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Wildlife Matters

Quarterly newsletter of the St. Francis Wildlife Association

St. Francis Wildlife is a local, nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of native wildlife through the rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife and public education since 1978.

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Winter 2018

Many happy returns

By Sandy Beck

During the winter, we receive many birds of prey that have been hit by cars. Some are “snow birds” — inexperienced, young hawks from the frigid North that migrate south looking for food. Others are resident birds just so focused on pursuing prey that they don’t notice our vehicles.

In December, we rescued several injured owls from local roadways that suffered head trauma and concussions. After a few weeks of TLC at St. Francis Wildlife, two Barred Owls had recovered and were ready to go home.

Releasing a rehabilitated wild animal is the happy ending to all our efforts, and we love sharing the joy whenever possible.

One Barred Owl had been hit by car on Demsey Mayo Road, beside Westminster Oaks Village, so we called Mary Ann Price, a Westminster Oaks resident and St. Francis Wildlife supporter.

“Would you like to help release an owl?” Mary Ann was thrilled.

My husband Bob and I packed up both owls and headed first to Westminster Oaks. Mary Ann helped us scout out a perfect spot near her home and away from the road. I removed the large, female owl from its box, placed the owl in Mary Ann’s gloved hands, and . . . whoosh! The mag-

nificent bird effortlessly sailed to the top of the tallest tree, took a few minutes to find her bearings, and then disappeared into the woods. “I am awestruck by seeing and holding that beautiful owl so close!” she said.

Meanwhile, the second Barred Owl quietly waited in his box in our vehicle as we headed to its home on the southside of Tallahassee. Bruce Ritchie and his wife Sue Smith, who had won the “Release a Raptor” raffle prize at our last In Concert for Wildlife event, met us (photo on page 7).

This owl was a smaller male. Male birds of prey are about one third smaller than females of the same species.

The owl slipped from Sue’s gloves and flew into the amber glow of a beautiful sunset in another picture perfect ending.



Above: Barred Owl in flight. Photo by Dick Vautrinot.

Below, left to right: Mary Ann Price holds and then releases a rehabilitated Barred Owl. The owl perches at the top of a tree before flying off into the forest. Photos by Sandy Beck.

Barred Owl flight

Like other owls, Barred Owls have velvety-soft feathers. This softness, combined with a fringed, leading edge on the flight feathers, dampens sound and enables the owl to fly virtually noiselessly.

Another aid to silent flight is the Barred Owl’s wide wingspan, which averages 43 inches — a big wingspread for such a lightweight (about one and a half pounds). Broad wingspan plus low weight equals buoyant flight, enabling the Barred Owl to move through the air like a moth.

from *Art in Nature*, John Guiseppi





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As part of her service learning project, **Emma Shapiro**, a seventh-grade student at Montford Middle School, collected a huge load of supplies from our Wish List (page 8) and delivered them to our wildlife hospital! Thank you, Emma!

Photo by Teresa Stevenson.



Above: St. Francis Wildlife education director Sandy Beck and Bubo, our Great Horned Owl ambassador thank **Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A. CPAs** for their sponsorship of our last In Concert for Wildlife fundraiser.

Photo by Becca Gilbert.

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St. Francis Wildlife rescued this Sherman's Fox Squirrel as an orphan. These animals have wide variations in coloration, but this one has the masked face with a black head and white nose and ears, like most that are seen.
Photo by Teresa Stevenson

Sherman's Fox Squirrel

By Sandy Beck

St. Francis Wildlife receives hundreds of orphaned and injured grey squirrels and flying squirrels every year, but fox squirrels — about twice the size of common grey squirrels — are rare visitors.

This past fall, we rescued, raised and successfully released two of these beautiful animals (one is pictured above).

Sherman's Fox Squirrel lives in South Georgia and Northeastern and Central Florida, especially in areas where there are longleaf pines and sandhills.

It is a protected species of special concern because it has lost so much of its habitat.

This squirrel spends more time on the ground than grey and flying squirrels, and probably got the "fox" part of its name because of its bushy, foxlike tail and loping gait.

The "Sherman" part, however, is an interesting story. It was named in honor of Dr. Harley B. Sherman, who taught at the University of

Florida from 1925 to 1955. He invented the first humane small animal trap that he and his graduate students used in their field research. Mammologists still consider this folding trap an essential tool.

Dr. Sherman called it the "world's best mouse trap. It keeps them alive and happy."

