

Be a saint — a wildlife saint

By Pat Simmons

While hiking in the Apalachicola National Forest, a red fox suddenly appeared on the trail. It watched us intently, nonchalantly sat back on its haunches, and tilted its head as if it were studying us. Then it simply vanished into the brush.

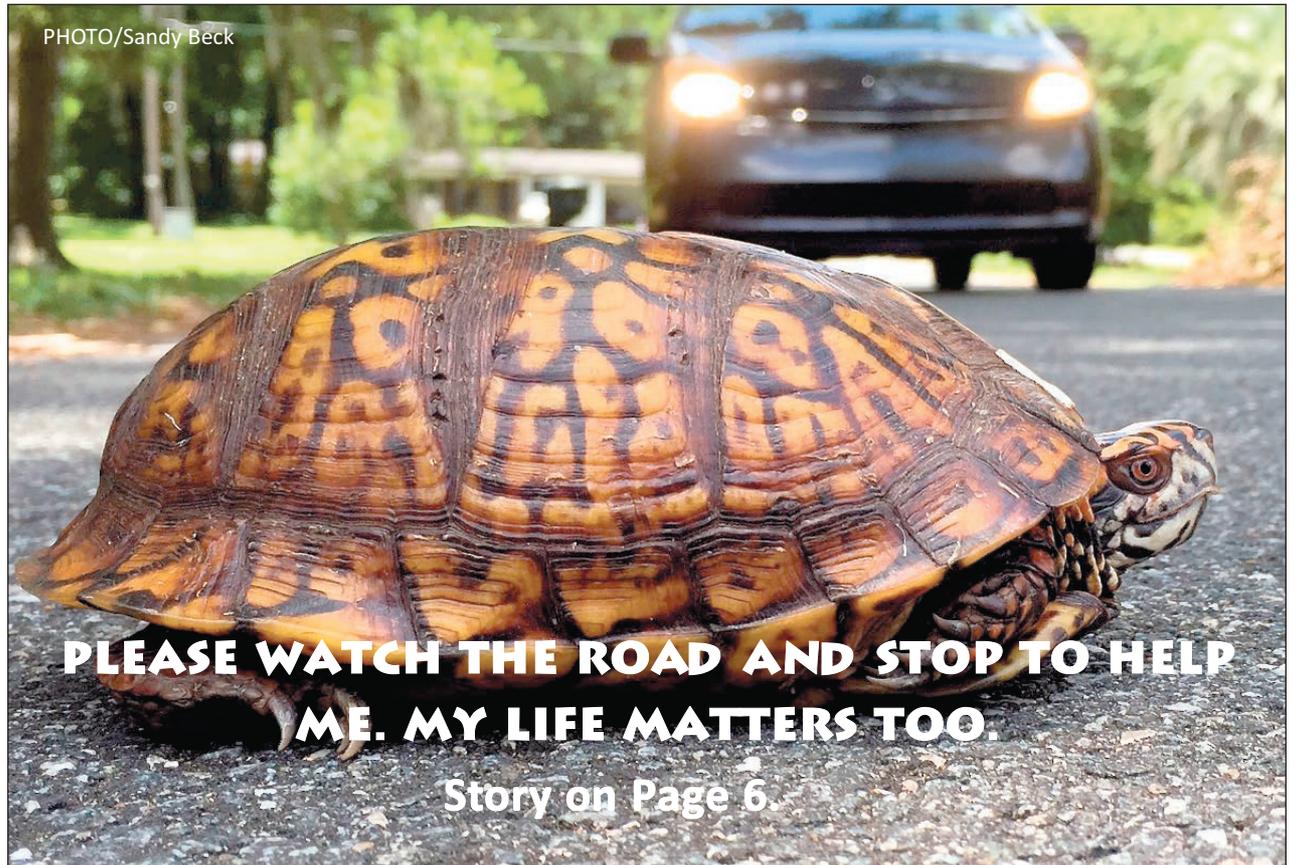
Many years ago, while working at the Tallahassee Museum, a Ruby-throated Hummingbird landed on my shoulder. Dang if it didn't stay put for several moments. I managed to stay still too, mesmerized by this amazing eye-to-beak contact — until it buzzed away into the trees.

