

Spring
2023



Number of Wildlife Patients
Treated since 2009: > 34,220

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

Deadline to Vacate Given to Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Ogden City has given us notice to vacate to install a parking lot for Dinosaur Park.

We are deeply saddened by this decision; we will no longer be able to take new patients or calls as of May 15, 2023

THIS IS TEMPORARY, WE WILL BE BACK!!

We have been given a surprise that we did not see coming. We have been notified that we have until September 6, 2023, to vacate the building, which was built specifically for animal care and humane education. Ogden City has generously allowed Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah (WRCNU) use of the facility that we have called home for 12 years. Ogden City Administration has initiated plans to demolish the building to put up a parking lot.

We are the only licensed wildlife rehabilitation center in Northern Utah and the largest center of our kind in the state. We provide people throughout the region with a place to bring sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife in need of aid. Our mission is to rehabilitate and release wildlife back into its natural habitat and educate our community.

Since our inception in 2009, we have treated over 34,000 wildlife patients with the help of over 195,000 volunteer hours. We receive no State or Federal funding for any of our work and rely solely on community support and donations to treat and care for all our patients. More than 91% of our donations go directly to animal care and treatment.

The timeline that we have been given to relocate is unreasonable. Any move we make involves obtaining new funding to acquire a facility. In order for us to provide care for wildlife, this new property must meet local zoning regulations and specific State and Federal guidelines. Without the services of WRCNU, thousands of patients will have to be euthanized and future patients, with no place to go, will be left to suffer and die.

Our commitment to Utah native wildlife and the public has never wavered, even now with the challenge of finding a new home.

We are not giving up on our mission; will you JOIN us?

05/01/2023 Update:

Ogden City has given us a "Conditional Extension" which will ONLY be granted IF we can secure:

1) Real Property (purchase or Lease of 5 years or longer). If property is in Ogden, WRCNU must also get **2) Approved Site Plan**, **3) Floor Plan Review**, **4) Building Permit Issuance**, if necessary, and **5) finally a Business License** for the property.

The timing on all of this is largely out of WRCNU's control, but we are pushing forward as fast as we can. These processes typically require months to accomplish and it must all be completed prior to the September Deadline.

Even with that extension, it will not allow enough time to relocate and be operational. This extension will allow us enough time to ensure that the animals currently in our care will be able to be released or placed in licensed educational facilities.

What can you do?

Reach out to the mayor's office at: 801-629-8111 or mikecaldwell@ogdencity.com

Follow us on Facebook (Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah)

Sign the petition that was started for us. This link is on our website: <https://wrcnu.org>.

Share our story with your friends.

Donations to aid in the move through Facebook, Venmo (WRCNU1), Website: <https://wrcnu.org>,

Mail (3127 N Pelican Dr, Farr West 84404). All of these and more can be found at: <https://linktr.ee/wrcnu>.

 Find us on Facebook @ Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah



We know you are feeling frantic and wondering, “What will I do with this sick or injured animal I have found?”

Sadly, there are not a lot of options, but here is one:

Go to the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) website @ www.wildlife.utah.gov,

click on:



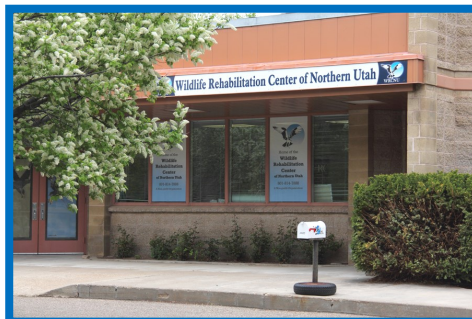
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and enter “*wildlife rehabilitation*” for a list of licensed rehabbers in Utah.

Where do we go from here?



From our humble beginnings
14 years ago (pre-2009)...



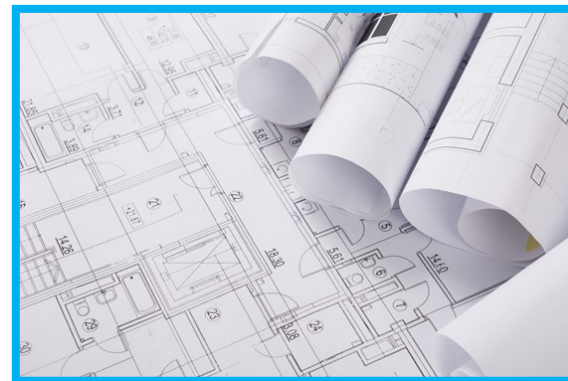
...To our current home that we
must now vacate (2011-Present)...