Today, his granddaughter, Rebecca Colon is the CEO of H.B. Sherman Traps, Inc. in Tallahassee. An animal lover, she is continuing her grandfather's tradition and has also donated several traps to St. Francis Wildlife.

Rebecca lives on a large tract of land in Monticello, FL, and feels fortunate to share her property with her grandfather's namesake.

"They are pretty elusive. Fox squirrels will never come to a feeder, but I see several on our property.

"One is all silver, another one is a cream color, and I've seen another that is all black. They're beautiful, and they're all different colors! Rebecca said."

Friday, May 11th, 6 - 10 p.m.

Belle and the Band In Concert for Wildlife!

The Junction at Monroe 
2011 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida

Tickets - \$15

Restaurant & bar open at 6 p.m. Music begins at 7 p.m. Come early for the Junction's home-cooked dinner specialties and tasty, local craft beers.

All sales benefit St. Francis Wildlife.



Photo by Larry Coltharp

Mike Snelling, upright bass; Mickey Abraham, mandolin; Kathryn Belle Long, vocals; Kevin Robertson, guitar.

Belle and the Band, a harmony of immense musical talent - folk, mixed with jazz and bluegrass roots - will dedicate their music to helping local injured, orphaned, and sick wildlife at St. Francis Wildlife.



Pretty 'possum wins Tallahassee Democrat's UNselfie Contest

On Giving Tuesday, October 29th, Tallahassee Democrat readers voted for their favorite UNselfie photos, submitted by local non-profits.

Our disabled opossum, Pepé, won by a nose!

St. Francis Wildlife's prizes include a \$500 grant from the Community Foundation of North Florida and \$500 toward a direct mail fundraising campaign from Target Print & Mail, which was used to sort, label, and mail this newsletter!

The wildlife releases you read about on page one of this newsletter are the way these things are supposed to happen, but . . .

Sometimes things don't go as planned

By Teresa Stevenson

A few months ago, I took two young raccoons that St. Francis Wildlife had rescued as tiny orphans and raised to a perfect release site deep in the woods.

One immediately headed for the closest tree and began to climb. With a warm feeling of accomplishment, I watched it happily skitter up and down the tree trunk.

The other chubby youngster climbed up about 20 feet and — with a total disregard for the laws of physics — picked the skinniest branch and scrambled out to the end.

“I rolled my eyes, sighed, quickly positioned myself beneath the branch, opened my arms, and waited for him to fall (I understand the laws of physics).

“And, of course, he fell right into my arms. I placed him on the ground. He looked up at me with a ‘what the heck just happened?’ expression, ran to another tree, and climbed straight up.”

The fox that thought it was a river otter

Have you ever seen a pond so densely carpeted with aquatic plants that you thought you might be able to walk across them? We released



Above: The two orphaned baby raccoons. Photo by Teresa Stevenson.

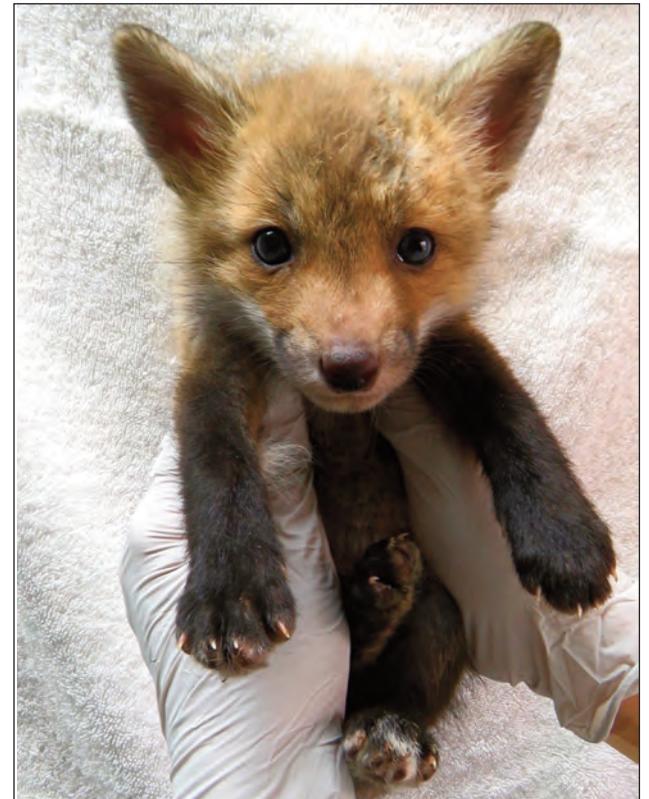
Right: One of the two orphaned red foxes that went for a swim when he was released. Photo by Sandy Beck.

two young red foxes near such a pond.

