

Miracle Patient of the Year

On September 2nd we received a call from Ed Sloick, who lived on Onondaga Blvd. in Syracuse. He had found a large adult female great horned owl in his back yard. She was down on the ground and had not moved in over a day. This was obviously not normal owl behavior and we agreed to take her. When she arrived at Kindred Kingdoms, we found her to be too weak to stand, dehydrated and extremely anemic. She also had an eye injury in her right eye. We administered fluids and examined her physically to see if we could palpate any obvious fractures. When we found none, we called Dr. Hoerner at Liverpool Animal Health Center to see if x-rays and blood work would give us any more information. She conducted a full avian panel that was sent out to labs for analysis. Soon the result came in and we were shocked to find that not only did she test positive for West Niles Virus, but her blood also contained a blood parasite called haemoproteus, which is the cause of avian malaria. A second parasite, called leucocytozoons, was also detected. A regimen of medications was prescribed. Since she was too weak to eat on her own, we had to tube feed her with Critical Care for Carnivores, several times a day. One morning, when we approached her habitat, she was standing. We then offered her tiny pieces of cut up liver that was rich in iron and easy to digest. She ate it readily. Pretty soon, she was picking up her own liver from the bowl. We then offered her small mice. She had really gotten her appetite back. We noticed that the inside of her mouth and tongue began to show normal pink color, not the snow white we had initially seen. When she began to get feisty and difficult to handle, we transferred her to our outside flight cage, where she could be conditioned for release. Since she had an eye injury, we wanted to be sure she could fly well and catch live prey. After she was flying back and forth several times without stress, we filled a swimming pool with live mice and stopped offering her any thawed rodents. Within a day, all the mice were gone. She could fly, she could hunt...she could leave. Knowing she was an adult it was imperative we return her to her mate who was waiting for her somewhere out there. We called her finder and drove her to her home. We found a wonderful release site within walking distance of where she had been found and let her go. Without hesitation she pumped those powerful wings toward the tree line...no thank you, no good-bye, no offer to write. With great satisfaction and joy, we knew she truly was our miracle patient of the year.



In Memorium



We were saddened to say good-bye to a beautiful female bald eagle this year, who had sustained a severe injury to her right wing.

After many x-rays and consultations with veterinarians at Liverpool Animal Health Center and Cornell University, we found the wing to not be repairable. She had been well known in our town for several years and she and her mate had raised many eaglets over that time. Her mate raised the last two offspring on his own until they fledged. May he go on and find another mate in 2021.



DIY

This screech owl is the recipient of one of our home made habitats created to emulate their natural habitat. The exterior is actual bark both donated and scrounged while the inside is padded with baby blankets.



One Shy of a Dozen

Yes, Kindred Kingdoms raised eleven bear cubs this year. They came from the Adirondacks, the Catskills and the Allegheny Plateau. Three had been hit by cars and needed treatment at the Cornell University Wildlife Clinic. All three recovered. The other eight were orphaned and just needed time to grow and hone their climbing skills. Feeding, cleaning, and caring for eleven cubs is truly a challenge. Fortunately, many of our friends and neighbors had gardens and orchards. We were offered boxes of squash, apples, pears, and acorns. We bought them carrots, eggplant and agricultural peanuts. They were also given some puppy chow mixed in this smorgasbord for extra

protein. As summer turned to fall, they really began to beef up, preparing for their pending winter hibernation. When they were ready for release, the DEC biologists came from each region to retrieve them and return them to the area they had come from. They were released in Franklin, Steuben, Cattaraugus, Orange and Rockland Counties. Farwell little ones, we wish you well.

Double Trouble



A pair of Barred and screech owls also spent some time with us.

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