

# TWIN HARBORS WILDLIFE CENTER

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

#BackToTheWild

September 30, 2019

We can take nearly any animal at THWC, but some species of adults are just too dangerous for rehabilitators. State wildlife rehabilitation licenses are granted by species and our license is limited until we have suitable enclosures built to care for more species. Fortunately, because we have veterinarians in our center, we are able to accept any animal and stabilize it for transportation to another rehabilitator that is licensed for that species.

Dr. Sonnya was able to speak at the McCleary Chamber of Commerce and Grays Harbor Conservation District meetings earlier this month and made some great connections. She is scheduled to give a presentation at the Pacific County Conservation District meeting in early October. We would like to speak to any group that is interested in learning about the work we do, so please contact us if you would like a presentation. Currently, we are reaching out to other organizations to see how we can work together.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival at Lake Sylvia State Park was held on September 21<sup>st</sup>, and it was a very well attended event. We were invited to have an informational booth at the festival and added 15 new names to our orientation training list. With every person that completes our orientation, our list of volunteers increases, which allows us to care for more wildlife.

### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are organizing a Spaghetti Feed fundraiser, which is being held on November 17<sup>th</sup> in Montesano. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information or contact us directly.

A crew of volunteers spent an afternoon cleaning up the outside areas of the center and got it looking terrific. We ended up with a pile of items that we gave away and a trailer full of garbage for the dump.

We are increasing our wildlife care volunteer roster as we continue to offer monthly orientations and animal specific trainings. This winter more sessions will be added to the calendar to include raptor handling, tube feeding birds, and medication administration.

### DONATIONS & NEEDS

We have set up a GoFundMe campaign to raise funds that will go towards the construction of the Raptor Pre-Release Enclosure. It is slow going and we will be looking at additional fundraising programs to fill this need.

We were fortunate enough to have a washer and a dryer donated, which helps greatly with the many loads of laundry that need to be done.

We depend heavily on volunteers to transport wildlife that must be transferred to another licensed wildlife rehabilitation center. These people not only donate their time to assist with this task, but they use their personal vehicles and incur fuel costs. Donations of gas cards would be greatly appreciated in order to help these transport volunteers.

Currently, we need a refrigerator because ours quit working. Refrigeration is necessary for the storage of ingredients and formulas for feeding the wildlife.

#### THE WILDLIFE

The 24<sup>th</sup> of September was a day of freedom for eight of our patients! Among the animals released were an opossum, a pigeon, and six squirrels that came to us as infants in early August. All these animals were hand fed until they were able to eat on their own. Two grey squirrels are still residing with us in an outdoor pre-release enclosure. This housing enables them to acclimate to the weather while building up their climbing muscles and preparing them for release. We have had many, many other wildlife the past 2 months including the following: Our first litter of Douglas Squirrels came to us in early September and all three are doing well.

In late August a local resident brought a Bald Eagle to us that had been on the ground for several days. We were able to stabilize and transport her to another rehabilitation center with the proper facilities for raptors. She recovered and we were fortunate enough to witness her release back to her home.

Thank you for your support!

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