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# HOOSIER WILDLIFE

RESCUE & REHABILITATION

## Q3 REPORT



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## SAVINGS LIVES

Because of your, and your support, we have been able to take in over 500 animals this year, with numbers rising. This last quarter, we have focused on getting many of our animals released, or ready for release. But we still have many animals that will stay with us over the winter, including a litter of raccoons, over 8 opossums, and 10 squirrels and counting! These babies are not ready to be released, and will stay with us until next spring.



## OUTREACH IN THE COMMUNITY

How do we make sure the wildlife we release have good lives? We educate the community on wildlife! This photo comes from our event in downtown Indianapolis at Metazoa brewing. We brought our Eastern Box Turtle, and our Ball Python! Our ball python is not native to Indiana, she does help to bridge the gap between fear, and acceptance of snakes in the area. Many people are afraid of them, or they think they're slimy. Our peaceful and tolerating python is perfect for new snake lovers to meet.

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## SUCCESS STORIES - A TALE OF TWO FAWNS

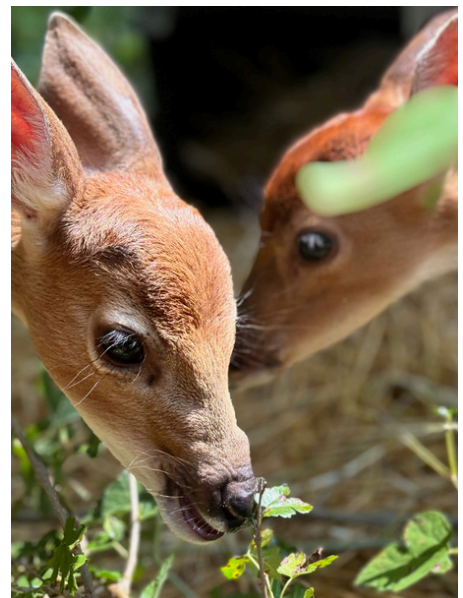
If you've followed us for a bit, you may know that fawns are a newer animal for us to rehabilitate. We worked last year with another rehabilitator to learn, and this year we took the plunge. Our rehabbers have over 6 years experience, but that doesn't mean we know everything. We took in our own fawns in 2024, but we also waited until larger centers were full. We take in a large amount of other species, and we know the community relies on us for those, even if they aren't as photogenic sometimes.

Enter our two fawns (F2 and F3) that travelled over 3 hours to get to us! When they arrived, these orphaned twins had not eaten in days. When fawns are dehydrated, their ears will fold backward. One of our fawns, F2, had ears that were starting to not look good because of this.

Luckily, thanks to expert care, they were able to be saved, and join our other fawns! At the end of summer, when they were an acceptable weight and age, we set our fawns up in a prerelease pen near a local wild herd of deer. Slowly, we acclimated them into the wild herd. We are happy to say that they have been spotted many times since they acclimated and are settling in well!



First time outside!



Almost ready for prerelease!

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## NEW PARTNERSHIPS



We are so excited to be able to work with many organizations near us! To name a few new partners

### Hoppy Healthy and Safe

- Based in Madison County Indiana, but serving all of Indiana, Hoppy Healthy and Safe helps foster exotics for people in domestic violence situations, and helps people care for exotics in crisis situations.

### The Pipsqueakery

- Bloomington, Indiana based, The Pipsqueakery spans nationwide and helps small exotics as well as wildlife. They also provide sanctuary for medical exotic cases.

## NOTABLE MENTIONS

We would like to extend a huge thank you to some of our new, and old, volunteers. This year we have expanded our reach, expanded our facilities, added to our board of directors, and taken in new species. We are astounded by the devotion our volunteers have shown, and we are so grateful for all of their assistance, for we could not do what we do without them.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Come See Us!

- Boo 'N Brew - October 19th Carmel, IN
  - Get ready for some spooky fun at Clay Terrace's 12th annual Boo 'n Brew Fall Festival! On Saturday, October 19th from 2-6pm, bring the whole family out to celebrate the season with live music, trick-or-treating, fall activities, and more.
- Frights At Forest - October 25th Noblesville, IN
  - Get ready for an unforgettable Halloween experience as you enjoy a spooky (not scary) trail filled with trick-or-treat stations around every corner. Wear your best costume for a chance to win in our costume contests, and don't miss out on the hayrides, inflatables, and food vendors! Admission and activities are all FREE! Food trucks available for purchase. Whether you're young or just young at heart, this night of fun is perfect for the whole family! Mark your calendars and bring your friends—it's sure to be a ghostly good time! 5pm - 9pm

## BIG UPDATES ARE COMING!

Stay connected for big updates!



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