These close encounters with wildlife — unexpected gifts from nature — make memories that last a lifetime. They have also given me a deep regard for wild animals and driven home the importance of being a wildlife steward, taking personal responsibility for helping to conserve the diverse wildlife populations we still have in our area. That's why I became involved with St. Francis Wildlife,



Close encounters with wildlife, like coming eye-to-eye with this wild Barred Owl, make memories that last a lifetime.

PHOTO/Sandy Beck



first as a volunteer, and now as a board member.

Wildlife stewardship

St. Francis Wildlife (SFW) has been our community's wildlife steward for 37 years. Every year, you and your neighbors call St. Francis Wildlife about the opossum in your garage, the orphaned songbird in your backyard, the owl that fell from its nest, the sick raccoon in the park, the baby fox stuck in the drainage culvert, the hawk that collided with your car, the deer that got stuck in a fence, and the bunny your dog caught.

If you've ever called or emailed us for advice, brought an animal to us, or asked us to rescue one, you know how important and comforting it is to have this widely respected wildlife rehabilitation center nearby. You may have shown your appreciation by making a donation or volunteering your time.

SFW is deeply grateful for all the support you have shown for nearly four decades. However, because the communities we serve are steadily growing and their need for our

services has been growing as well, as a nonprofit, we needed to look for ways to deepen your involvement — your stewardship.

So we are proud to announce a new program we hope you will consider as a "life insurance policy" for St. Francis Wildlife and the 3,000 wild animals we help every year — our Be a Saint campaign.

Life insurance for wildlife, wildlife assurance for us

"Be A Saint" is a stewardship option for an organization, club, sorority or fraternity, business, family or individual who would like to provide sustaining monetary support for St. Francis Wildlife's important work.

"Be A Saint" donations, which range from \$500 to \$5,000, are earmarked for specific areas of our 3,600 square-foot wildlife hospital building, such as the ICU, the Songbird Room or the Reptile Room.

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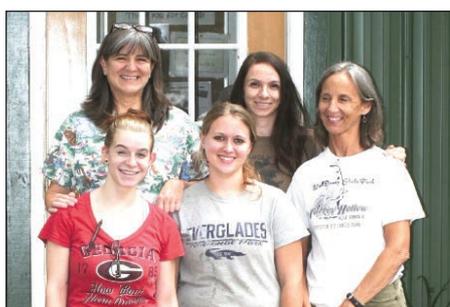
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Hospital staff members: (clockwise from top left) Teresa, Michelle, Ann, Sara, and Mary. PHOTO/Tara Tanaka

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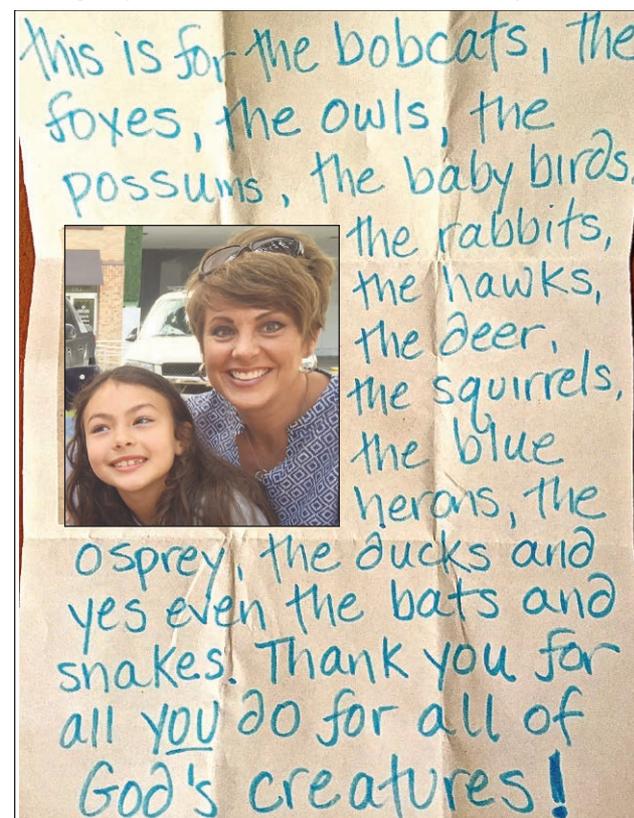
From
Cameron Barton

Baby Shower a wild success!