I placed their transport kennels on the ground and opened the doors. One fox emerged from the kennel and cautiously walked along the water's edge.

The second one bolted out, made a 90-degree turn and, for no obvious reason, ran straight into the pond! Then, of course, the first one decided to join him.

So, there I was, watching these two silly animals getting soaking wet, and, with each step, sinking deeper and deeper. Soon they were swim-



ming to the center of this big, freaking pond that, by the way, like most water bodies in Florida, is home to alligators and moccasins.

Of course, there was only one thing for me to do. I swam out, grabbed one fox, swam back, and placed him on the shore. Then I swam back out and grabbed the second one.

I thought I heard a gator laughing.

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St. Francis Wildlife Baby Shower!

Saturday, April 28
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Downtown Marketplace,
Park Ave. & Monroe Street

Please bring a baby gift from
our Wish List on Page 8.



- Live animals!
- Learn how to help wild babies
- Wildlife t-shirts & children's books
- Wild raffle
- Face painting.

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My epic journey

By a Red-tailed Hawk

(As told to Sandy Beck)



This young Red-tailed Hawk is one of seven raptors that were hit by cars in Tallahassee and rescued by St. Francis Wildlife during the second week of February. Photo by Tori Bakley.

I'm a Red-tailed Hawk. I love to fly! It was an amazing feeling to ride nice, warm thermals high into the sky as I made my way south to sunny Tallahassee this year.

But it wasn't an easy journey. You see, there are many hazards out there for us raptors. I dodged cars and trucks, barbed wire fences, guy wires on cell towers, and tall glass buildings. All the while hoping that I could find enough food to eat.

Oh, and those storms. I couldn't fly with sopping wet feathers. And I was cold.

So I must admit — every day, every mile was a challenge. In fact, nearly half of us raptors don't survive to see our first birthday.

I actually came close to being part of that statistic when I darted across a road in Tallahassee. I was so focused on a fat squirrel that I flew into the side of a car. In an instant, traffic was whizzing past, and I couldn't move.

It didn't take long before a nice woman picked me up and took me to St. Francis Wildlife. She told me it's their job to help wildlife like me.

She examined me, gave me fluids and something for the pain, and then gently placed me on a soft bed in a dark room. I fell asleep.

The next day, she took me to Northwood Animal Hospital. Dr. Cavell sutured up my wounds.

I'm feeling much better now. They say I'll be ready to leave when I'm flying well.

I hope so. Because I'm looking forward to my first birthday this spring. By the way, you can tell I'm a youngster by my light, amber-colored eyes.

Hopefully, when I'm older, I'll have my own territory with plenty of food to get me through the winter, and I won't need to migrate.

I only hope the other raptors in the hospital with me will make it too — with a little help from our friends.

Students get hands-on experience with wildlife

By Tori Bakley

"Being able to help as well as learn about these animals was, without a doubt, an amazing experience."

As an FSU undergraduate student, I am active in WIMSE — Women in Math, Science, and Engineering. We learn how to network and reach out to mentors.

An older WIMSE student told me about St. Francis Wildlife, and I began volunteering.

Shelby Boykin, a TCC biology major, and I have spent so much time at the wildlife hospital and helping at St. Francis Wildlife's public events that we became co-volunteer coordinators.

I've brought several WIMSE volunteers out to St. Francis Wildlife. One group learned how to care for orphaned squirrels and helped clean the hospital. Another group learned about reptile, squirrel, fawn, and bird of prey care. Every day is a different experience for volunteers.