WE have thanked “Ogden City” many times over the past 12 years, but we would like to be more specific at this time.

THANK YOU AGAIN, *John Patterson*, CAO during the Godfrey Administration, as well as *Casey Allen*, Past Executive Director of the Dinosaur Park.

We would not have been able to treat the more than 34,000 animals in need of help, had it not been for you both.

THANK YOU!



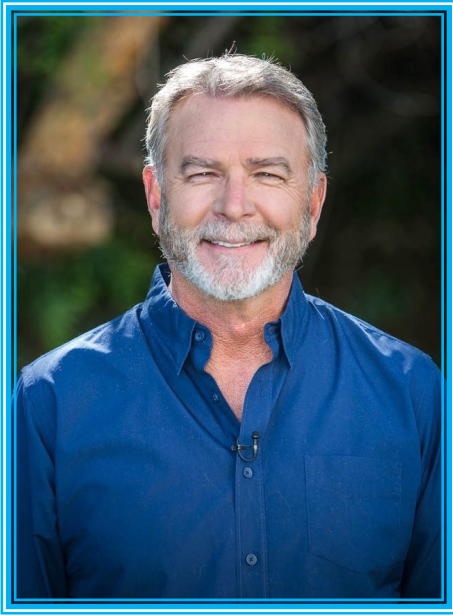
...On to our forever home!

Your voices DO make a difference.

We will do everything we can to expedite this process to ensure we are able to accept patients as soon as possible. Your support will help us reopen as soon as possible!

WRCNU Fundraiser

Bill Engvall, Oct 7th, 2023



In 2019, Bill Engvall needed help rehabilitating an injured Great Horned Owl, and WRCNU answered his call for help.

Now in 2023, WRCNU needs help raising money to continue our mission and Bill Engvall is answering our call for help.

Please join us Saturday October 7th at the Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City, as Bill takes a break from retirement and says,

“Here’s your sign” one more time.

More details to come, check out our Website’s “Events” page for the latest OR [SIGN UP](#) for our monthly e-Newsletter.

To sign up go to wrcnu.org/newsletters

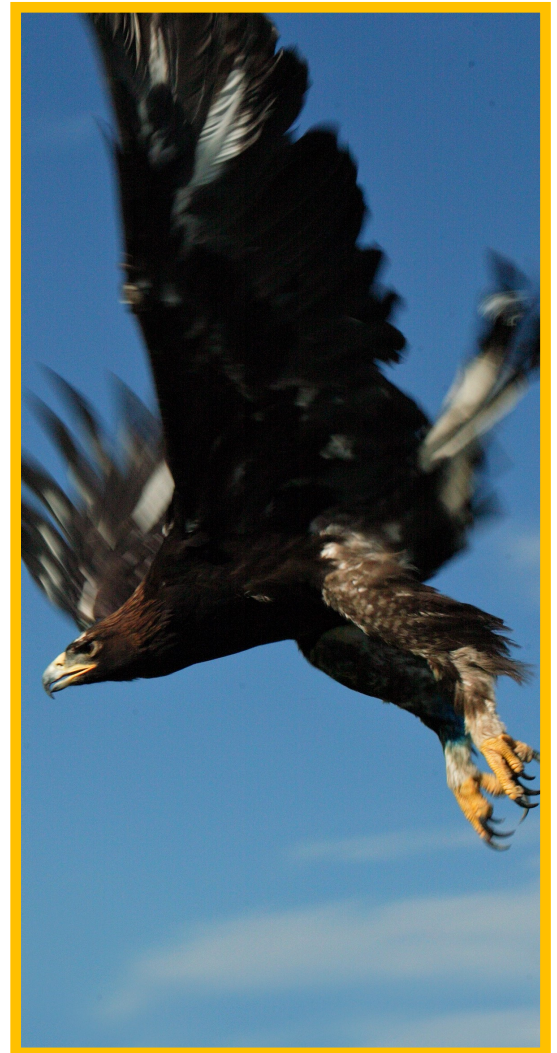
A Little about Bill: well known for his comedy act, "Here's Your Sign". Bill began his career in 1983 and was awarded "Best Male Standup" by The American Comedy Awards in 1992. In 2000, he became one of four members of the "Blue Collar Comedy Tour" with Jeff Foxworthy, Ron White, & Larry the Cable Guy.