Thanks to you, our 13th Annual Wildlife Baby Shower was wildly successful; we collected more than \$1,000 in donations and lots of items from our Wish List. WCTV News anchor **Julie Montanaro** and her daughter **Natalie** brought a basket of Wish List items, a generous check and this note (we inserted their photo)!

As always, thank you to **Allen Thompson** and the **Downtown Market** for hosting our annual Baby Shower.

You can always drop off gifts from our Wish List (Page 8)) at St. Francis Wildlife, Northwood Animal Hospital, North FL Animal Hospital, or Allied Emergency Vet Clinic. Our wild babies thank you!



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- **Modern Mailers** for their mailing services.
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- **Post Searchlight Printing**, Bainbridge, GA, for discounted printing of this newsletter.
- **Home Depot, Valdosta** for donating a new pressure washer.
- **Mitch Potter DVM, Allied Vets**, for donating a 2001 Ford Expedition.
- **Mike Thomas** for constructing and donating an indoor duckling enclosure (inspired by wife, Nancy Thomas!).
- **Jane Whitenour** for donating a lawnmower.
- **Michael Merchant, Eagle Scout Project, Troop 114** for building three small custom-made mammal cages and then donating \$70.
- **Kelly Craft** for donating a washer and dryer.
- **Capital City Bank** for donating \$1,500 to purchase gravel to fix our road. Thank you!!!
- **Rosalyn Kilcollins** for donating a GPS unit.
- **Goodwill** for donating a carload of T-shirts for animal bedding.
- **Donna Legare and Jody Walthall** for donating a \$100 gift certificate to Native Nurseries to St. Francis Wildlife in honor of the marriage of their daughter, Vanessa Walthall to Andy McCaddin.
- **FSU Sustainable Campus "Chuck it for Charity" program** for donating students' used linens, cleaning supplies, etc.
- **Ryvir Wagner**, for asking for donations for St. Francis Wildlife for her fourth birthday party. Thank you, Ryvir, for the \$50 check! From Ryvir's parents, **Charli and Taylor**: "Our family appreciates all you do to help protect wildlife in Tallahassee and the surrounding areas."

St. Francis WildlifeFest 2015

July 25th, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

- Birds of Prey
 - Reptiles
- Nature tours
- Tours of White Dog Plantation
 - Live music by Coonbottom Creek
- Tasty Food & Cold Drinks
 - Children's Crafts & Art Contest
 - Silent Auction
- T-shirts & Children's Books for sale



ALL proceeds benefit St. Francis Wildlife

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Admission

1 adult - \$15

2 adults - \$25

8 - 18 - \$5

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Early-bird prize for first 50 people/families!

Beaver Rescue at Cascades Park

By Sandy Beck

This is the tale of an animal rescue involving a beaver with raging hormones, a police department, several compassionate humans and a happy ending.

The Tallahassee Police Department called St. Francis Wildlife to report a beaver behaving strangely near Cascades Park. When St. Francis Wildlife volunteer Emily Shaw arrived, she found a confused, male beaver moving erratically down the road, weaving from one side to the other between the cars. Emily captured him with a net and transported him to our wildlife hospital.

St. Francis Wildlife director and wildlife rehabilitator Teresa Stevenson examined the beaver, but could not find anything wrong. The next morning, she took him to Bradfordville Animal Hospital where Dr. Steve Stevenson anesthetized him and did blood tests, the results of which were normal.

After the beaver spent two more days at our wildlife hospital under close observation, Teresa determined that he was fine — probably just a male with raging hormones searching for a new home and mate (typical spring behavior). The poor guy had gotten lost. Imagine trying to navigate our downtown streets without a map or GPS!

Teresa received permission to release him in proper beaver habitat, on Jim Stevenson and Tara Tanaka's 45-acre cypress swamp wildlife sanctuary. As he headed for the stand of willows, Jim named him "Lucky," and Tara remarked, "Lucky is one lucky beaver, indeed!"



