# The VISION

- Create the first Nature Center of North Idaho.
- Provide employment opportunities.
- Provide educational opportunities.
- Provide research
   opportunities.



## American Heritage Wildlife Foundation

- Paper trail began in 2001
- IRS 501 c 3 nonprofit.
- Idaho State nonprofit incorporation status.
- Federal Migratory Bird rehabilitation permits.



- Idaho State Fish & Game rehabilitation permits.
- Member of the I.W.R.C. & N.W.R.A.

Mission Statement American Heritage Wildlife Foundation works to preserve all local wildlife through rehabilitation of the injured and orphaned as well as community education.

## Four focal points:

- Conservation
- Education
- Entertainment
- Research









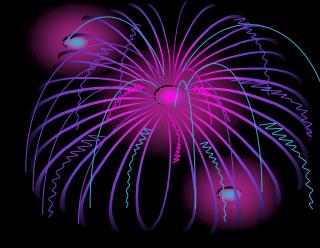


# Research Current project: Osprey Behavior Study





## Future potential:

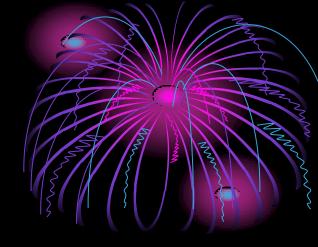


- Waterfowl neurosis.
- Lead poisoning.
- University doctorate studies.
- Veterinary student internships.
- National Wildlife Rehabilitation Association studies.

# Entertainment

- Family Fun Day Carnival
- Summer Day Camp
- Benefit Concerts & Comedy Shows
- Bake Sales
- Booths at public events such as 4<sup>th</sup> July celebration and Earth Day

# Education



- School Programs
- Library Presentations
- Awareness Booths
- Newsletters
- Website articles & documents
- Phone Call & E-mail responses



# Conservation

- Provide rehabilitative care for local injured and orphaned wildlife.
- Maintain federal & state permission to possess small mammals & birds.
- Pursue large mammal permits and raptor long term care facilities.

#### Distressed wild animals.

- Need minimal human interference.
- Quick but thorough examinations.
- Require calm & quiet environments.
- Knowledgeable caretakers.
- 80% of the time, are injured due to human related activities. -NWF



#### **Caretakers are ...**

- Able to identify animal species in an instant.
- One part surrogate mother.
- One part medic.
- One part behavioral scientist.
- One part chef.













#### Rehabbers must be

- Patient & professional.
- Aware of their limitations.
- Dedicated to the animals in their care (human needs come second).
- Emotionally tough. (NWRA states that if an organization has a 30% success rate they are doing well!)
- Determined to continue learning.

How does AHWF do what we do?

- 100% VOLUNTEERS no paid staff.
- In 2012 over 2,000 hours were donated. Equivalent to 38.5 hrs/wk for all 52 weeks of the year! Doubled the hours in 2016.
- <u>NO</u> local, state or federal funding.
- We have a large variety of fundraising opportunities – yokes card, online magazines, ink cartridge and aluminum recycling, AHWF credit card, shopping toolbars, children's books.
- Leasing one acre (with option to purchase the second acre & the residence as well as the pursue purchase of the surrounding properties).

#### How can you help?

- Keep an eye on our local wildlife
   & learn natural behaviors.
- Spread the word about AHWF.
- Donate time, talent or treasure.
- Take an active part in keeping the Northwest wild!
- Get involved in preserving what you love.

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