

It's Raining Babies!

As you know, spring is the busiest time of year for the Rideau Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. I'm so glad that there are loyal supporters like you, who we can count on during this challenging season.

In just the past two months, we have admitted more than 400 orphaned and injured mammals, including these baby foxes. They were living as a family in a den under someone's deck in the country just east of Ottawa. The homeowners were fine with them being there. But, one day they heard gunshots and - tragically - the parents stopped coming back.

After a few days, they were able to trap two of the kits and they brought them to the sanctuary. The kits were dehydrated and underweight, but I'm happy to report that after receiving some fluids, electrolytes and meds, they are now doing well.



I'm so grateful to people like you, who continue to support the animals and make it possible for us to rehabilitate them.

Saving an orphaned baby animal's life costs money, and, because most of the animals are in our care for months, the expense is ongoing.

This spring, our goal is to raise \$30,000 during a "wildlife baby shower" appeal to care for and support the hundreds of injured and orphaned wildlife that come through our doors. I know that, together, we can achieve it.

Can you make a donation today to our wildlife baby shower to provide the care, formula and food for these animals that will need life-saving help?

I'm also so happy to tell you that your gift will have **TWICE the impact**, thanks to two generous donors who will match the first \$10,000 raised!

Because of the match, your gift of:

- **\$30 becomes \$60 and covers the cost of a veterinary examination and one x-ray**
- **\$50 becomes \$100 and purchases supplies to build 15 nesting boxes**
- **\$100 becomes \$200 and provides formula for a litter of raccoons for four weeks**

Thank you for your kindness towards wildlife in need. Because of you, they will get a second chance at life.



Linda Laurus
Founder and Director

2017 Open House – June 3-4, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Come see the foxes and hundreds of other wildlife at our annual Open House. It will take place in conjunction with Doors Open Ottawa on June 3-4, 2017, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Our address is 3370 Mulholland Rd, North Gower.

There will be tours of the wildlife centre, displays, musicians, a silent auction, bake sale, bar-b-q, kid's games and more. It is a family friendly event so please bring the kids! Although we love all animals, please leave pets at home. Admission is free, although we gratefully accept donations and items from our wishlist. Registration is not required. Parking is available on the street and we will have shuttles to bring you to the wildlife centre. [Read more.](#)

Wildlife Patients You've Saved!

Heavy equipment at a construction site unintentionally disturbed a den and this baby coyote was the only survivor. But because of the support of donors like you, she is safe and comfortable. Apart from being dehydrated, she is healthy and drinking formula four times a day. She'll be housed with other coyote pups in a natural setting.



A group of schoolkids found this tiny eastern grey squirrel. Her arm was broken. Now healing well, she is rooming with a few littermates.



This yearling skunk was found curled up on a porch in the winter. Clinging to life, we immediately warmed him up and provided fluid therapy. Before long, he got his skunk spunk back, gained weight and was released this spring.



“Donna” is one of several orphaned raccoons who arrived at RVWS because a momma coon, whose babies were removed from a house, did not manage to retrieve all of her young. Such a shame, but we can give her a second chance thanks to your help.



Helping Ontario's Turtles – A Conservation Effort

With seven of eight Ontario turtle species at risk, and the fact that they take from 8 to 25 years to mature and lay eggs, saving even one adult turtle can have an impact on species survival.

Sadly, turtle mortality is primarily due to habitat loss and road accidents. Females cross roads to lay eggs on dry land, and males often move between aquatic territories.

Once in a rehabilitation setting, injured turtles receive life-saving fluids, pain medication (those shell injuries hurt!), antibiotics as required, and temporary stabilization of shell fractures. Over the course of the next few days, the shell fractures are more permanently stabilized with wire, glue or cable ties to allow the bone to fuse and heal, just as our bones do (it just takes a lot longer to heal with cold-blooded turtles).

You can help turtles cross the road by moving them in the direction they are headed. If you find a turtle with a cracked shell or other injury, please put it on a towel in a container, and contact your local rehabber. It's amazing the injuries that these creatures can survive, far more than their mammal counterparts.



Leaving a Legacy for the Animals

Generosity comes in many forms, and it's often the best way for you to support important causes that matter the most in your life.

RVWS and the wildlife we serve have been the grateful and unexpected recipient of bequested gifts in the last two years.

You can also create your own legacy with a bequest, charitable gift or another form of planned giving, and know that your gift will be helping wildlife to live healthier, happier lives for many years to come.

Our Wishlist

facial tissues, paper towels
large towels, pillow cases
dish soap, laundry detergent
crazy glue, 5-min epoxy
striped sunflower seeds

receiving blankets, fleece
paper towels, tissues
hand sanitizer
dry dog food
in-shell almonds, filberts, walnuts



Please **MATCH** my wildlife baby shower gift and **DOUBLE MY IMPACT!**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PROV _____ PC _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

EMAIL (OPTIONAL) _____

Sign me up for e-news, full of updates, photos and tips. We will never share or sell your contact information with anyone.

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Please accept my single gift monthly gift (credit card only)

\$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

My cheque is enclosed Charge my credit card

CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRY _____

NAME ON CARD _____

SIGNATURE _____

THANK YOU for making a difference and giving wildlife a second chance!