Photos by Tara Tanaka, clockwise from top left: Teresa Stevenson releases the beaver as Jim Stevenson wishes him a happy life; the beaver scampers away; Lucky hightails it to his new cypress swamp wildlife sanctuary, beaver paradise.

Visit St. Francis Wildlife's home page, www.stfranciswildlife.org, to see Tara's stunning video of our raptors and wild, orphaned babies.



Wild babies arrive at St. Francis Wildlife every day during the spring and summer.

Left: Three cottontail bunny siblings whose nest was accidentally destroyed by a gardener.
Right: Orphaned baby opossum. Please check the pouches of dead opossums on the road for babies now.

Far right: Baby Wood Duck is comforted by its mirror image.



St. Francis Wildlife Association

Summer Get-away-from-it-all Raffle

of 13 unique, donated items and experiences to refresh your spirit while you help local injured, orphaned and sick wildlife at the St. Francis Wildlife Assoc. rehabilitation center, 5580 Salem Rd., Quincy, FL (850) 627-4151.

On each ticket, write the number of the prize you prefer.
Winners need not be present at drawing.

Raffle Tickets/\$5

Tickets available at

Native Nurseries

1661 Centerville Rd.

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or from **Sandy Beck**

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Photos above, left to right: 13 great prizes include Turtle Beach Inn B&B, Wilderness Way kayak trips and a once-in-a-lifetime experience —releasing a recovered raptor to freedom!

The drawing of winning tickets will take place at

An Evening of Dessert & Eco-Dance at Native Nurseries

1661 Centerville Rd., Tallahassee

Thursday, June 25th, 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Presented by

Dancers from the FSU School of Dance Community Arts Initiative

In collaboration with Visual Artist Linda Hall

Music by Bradley White and friends (didgeridoo) and KIP (handpan)

Wild Poetry by Sandy Beck

Special thanks to our hosts, Native Nurseries

for coffee, home-made desserts, and their on-going support for St. Francis Wildlife.

Donation to St. Francis Wildlife Assoc. suggested.

Reservations required; call Native Nurseries at (850)386-8882. Space is limited; please carpool.

(Winning raffle tickets will be drawn at 8:15 pm. Winners need not be present at drawing.)

No purchase or contribution necessary to enter. Raffle ticket price is a minimum suggested donation. Write to St. Francis Wildlife Assoc. for more information.
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1. One night at Wakulla Springs Lodge, Wakulla Springs State Park, dinner for 2 at the Lodge, a river boat tour for 2. Experience pristine Florida. Value, \$200.

2. Two nights at Turtle Beach Inn Bed & Breakfast, Port St. Joe, FL. Upscale, certified Green Lodging inn sits on stilts between pines and cabbage palms on its own unspoiled Gulf beach. Value, \$400.

3. Two nights at Highland Falls Cabins, Blairsville, GA. Nestled on a North Georgia mountain ridge beside rushing Coosa Creek. Spend the day exploring waterfalls and hiking the Appalachian Trail. Value, \$334.

4. Spa Package at So Pure Salon & Spa Treat yourself to a luxurious massage and facial, then a haircut and deep conditioning by a master stylist. Value \$265.

5. Release a Raptor It's magic to hold a rehabilitated hawk or owl in your hands and set her free. Value, priceless.

6. Wilderness Way Wacissa River to Cedar Island Kayak Trip for two. Includes kayaks and gear, a knowledgeable guide and transportation. About 2.5 hours. Value, \$100.

7. Wilderness Way Sunset Paddle at Shell Point Beach for two. Includes kayaks and gear, a knowledgeable guide and transportation. About 2.5 hours. Value, \$100.

8. Wilderness Way Manatee Observation Kayak Tour for two. Includes kayaks and gear, a knowledgeable guide and transportation. About 2.5 hours. Value, \$100.

9. Wilderness Way St. Marks River Rise to Newport Kayak Tour for two. Includes kayaks and gear, a knowledgeable guide and transportation. About 2.5 hours. Value, \$100.