Bill did not stop there, with adventures on the "Silver Screen", his "Bill Engvall (TV) Show" and also as a finalist on "Dancing With The Stars"!

“Miyagi” was the FIRST Eagle released by WRCNU back in August 2009.

PLEASE don’t let her be one of the last!

Help us to REOPEN Our Doors, so we may continue to support our community and our Native Wildlife...



Your Donation Support is Extremely Important to Us



One-Stop Shopping.
Use 1 Link to find it all!
[Linktr.ee/wrcnu](https://linktr.ee/wrcnu)

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 partner 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.rodentpro.com/Charities/Donate. Our Eagles, Hawks, Owls & Falcons need a “whole food diet” such as mice, rats and quail.
- 5) **Mailed Donations:** Checks should be mailed to our mail only address at **3127 N Pelican Dr., Farr West, UT 84404**
- 6) **In-Kind Donations:** Go to our Website’s *donate page* at wrcnu.org/donate, scroll down to our **Amazon Wishlist** link
- 7) **Facebook Fundraisers:** If you have a Facebook (FB) account, why not start a small celebratory fundraiser for a birthday, anniversary, or “Just Because”? 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.
- 8) **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC):** **CFC Charity Code is 74219** 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.

9) **Venmo:** WRCNU1



venmo

10) **PayPal:**



11) **Linktree**



Do You Want the LATEST on “What’s Happening”?

SIGN UP FOR OUR MONTHLY e-NEWSLETTER

If you do not already receive our [e-Newsletter](#) and are interested in being added to this recent new monthly educational adventure and the most up-to-date status on WRCNU’s move and upcoming events,

Please sign up directly on our website at wrcnu.org/newsletters

You may also send your name and email address to: newsletter@wrcnu.org

Some subscribers are finding their newsletters going to their “Spam” boxes, so please “allow” the address to ensure it drops into your Inbox each month.

What Do You Do When You Find a Fledgling?

During “Baby Season” we receive many calls from concerned citizens who have found a bird that is hopping on the ground and unable to fly. Often, it turns out that this is a fledgling.

What is a fledgling you ask? Baby birds will go from a hatched egg to a fully flighted bird within 3-8 weeks depending on the species. They grow and develop so quickly, that they have a new set of feathers on their wings within days! They begin to flap and exercise and may fall out of the nest. This is perfectly normal and is called “fledging.”

Fledglings will remain on the ground for a few days and, as the parents continue to care for them, their wings continue to develop and they get stronger. After a few days they will be up and off the ground. At this time, they are about the same size as adults. They will still be dependent on the parents for care and feeding. The parents will teach them the skills they need to be able to obtain food until they are self-sufficient.

If you find a fledgling it is best to just leave it alone. If you sit far enough away and watch quietly you will be able to see the parents interact with the fledgling. It is an amazing experience! It is very important that you keep pets away, so the fledgling is not injured. The fledglings are inexperienced and may get themselves into unsafe areas. It is totally fine to pick them up and move them out of harm's way when necessary. Try not to move them too far away from where you found them as it may be more difficult for the parents to locate them. Placing them in a low bush for cover is a good option. It is a myth that if you touch them the parents will abandon them, but please only interact when absolutely essential.



Left: “Fledgling”, keep kids and pets away
Right: “Nestling”, if you can safely return it to the nest, it should be fine, if not, contact DWR or a licensed wildlife rehabber.





Cottontail Bunny is ready to go!



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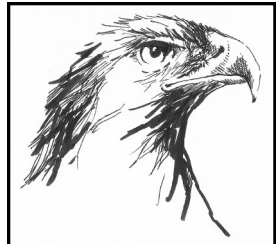
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Monthly & Annual 2022
WRCNU Sustainers!



