Patient!

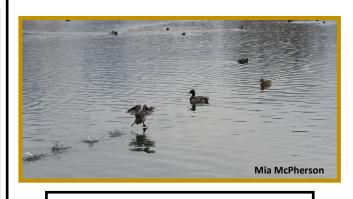
This mature Red-tailed Hawk was embedded firmly in the grill of this vehicle after the two collided back in January.

Miraculously she came away without any broken bones and after less than a month in WRCNU's care was successfully released back into the wild.

You can find the initial post on our Facebook

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page on January 30th and her release video posted later on Feb 19th.



Above: One happy Canvasback skipping to freedom! Photo by Mia McPherson

"Why Don't You Take Raccoons, Skunks, Deer, etc.?"

As we ramp up for "Baby Season" and hundreds of phone calls each day, we thought it might be good to highlight a couple animal questions that we commonly get and the answers to those questions.

Question: Do you take in injured raccoons, red foxes, deer (or any ungulate/member of the "deer" family), or striped skunks?

Answer: NO. (Exceptions: we can treat the rarer Spotted Skunk and Gray Fox).

Reason: The State of Utah dictates what native Utah wildlife we can rehabilitate. To knowingly rehabilitate any animals that the State prohibits could mean the loss of our permits, which would prevent our ability to treat the thousands of other animals we are licensed to care for, so we simply cannot do this.

Question: Do you take in injured Domestic Animals such as bunnies, chickens, ducks, etc.?

Answer: NO

But WAIT ... before we get into the "reason" please understand there are many people who do not know what a "domestic animal" is. <u>Domesticated animals</u> are animals that have been selectively bred and genetically adapted over generations to live alongside humans. They are genetically distinct from their wild ancestors or cousins. There are three main groups of domesticated animals: those raised for companionship (dogs, cats, etc.), those raised for food (cows, chickens, ducks, etc.) and those considered working or draft animals (horses, camels, etc.).

We do take in wild rabbits (cottontails, Pygmy, Desert) and hares (Snowshoe, Black-tailed, etc.) as well as native ducks (Mallards, Shovel-billed, and too many others to list here). There is a big difference between your pet rabbit and a wild cottontail, or a domestic duck raised as a pet or farm animal (or the feral ducks found at a local pond) and the many species of wild native ducks we have in Utah.

We are more than happy to help you determine whether an animal is native or domestic, but we cannot help with domestics past that.

Reason: Anyone can take a domestic animal to a vet or animal shelter for help. Only licensed wildlife rehabbers are allowed to treat wildlife. Since Rehabbers' budgets are funded by precious donations, we must ensure that those limited funds are used to take care of the animals that have no other legal means for care.

Another reason is that we do not want to mix wild and domestic animals. Even though wild animals may have a variety of "natural" diseases already, we must ensure that we do not introduce new "domestic" diseases back into the wild.

A good example of disease spread by domestics: Utah is among many states where the RHDV2 "Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease", considered a foreign disease from Asia, is spreading through our wild rabbit population. RHDV2 was spread from domestic rabbits and is fatal to all rabbits. It has the potential to decimate the wild population.

Keep that in mind and you may understand the far-reaching effects of new diseases on our wildlife and how we must do everything we can to prevent introduction. Rabbits are a primary food source for our Golden Eagles, Lynx and other wild predators, so a decimated rabbit population will cause a negative cascade effect on our already troubled eagle and other carnivore populations.

Our suggestion for all baby raccoons, skunks or deer that seem to be "abandoned" is to just leave them be. Do not interact with them, NEVER touch them and in most cases you will find that the mothers will return when it is safe ... typically hours later and/or during the night. Mothers leave their babies to forage for food and then return to nurse and care for them. Human interference during this delicate period is the biggest cause of wild baby orphans and is usually a "death sentence" for these little ones.

If you have questions about an orphaned, injured, or sick striped skunk, raccoon or red fox, please visit our website's "Resources For



Wildlife" page and click on the BLUE "List of Utah Licensed Rehabilitators and other Helpful links" button. This will take you to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) page.

While you are on <u>our</u> Resources for Wildlife page, you may find our many flowcharts helpful should you find a baby bird, bunny, duckling or fawn. By making informed decisions, you can help our wildlife stay healthy and wild while also preventing an unnecessary burden on your wildlife rehabber during the always heavy "Baby Season".

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Davis Meats has supported WRCNU since the beginning, almost 13 yrs, with donated products to supplement our raptor feeding budget.

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No matter how big or small, your donation makes a HUGE IMPACT!

There are many ways to support Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah and all are greatly appreciated.