Volunteer and WIMSE, Kyra Liedtke, said,

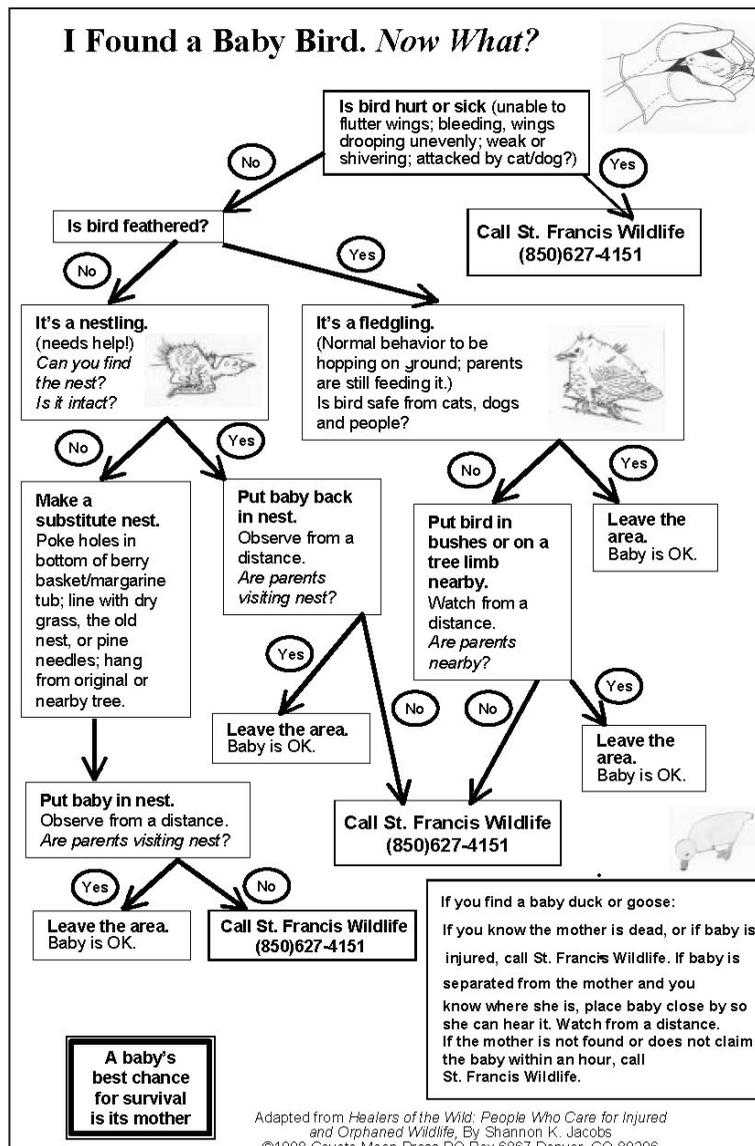


Chloe Bevan, a biology major at FSU, feeds an orphaned grey squirrel. Photo by Tori Bakley.

"I knew that my experience at SFW was going to be amazing just by the drive up there. I was surrounded by nature, which made me incredibly happy. Being able to help as well as learn about these animals was, without a doubt, an amazing experience."

If you are interested in a career in wildlife conservation or veterinary medicine or just love animals, St. Francis Wildlife is a great place to volunteer!

Are you between 18 and 98? Love wildlife? Learn about our volunteer opportunities and requirements. www.stfranciswildlife.org/GetInvolved.html (850) 627-4151



Mary Donohue Miley (pictured above with Twiggy, our Barn Owl wildlife ambassador) has volunteered with St. Francis Wildlife for 14 years!

Mary also recently raised \$420 for St. Francis Wildlife with her Facebook Birthday Fundraiser!

St. Francis Wildlife's 40th Anniversary Gala

Save this date!

Thursday, November 1, 2018

The Carriage House at Goodwood Museum and Gardens
1600 Miccosukee Rd., Tallahassee.

Teaser: Music by the incomparable Avis Berry!

Would you like to join our planning committee?
Contact Barb Barnett: barb.barnett@comcast.net



Great Egret

Wild Birds Unlimited Raffle

for a 3-foot, mounted print by internationally renowned wildlife photographer Tara Tanaka. Lucky winner chooses from these 6 prints on display now at WBU.



Northern Cardinal

Tickets on sale now.
 \$1 each \$5 for 6 \$10 for 13
Every dollar benefits St. Francis Wildlife.

Drawing Sunday, March 11
 at Wild Birds Unlimited, 2098 Thomasville Rd., Tallahassee, FL

Meet St. Francis Wildlife's birds of prey - 1 - 2 p.m.
 Raptor Program at 2 p.m. **Drawing at 3 p.m.** Winner need not be present at drawing.