Bald Eagles:

(\$10,000 & Higher annually)

Anonymous: IMO "Indy" the Red-tail
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Smith, Liz
Williams, Karen M: LH/G Miller Fam. Fdn



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Broussard, Craig & Loretta Hilton
Ford, Chris & Mary
Davis Meats
Kroger (Smith's Market Place)
Speers, Jennifer P.
Tracy Aviary



Ospreys:

(\$100/month; \$1,200 - \$4,999 annually)

Allred, Susan
Bennett, Mike & Mary
Evenden, Jeanne
Finch, Timothy
Foley, Sahnna
Hanewinkel, William
Hansen, David & Amber
Lee, Arlea
Marthaler, James & Marjie
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Melling Family Foundation
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WRCNU Sustainers are "The Wind Beneath Our Wings!"

In uncertain times, you can be part of the growing number of supporters who help remove the uncertainty. YOU can become a WRCNU Sustainer. Here's how it works:

Monthly donations. Starting as low as \$8/month to "The sky is the limit!" Make these donations by check, credit/debit card or through your PayPal account.

The Easiest Way? ... is Through Automatic Recurring Payments! You'll never miss it!

If you wish to join our growing team of Sustainers, please visit our website for more information:

www.wrcnu.org/become-a-sustainer or email us at info@wrcnu.org

"In Memory or In Honor Of"

WRCNU wishes to acknowledge 2022 donors who have given in Memory (IMO) or In Honor (IHO) of family and friends:

[IMO Daniel Allen](#)
- Mary Dobruck

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- Rebecca Peterson

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- Ted Pretti

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- Anonymous

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- Cherlynn Gwin



Above: Stunned and bleeding, this Dark-eyed Junco was rescued after hitting a window. "He" was released soon after a short stay, because treatment was available at WRCNU



Above: The last group of Magpie Nestlings until we reopen.

They arrived "just in the nick of time."

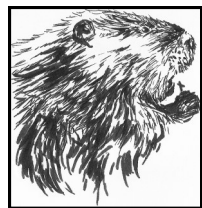




Great Horned Owls:

(\$50/month; \$600 - \$1,199 annually)

Ahrens, Craig
Ashton, David
Bailey, Brett & Kathleen
Barr, Michael & Cyndi
Baucher, Linda
Bean Family Foundation
Bedingfield, Arleen
Berceau, Michiko & Tony
Bloedel, Ellen
Boe, Debbye
Coe, Janis
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Cowley, Richard
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Pretti, Ted
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Smelzer, Margot
Smith, Arthur & Megan
Stewart, Jane & Thomas
Watkins, Susan
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North American

Beavers:

(\$35/month or \$420 - \$599 annually)

Bryner, Kenny & Michelle
Cupal, Deborah
Currie, Heidi & Brian
Curtis, Julia
Deem, Kaycie
Frame, Kelli
Grunow, Jeff & Daly, Jill
Henricks, Claudia & Ralph
Hunter, Doug & Tana

Klancic, Jill
Marthaler, Pamela
Neill, John C
Nielsen, Ruth
Ostler, Joni
Palmer, Pamela & Glenn
Slade, Christina
Smith, Jolynn
Talenah, Heather
Torstenson, Kristi
Warren, Lee & Georgia
Wickliffe, Robin & Chris



Ravens:

(\$20/Month or \$240-\$419 annually)

Adams, Molly
Ahrens, Glen
Allaire, John & Patricia
Allen, Julia
Aller, Keri
Armstrong, Richard & April
Bargsley, Mary
Batista-Rodriguez, Alicia
Blamires, Shawna
Boud, Megan
Bowman, Elizabeth
Branson, Sunny
Buckles, Isis
Burke, Lisa
Byington, Karen
Clark, Carole
Coward, Phil & Kate
Duran, Brooke
Eardley, Don & Connie
Evans, James & Diane
Fritz, Ray & Clara
Galland, Tessa
Galli, Robin
Goff, Tressa
Gregersen, Linda
Gregoire, Dan & Elizabeth
Hardy, Holly
Jenkins, Robert & Lori
Jones, Kristine
Knipe, Helen
Laing, David
Lisonbee, Rhea
Martin, Dennis
Matheny, Pam
McKenzie, Marla
McPeak, Leisa & Simon
Melville, Karen & Heisler, Edward
Moretz, Jason
Murdock, Kaye
Nielsen, Heidi
Palau, Shellie
Parsegov, Grigoriy
Peck, Stacie
Pepiot, Angela
Perez, Jaime & Vicky
Peterson, Donald
Pilger, Alex & Kimberly
Plocharsky, Marcia
Rice, Dolores
Sanders, Stanley & Janet
Sarno, Carol
Schlange, Chaz & Shay
Schmidt, Jennifer
Seegert, Alfred & Natasha
Sharp, Thomas & Nicole