- 1) **Monthly Sustainers:** We truly treasure our "WRCNU Sustainer Team". These are supporters who understand that they really don't miss the automatic monthly donations coming out of their credit/debit cards OR from their checking/savings account through their monthly "Bill Pay". Visit our Donate tab's "Become a Sustainer" page for more information on becoming a "WRCNU Sustainer".
- 2) **Donate your old vehicles** (cars, trucks, scooters, motorcycles, boats, RVs, etc.) through our partnership with CARS nonprofit. No cost to you, CARS schedules and does all the "heavy lifting" and provides a Tax Deductible receipt for your donation and sends WRCNU a nice check. See our link to the CARS donation form on our website's "Donate" tab (scroll towards the bottom of the page).
- 3) **Employer Matching**—many Businesses will double your gifts by matching your donations; Ask your employer if they have a Matching Gift Program. If WRCNU does not already have a program with your employer, it's still pretty easy. They will contact us by email and we will gladly enroll for the opportunity to double your gifts.
- 4) **Donate to** *Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah's* animal food account @ www.rodent pro.com/Charities/Donate. This option allows you to specify where your donation is being used. More than half of our annual food budget is spent on food for patients that require a "whole food diet" such as mice, rats and quail. Last year we spent over \$34,000 just on food for such patients (primarily Eagles, Hawks, Owls & Falcons). By donating here, you know that your contribution will go directly to providing life sustaining nutrition to these patients.
- 5) In Person Donations (Cash, Checks, Credit/Debit Cards) are happily accepted at the Center at 1490 Park Blvd, Ogden, UT 84401
- 6) Mailed Donations: Checks/Money Orders should be mailed to our mail only address at 3127 N Pelican Dr., Farr West, UT 84404
- 7) In-Kind Donations: We hate waste, so if you really want to shop for us, please email us at info@wrcnu.org for a current list of our specific "Needs List" We cannot use outdated or expired items; hospital patients require special diets and we don't skimp on ours.
- 8) Facebook Fundraisers: If you have a Facebook (FB) account, why not start a small celebratory fundraiser for a <u>birthday</u>, <u>anniversary</u>, or "<u>Just Because</u>"? Go to our FB page and click on the "Fundraisers" tab, then click on the "Create a Fundraiser" button. Whether you earn \$5 or \$500, every dollar adds up and is just another way to support WRCNU without spending a dime of your own.
- 9) **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC):** We cherish our federal workers (Military & Civilian). Ask your CFC Rep. how to donate through Payroll deduction when the CFC opens up later this fall.

CFC Charity Code: 74219

Wildlife Ambassadors at the Navajo Nation Zoo







In early December, the Navajo Nation Zoo took possession of three of our non-releasable patients. Here are two of them, a large female Golden Eagle and a "male" Sandhill Crane. Photos (left to right): Eagle is released into the Eagle aviary and quickly takes a perch (lower right center photo) and the Crane takes up next to one of his new "roommates", female Crane "Carrie", the Zoo's oldest animal.

More Ways to Support WRCNU!

Mailing address (mail ONLY): 3127 N Pelican Drive, Farr West, UT 84404

- Correspondence or Donation checks by mail should be addressed to Pelican Drive, please

Physical address: 1490 Park Blvd, Ogden, UT 84401

- Injured wildlife deliveries; In Person Cash, Check or Credit Donations must come to Park BLVD

Make your WRCNU Website (Credit/PayPal) Donations at: WRCNU.ORG



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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 *Amazon Wish List, Smith's Rewards Card, Needs List, vehicle donations, etc.*

<u>Increase your support without additional costs</u>: If you shop on Amazon it's EASY. If you have a Smith's Market Rewards card, it's EASY. Go to <u>wrcnu.org/donate</u> and drop down to the "While Shopping …" section. <u>Click</u> on the **AmazonSmile** and **Smith's Inspiring Donations** logos to link your accounts to WRCNU. When you spend, Amazon and Smith's donate to WRCNU at no cost to you!

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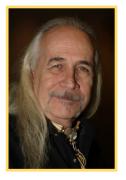


WRCNU Remembers a Good Friend, Mike Gomez May 30, 1946 - March 12, 2022

With dedications of, "He was the sweetest soul", "He was a very kind soul", "Mike was the kindest person I have ever had the privilege to be around.", and many more, it is with a heavy heart that we must let this kind soul leave our earthly plain.

Michael J. Gomez, who we knew as "Mike" or "Mikey", supported our work with the animals who had no voice. He and his mother loved the little ones, the hummingbirds, and many hummers were released in their yard over the years. Mike also provided ritual blessings to our many eagles during their treatments and releases, as well as to those that met with untimely deaths due to their injuries.

Mike will forever be remembered by those who loved him; he will not be forgotten.



Soar with the Eagles Mikey!



Thank you to our Monthly & Annual **2021**

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Please visit our website for more information

For more Info go to www.wrcnu.org/become-a-sustainer or email us at info@wrcnu.org



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July 4th, 2012



More than a year later October 16, 2013



Caught attempting to build his first nest. March 31, 2018

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