Wood Duck



Tricolored Herons



Gray Catbird



Roseate Spoonbills



White squirrels

By Sandy Beck Photo by Teresa Stevenson

St. Francis Wildlife received four orphaned white squirrels in 2017, each came from a different place. In November, we released them together in an area where they are common (release photo on left).

White squirrels are not albinos; they don't have pink eyes. They are almost completely white with a small black patch on their head and back.

In 1970, the Tallahassee Museum received a pair, which they kept in a cage.

"All the young in their litters were white, so it must have been the dominant gene. Eventually, the Museum released all the white squirrels on their property," said Dana Bryan, a local biologist.

Their white offspring live around Lake Bradford and in a corridor that has moved northward through Tallahassee.

Keep your eyes open. White squirrels may be coming soon to a bird feeder in your backyard.

Donate Your Dime



Now through March 31st, 2018, use your reusable bag at Whole Foods Market in Tallahassee and receive a 10¢ credit that you can request

be donated to St. Francis Wildlife. Please tell your friends too!

GET WILD WITH US! Event Calendar

Saturday, February 24th, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Raptors of the Red Hills

Birdsong Nature Center
 2106 Meridian Rd, Thomasville, GA.
 (4 miles north of the FL/GA state line).

Live, native birds of prey — hawks and owls — will help education director Sandy Beck share their personal stories, the amazing adaptations that enable them to hunt and survive, the important roles these raptors play in our ecosystems, and what we can all do to help them. For adults and school-aged children. Call (229) 377-4408 to reserve your space.

Sunday, March 11th, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Raptor Program and Raffle Drawing

Wild Birds Unlimited
 2098 Thomasville Rd., Tallahassee.
 Details on left.

Saturday, April 28th, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Annual Wildlife Baby Shower

The Downtown Marketplace
 Ponce de Leon Park, Park Ave. & Monroe St., Tallahassee. See page 4.

Saturday, March 10th, 11:00 - 12 noon.
Talon Talk Raptor Program
 at Esposito Garden Center's Annual Azalea Festival
 2748 Capital Cir NE, Tallahassee

Meet a variety of native birds of prey — hawks and owls. St. Francis Wildlife Association's education director Sandy Beck will share their personal stories, the amazing adaptations that enable them to hunt and survive, the important roles these raptors play in Florida's ecosystems, and what we can all do to help them.

Friday, March 9th - Sunday, March 11th, Esposito will donate 100% of profits from their **birdseed sales** to St. Francis Wildlife!

Friday, May 11th, 6 - 10 p.m.
3rd Annual In Concert for Wildlife

The Junction at Monroe
 2011 South Monroe St., Tallahassee.

Live music and dancing with Belle & the Band!
 Great food and adult beverages!
 Proceeds benefit St. Francis Wildlife.
 See page 3.

First Saturday of every month, 12 - 1 p.m.
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St. Francis Wildlife cared for 3,102 wild birds, mammals and reptiles from January 1 - December 31, 2017, including . . .



61 Barred Owls

This Barred Owl was treated for a concussion after being hit by a car. Sue Smith had the honor of releasing him. Her husband, Bruce Ritchie, won the "Release a Raptor" raffle at our 2017 In Concert for Wildlife fundraiser. After the release, Bruce launched a Facebook Fundraiser for St. Francis Wildlife and raised \$170!

Photo/Sandy Beck



368 Virginia Opossums

This tiny orphaned opossum got a bubble bath to kill fleas when she arrived at our wildlife hospital.

If an opossum has been hit by a car, please check her belly pouch. Only females have pouches. If her babies are still alive, remove them, keep them warm, and take them to St. Francis Wildlife. If they are still attached to the nipples (she has 13 nipples), and you don't want to pull them out, you can bring mom and her babies. If there are no babies, please remove the body from the road to keep it from endangering the lives of predators.

Photo/Teresa Stevenson



14 Gopher Tortoises

The adult was illegally removed from his habitat. We returned him. The hatchling was attacked by a dog and is still in our care. Gopher Tortoises are a "threatened species." Photo/Shelby Boykin



39 White-tailed Deer

These two orphans were raised and then released in safe habitat. Photo/Sandy Beck



10 Great Horned Owls

This tiny Great Horned Owllet fell from its nest on Lake McBride when the nest was destroyed in a storm. Its sibling was hanging on in the crook of the tree.