10. One-night at The Highlands House B&B, Santa Rosa Beach, FL. Two-story antebellum-style B&B overlooking the emerald green Gulf of Mexico. (Nov. 2015 - Feb. 2016). Value, \$223.

11. 2 tickets to Lion Country Safari, Loxahatchee, FL. Spend the day on safari with over 900 animals. Value, \$74

12. DoubleNest Hammock from Trail & Ski. Your path to relaxation — big enough for two, palatial for one. Value, \$75.

13. Tranquil Garden Water Feature from Native Nurseries. Includes 31-inch wide bowl, copper dripper fountain head and pump, along with rocks. Value, \$205.

Call me “Bird Mama!”

By Cecil Torres-Castro

Photo by Sandy Beck

Any day, April through October, at St. Francis Wildlife, you will find hundreds of orphaned babies, in addition to the usual injured and sick adults. Staff and volunteers work around-the-clock — their reward, a privileged peak at young wild lives unfolding.

At St. Francis Wildlife, my job title is “wildlife caretaker for orphaned baby birds” This requires learning about their natural diet and feeding behavior and then mimicking it the best that I can. The task requires dedication, patience, diligence, and lots of love.

All the orphaned baby songbirds that arrive at St. Francis Wildlife are brought to the Baby Bird Room. The youngest babies spend a few days in the incubator, which simulates the perfect warmth of their mother’s body. When they are a little older, nestlings are separated into different enclosures by species, so, for example, all the Blue Jays will see, hear and focus on others just like themselves. This helps the animals to imprint on each other, rather than on the humans who feed them. When they are almost ready to “leave the nest” (fledge), the fledglings are moved to a large outdoor aviary to exercise their flight muscles and learn to forage for their own food.

I have learned more from watching these birds grow up than I expected. That was the case recently with a pair of Blue Jays. Looking at them, the first words that come to mind are

“delicate,
fragile
and



completely
dependent.” But

what you soon learn is how resilient and tough these little birds can be; after all, they were created to live in the wild.

At a very young age, Blue Jays already show their intelligence, keen observation skills, and individual personalities. It is always fun to watch how surprised and excited these songbirds become when they try a new fruit or seed or welcome a new Blue Jay to their little enclosure.

They are also quick to show their dislike for certain foods or other birds with a puffed up crest and glaring eyes. These antics are so much fun to watch, so although this is a job, it does not feel like it.

I will never forget how, when it was time for them to experience the outdoors for the first time, the Blue Jays considered their new world from every angle and sang with pleasure. Their crests relaxed, their little eyes opened wide, and I thought, “these were never my babies.”

When we see the Blue Jays and many other orphaned baby birds (about 1,000 every year) flourish into capable, independent, grown-up birds, and then set them free to once again take their place in nature, we know we have accomplished our objective, and our hearts swell with pride and joy. It is a privilege to have been a small part of their lives — an experience anyone would treasure.

The Blue Jay, a close relative of crows, is a highly intelligent, resourceful and strikingly beautiful bird with bright blue wings, tail and crest and a black necklace.

It can do a remarkable imitation of the call of whatever raptor shares its habitat — Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, or even a Mississippi Kite — possibly to trick other birds into thinking that a predator is near and frighten them away from a favorite food source.

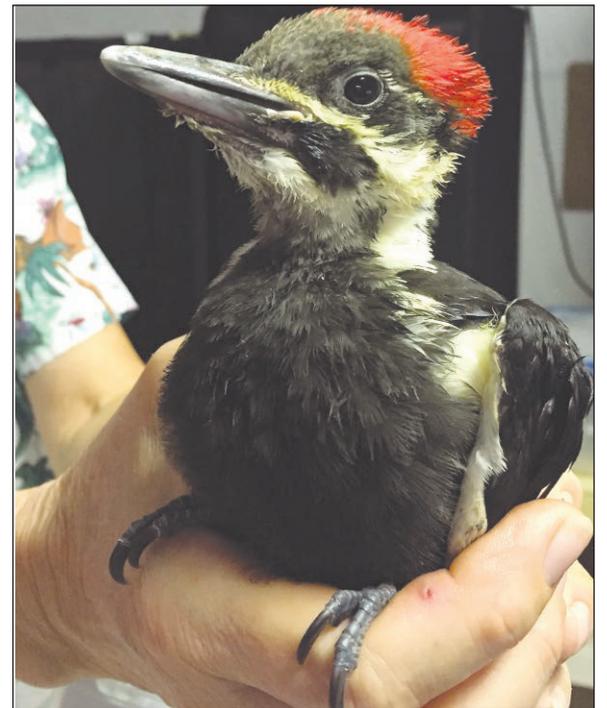
Photo on left is of a Blue Jay fledging currently in our Baby Bird Room.