Shaw, Nancy
Southwick, Cari
Spencer, Jeana
Stout-Letz, Laurie
Sumner, William
Taylor, Christopher
Taylor, Jeane
Trussell, Susan & David
Tsakacos, Jim
Turek, Marla & Greg
Wallace, Terri
Wheeler, Garth
Wittmeyer, Jacqueline



Flying Squirrels:

(\$15/month or \$180 - \$239 annually)

Baker, Linda
Carter, David & Louise
Cassidy, Lee & Diane
Costa, Cynthia
Cowan, Toni
DeBord, Thomas & Mamie Sum
Evans, Carrie
Furlong, Juanita & William
Gabriel, Steven
Haug, Peter & Jan
Hinojos, Al
Hom, King & Barhorts, Donna
Jackson, Mimi & Dennis
Johnson, Raquel
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Krob, Kathleen
Marin, Debra
Mikesic, David
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Rabkin, Paula
Reed, Chandler
Rees, Irene
Roberts, Cynthia & Robert
Rosier, Charles
Sabatini, Linda
Schuyler, Howard K.
Scott, Marilyn & Gentry
Simmons, Nicole
Speciale, Phyllis
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Weiskopf, Linda & David
Wheadon, Kate



Chickadees:

(\$8/month, \$100-\$179 annually, or undisclosed CFC donations / Others)

Anderson, Annette
Austin, Mikayla
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Bergosh, Jerry
Berthrong, Candace
Bittner, Michael & Elizabeth
Bohusch, Therese
Brinkman, Lisa

Burnham Jason & Kristin
Campbell, Rebecca
Capps, Debbie & Scott
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Coleman, Lianna
Collins, Tom & Schoffstall, Margie
Conant, Kathryn
Cragun, Tracey
Crockett, Mark
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Elmer, Karen & Bob
Evans, Tara & James
Fish, Carlton
Forman, Janet
Foster, Jane
Franklin, Bella & Jennifer
Gilbert, Dawn
Grathwohl, Jeffrey
Hagen, Mardee
Hall, Christopher & Sherrie
Haltiner, Maurice
Haycock, Maridee & Steve
Heiner, Eddie
Hendrix, Richard & Cori
Hickman, Natalie
Hill, Bruce & Sherry
Hoecherl, Matthew
Hogan, Tracey
Johnson, Linde
Kapple, Lori & Dixon
Kitchens, Elizabeth
Koller, Stevie
Landes, Janelle
LeFevre, Nancy
Lester, Julia
Leverich, Laura
Lybarger, Patty
Mallory, Kevin
Marelius, Suzanne
Martinez, Julie
Maw, Jeannette
McChristal, James
Merges, Valerie
Nelson, Andrea
Neumann, Kathryn
Nixon, Leslie
Noffsinger, Jan
Olson, April
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Sowerby, Sandra
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Stevens, Kathleen & William
Stroyls, Bo & Helena
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Summers, Kent & Kay
Tamlos, Tiffany
Thomas, Patty
Tiede, Garrett
Van Jaarsveld, Hettie & Hennie
Wendolowski, Audrey
Wendt, Sharon
Wheelwright, Alan
Zealley, Jeff





May 16, 2012



Jun 1, 2012



Aug 20, 2013; One yr old

Remember “Baby Phoenix”?

A victim of the 5,500 acre Dump Fire near Saratoga Springs, Phoenix was rescued & brought to WRCNU by Kent Keller on July 4th, 2012.

Had WRCNU not been here on that day, Kent would have had few choices on where to get Phoenix the help he needed: burn treatment, Hydrotherapy, general veterinary care, and years of supportive care. Many rehabbers might have given up and chose euthanization due to the severity of his injuries. But thanks to our Wildlife Specialist & Executive Director, DaLyn Marthaler, Phoenix is now 11 years old and working as one of our Education Ambassadors.

Northern Utah and the Native wildlife of Utah NEED a strong and experienced Rehabilitation & Education Center. WRCNU is here to answer that need, but we can **ONLY** do it, **with YOUR** support.

We are hoping to send her to the Bronx Zoo this fall.
Lone Orphaned Yellow-bellied Marmot Pup.



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