Armstrong Tree Service brought the sibling down, helped us create a new nest, and secured it in the tree. Both owllets were lifted to the new nest while their anxious parents watched from nearby. The homeowner reported that one of the parents joined its two babies when we all left and it was quiet again. Both owllets successfully fledged a couple of months later!

Photo/Sandy Beck



22 Warblers

This exquisite Hooded Warbler was attacked by a cat. We treated him with antibiotics (because nasty bacteria live on cats' claws and teeth), but he did not survive.

In 2017, 316 (approximately 1 out of every 10) of the injured animals we received had been attacked by domestic cats. 90 wild animals were injured by dogs. Please make your beloved cats indoor pets; it is better (safer and healthier) for both cats and wildlife. Please teach your dogs not to chase wildlife. Photo/Ian Edward Weir



4 Red Foxes

This orphan liked to snuggle with a stuffed tiger. Read about his release on page 4. Photo/Teresa Stevenson

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- Native Nurseries
- Wild Birds Unlimited
- Panhandle Pet Supply
- COSTCO
- Squirrelsandmore.com
- Foxvalleynutrition.com

Food/Feeding

- Unsalted peanuts in the shell
- Raw, hard-shelled nuts, like walnuts, pecans, hickory, acorns
- Black oil sunflower seed
- Wild bird seed
- Keet seed
- Cat and dog food (dry and canned)
- Baby food: only fruit, vegetables, and chicken (no noodles, beef, gravy, etc)
- Eggs
- EXACT powder (baby bird formula)
- Plain and fruit yogurt
- Live or dried worms and crickets
- Waterfowl maintenance pellets
- Waterfowl starter mash
- Ziploc bags (quart & gallon, freezer)
- Jar lids, plastic
- Plant pot saucers, plastic
- Heavy stoneware food bowls

Cleaning Supplies

- Laundry detergent (unscented)
- Bleach, unscented
- Heavy-duty 39 & 55 gallon trash bags

- Paper towels
- Dawn dish soap
- Odoban
- Scotch-brite heavy duty scrub sponges
- Hand sanitizer
- Rakes
- Heavy duty hoses

Animal Housing

- Heating pads, not automatic shut-off
- Humane live traps
- Baby blankets
- T-shirts, sweatshirts, pillow cases, top sheets, towels, baby blankets.
- Soft toilet paper or soft tissue
- Small animal cages (like one used for a sugar glider or ferret), metal wire only with 1/2" openings

Maintenance

- Lumber: plywood, 1x2s, 2x4s, etc.
- Tools
- Hardware cloth

Office

- Sticky notes
- Clip boards
- White, letter-size printer paper

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- Golf cart
- Gasoline Weed Whacker
- Gasoline Pressure Washer
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If you find injured, orphaned, or sick wildlife . . .



- Call us at (850) 627-4151 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- After 5 p.m., call our After-hours Rescue Hotline, (850) 933-2735.
- Take it to our wildlife hospital, 5580 Salem Rd. Quincy, FL (4 miles NW of Havana), 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Directions at: www.stfranciswildlife.org.
- 24/7, take it to Northwood Animal Hospital, 1881 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Tallahassee or Allied Emergency Veterinary Hospital, 2324 Centerville Rd., Tallahassee. Or, during their regular business hours, take it to North Florida Animal Hospital at 2701 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee.

Important Information

- Use a box with air holes punched in the lid. Place a t-shirt or blanket in the box (not a towel), put the animal in the box and tape securely. Keep babies warm with a heated plastic water bottle wrapped in a t-shirt. Keep it quiet, and handle as little as possible.
- Never give it food or water.
- Never handle rabies vectors such as raccoons, foxes, or bats (even babies). Call us. Birds and reptiles do not carry rabies. Squirrels, opossums and rabbits are rarely rabies vectors, but it is still wise to use gloves.
- When calling to report an animal hit by a car, note exactly where it is, and, if possible, please remain with the animal until we arrive.

For more information about wildlife rescue:
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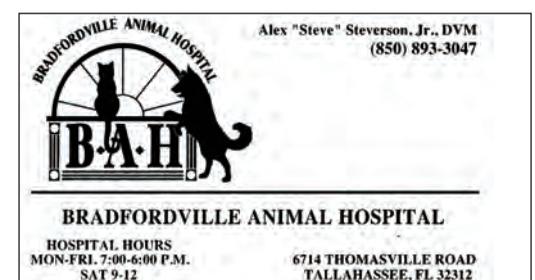
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