Who is that masked woman?!

The photo on the left is of an adorable six-day-old nestling Red-shouldered Hawk who fell from its nest. To keep the eyes (baby hawk) from hearing her voice or seeing her face and imprinting on humans, wildlife caretaker Mary Krehely wears a “camouflage mask” when feeding it.

PHOTOS/Sandy Beck



This Pileated Woodpecker fledgling looks like a giant next to all the other babies in the Baby Bird Room!

Turtles are on the move now — here's how to help them

By Sandy Beck

Walking my dog by the shore of Lake Jackson, I noticed a family standing nearby with a box turtle. My eyes widened. "Wait!" I shouted.

The turtle they were intending to "set free" was suspended in mid-air, legs wiggling.

"Hi. I see you've rescued a turtle, but you can't drop it in the water, I said."

They looked confused. "Why not? It's a turtle, isn't it?"

Sink or swim — all turtles are not created equal

Most of Florida's 26 turtle species would be grateful to be rescued from a busy road and escorted to the nearby water body to which they were headed. But while no turtles can breathe under water (all hold their breath), two terrestrial species might actually drown.

Box turtles (photo on Page 1) prefer moist, forested areas or pine flatwoods with nearby streams. When threatened, this turtle pulls in its head, tail and legs and uses the hinge on its plastron (lower shell) to snap its shell tightly closed, like a box. Box turtles will drink and



PHOTO/Sandy Beck

soak at the shallow edge of a stream or pond.

The gopher tortoise (photo above), now a "threatened" species in Florida, is our other terrestrial "land turtle." It lives in upland areas with sandy soil. Both the box turtle and

gopher tortoise, if dropped into deep water by a well-meaning rescuer, may tire after paddling a bit and drown.

The shape of the shell gives helpful clues to where a turtle lives. Terrestrial turtles and tortoises have a higher, dome-shaped shell. Most aquatic turtles have flatter, streamlined shells that slide easily through the water, like this yellow-bellied slider recovering at our hospital from a car collision, pictured below.



PHOTO/Tara Tanaka

Box turtles can live 100 years and gopher tortoises can live 60 years, but it's not easy to dodge cars or evade dogs — who think you're a chew toy — when you move at a turtle's pace.

Turtles don't need Google Maps

This is turtle courting season, and many of them are braving our roads to look for a mate or lay eggs. If you're the kind of person who will rescue a turtle (bless you!), safely carry it across the road in the same direction it was going, or it will turn around and cross the road again (turtles pee when they are upset, so hold it out in front of you).

You can also slide your car mat beneath a large turtle and push it to the side of the road. Resist the urge to move it to what you think is a better habitat; turtles have a powerful homing instinct and will try to find their way back.

Unfortunately, many turtles are not lucky enough to cross safely, either on their own power or with our help. People bring us hundreds of turtles with cracked shells, fractured legs, and worse. Most of it is accidental.

Cold-blooded murder

I stopped to help a large gopher tortoise across Orange Avenue. Before I got out of my car, a driver intentionally sped up, aimed his tire at the tortoise and crushed it. I should have gotten the license number, but I was in shock.

Bill Cotterell, best known for his political commentary in the *Tallahassee Democrat*, is also an animal lover. A few months ago, he stopped to help a turtle across Buck Lake Road. "... but before I could get from my car, some slob behind me deliberately changed lanes and splattered the poor thing," Mr. Cotterell wrote in a Facebook post.

Unfortunately, intentional turtle murder happens more than one would imagine. An article in *Outdoor Indiana* reported that in 2012, a Clemson University student placed a plastic turtle in the middle of a busy road and hid behind a bush. Within an hour, eight drivers swerved to hit it. One in every 50 drivers tried to run over his "decoy turtles."

What can you do if you witness someone intentionally trying to hit a turtle or other wildlife?

Gregg Morton, a Tallahassee attorney who has worked on animal cruelty cases, has this advice: "If you got the license plate number and could tell they intentionally hit the turtle, they would potentially be guilty of animal cruelty under 828.12, Fla. Stat., and you could file a police report."

The intent was apparent in the despicable acts that both Bill Cotterell and I witnessed.

"There's also an issue with the statute in that cruelty requires the person's act to result in a 'cruel death,'" Morton said.

Because turtles can live and suffer for a long time after being hit, that's as cruel as it gets.

Become a turtle crossing guard

Studying these photos and others in reptile field guides will help you distinguish between terrestrial and aquatic turtles. To be sure, don't put any turtle in water deeper than its shell. And don't forget to hold it way out in front of you.

Also, please report any crimes against animals. The more people who do, the more likely officials will begin to take it seriously.

As we deepen
our imprint on
the natural world,
we increase
our responsibility
for it.

E. O. Wilson



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We present more than 60 Wild Classroom programs each year. Our programs feature live birds of prey and reptiles from St. Francis Wildlife and promote an appreciation and understanding of native wildlife. Post-program lesson plans are available for teachers. During the school year, our calendar fills up quickly, so we recommend scheduling early.

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Or choose a specific outdoor space on our 36-acre wildlife sanctuary, such as the Songbird Aviary where orphaned fledglings are prepared for release, one of the large enclosures in which recovered birds of prey exercise their flight muscles, or Squirrel Haven where adolescent squirrels are slowly acclimated to a natural habitat. Annual renewals are encouraged.

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For more information, contact Pat Simmons, patsimmons@stfranciswildlife.org.

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Possum Square	Wildlife Patient Admission Room
Raccoon Alley	
Turtle Way	\$1,000
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\$1,500	Reptile Room
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Owl Crossing	\$1,500
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Owl Flight Cage	Baby Songbird Room
Songbird Aviary	
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\$3,000	Bird of Prey Room
\$5,000	Examination and Surgery Room
The entire wildlife habitat trail	\$5,000
Wildlife Hospital	The entire hospital (plaque at the entrance)
\$500	
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Now, three convenient Tallahassee locations to drop off wildlife to St. Francis Wildlife

By Sandy Beck

For more than three decades, Northwood Animal Hospital, located at 1881 N. Martin Luther King Blvd. in Tallahassee, has allowed the Tallahassee community to drop off orphaned and injured wildlife at their facility. Our staff and volunteers then pick up these animals and transport them to our own wildlife hospital, four miles northwest of Havana, FL. Because Northwood is an emergency pet clinic, open 24/7, residents can also drop off wildlife there 24/7.

However, getting wildlife in need to us just got even more convenient for area residents. **In addition to Northwood Animal Hospital, we now have two new dropoff locations in Tallahassee: Allied Veterinary Emergency Clinic at 2324 Centerville Rd. and North Florida Animal Hospital at 2701 N Monroe St.**

North Florida Animal Hospital is open for business 7 am to 7 pm, Monday to Thursday; 7 am to 6 pm on Friday; and 7 am to noon on Saturday. NFAH's Dr. George Simmons is a former St. Francis Wildlife board member.

Like Northwood, **Allied Veterinary Emergency Clinic is open 24/7** for both pet emergencies and accepting wildlife. **Dr. Mitch Potter**, the medical director of Allied, is also a new member of the St. Francis Wildlife board of directors.

Dr. Potter attended Auburn University Veterinary School and completed a residency in emergency and critical care. He serves as the president of the Big Bend Veterinary Medical Association and is active in the Florida Veterinary Medical Association, leading the area Political Action Team. In just a short time, Dr. Potter's medical expertise, resources and generosity have proved invaluable to St. Francis Wildlife.

Of course, you can also take wildlife straight to St. Francis Wildlife; for directions, go to www.stfranciswildlife.org, or call us at (850) 627-4151. If you are not sure if the animal needs to be rescued, call us for advice. Never handle a rabies vector, such as a raccoon or fox; always call us. There is no charge for taking a wild animal to us, although a donation is always appreciated.



Dr. Mitch Potter with Rudy, our Red-shouldered Hawk. PHOTO/Sandy Beck

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An Evening of Dessert & Eco-Dance at Native Nurseries.

FSU dancers, poetry, live music, desserts, coffee and a drawing for 13 summer get-aways to soothe your soul. **Details on Page 4** and at www.stfranciswildlife.org.

Saturday, July 25, 9:30am - 12:30 pm
St. Francis WildlifeFest

Get wild with St. Francis Wildlife at beautiful White Dog Plantation. **Details on Page 3** and at www.stfranciswildlife.org.

First Saturday of every month, noon - 1pm
 Behind-the-scenes visit at St. Francis Wildlife. Details at www.stfranciswildlife.org.

Last Saturday of every month, about 8:15am
 St. Francis Wildlife "Critter Interview" on the WCTV Good Morning Show (Comcast 9).

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Gift Certificates

- Stone's, Lowe's or Home Depot
- Native Nurseries
- Wild Birds Unlimited
- Panhandle Pet Supply
- Costco
- Squirrelsandmore.com
- Foxvalleynutrition.com
- Walmart

Food/Feeding

- Unsalted peanuts in the shell
- Raw, hard-shelled nuts, like walnuts, pecans, hickory
- 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 — peanut butter kind only
- Plant pot saucers, plastic or ceramic
- Heavy stoneware food bowls

Cleaning Supplies

- Laundry liquid detergent (unscented)
- Bleach, unscented
- Heavy-duty 39 gallons trash bags
- Paper towels
- Dish soap
- Pine Sol
- Odoban
- Scotch-brite heavy duty scrub sponges
- Surgical gloves (medium size)
- Hand sanitizer
- Rakes

Animal Housing

- Heavy duty hoses
- 10-gallon aquarium tanks with tops
- Heating pads, not automatic shut-off
- Humane live traps
- Baby blankets
- Unfrayed T-shirts, sweatshirts, pillow cases, top sheets, towels, baby blankets. No buttons, zippers, elastic.
- Soft toilet paper or soft tissue

Maintenance

- Lumber: plywood, 1x2s, 2x4s, etc.
- Nails, screws, tools
- Hardware cloth

Office

- Sticky notes
- Clip boards

Medical Supplies

- Alcohol
- Cotton balls
- Johnson and Johnson waterproof tape
- Penlights
- Q-tips
- Sterile gauze
- Sterile insulin syringes — 1 cc or 30 units (29G, 30G)
- Sterile needles for injection — 27G, 25G (1/2 inch long, 3/4 inch long)
- Sterile syringes for injection (from 1 cc to 100 cc)
- Surgical gloves (small or medium)
- Tissue adhesive
- Vet Wrap

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- Golf cart
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• Call us at **850.627.4151**
8:30am to 5pm.

• After 5pm, call our "After-hours Rescue Hotline," **850.933.2735.**



- Take it to our wildlife hospital, 4 miles NW of Havana, between 8:30 AM and 5 PM. Directions at www.stfranciswildlife.org.
- Take it, 24/7, to the Northwood Animal Hospital, 1881 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Tallahassee or to Allied Emergency Veterinary Clinic, 2324 Centerville Rd., Tallahassee.
- Take it, during their regular, daytime business hours to North Florida Animal Hospital at 2701 N Monroe St., Tallahassee.

Important Information

- Transport wildlife in a warm, dark box with holes punched in the lid. Place an old t-shirt or blanket in the box, not a towel. Keep it quiet, and handle it as little as possible.
- NEVER feed it or give it water.
- NEVER handle raccoons, foxes, bats or any mammals (even babies) that could carry rabies. CALL US. Squirrels, opossums and rabbits are very uncommon rabies vectors.
- When calling to report an animal injured on a road, note exactly where it is, i.e. "1.4 miles west of exit 27 on the north side of I-10," and, if possible, leave a marker, such as a towel tied to a tree limb.

For more information about wildlife rescue:

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