



The Wildlife Center of Virginia

2011 Annual Report

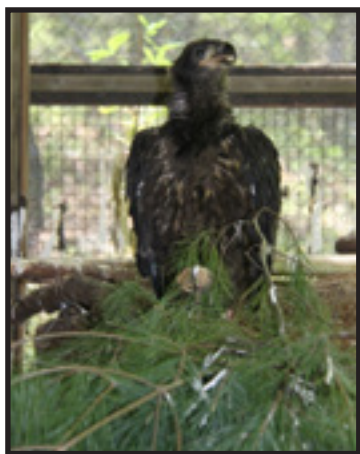
Buddy 2011



The Center veterinary team examining the three eaglets on arrival.



The "Rock Stars" in their nest.



NX in December 2011.

Cover art: An untitled painting created in 2011 by Buddy, the Center's resident Bald Eagle. Buddy expressed himself by walking and hopping across a palette of non-toxic, washable paints onto a large sheet of paper.

The Wildlife Center of Virginia, a hospital for native wildlife ...

2011 Patient Total: 2,644 injured, ailing, or orphaned animals

**Including ... three Bald Eagles
that came to be known as the "Rock Stars."**

Here's their story ...

■ The Hatching

Three Bald Eagles hatched in mid-March at a nest at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. They became worldwide celebrities through an internet-based nest and were known individually as NV, NX, and NZ, the ID codes on their bands.

On April 26, the eaglets' mother was struck and killed by a plane landing at the nearby Norfolk airport. Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries biologists determined that removing the eaglets from their nest and bringing them to the Wildlife Center would give the young birds their best chance of survival.

■ ■ The Arrival

The birds were admitted to the Center the next day. And with them came an unprecedented level of public interest and support from eagle and wildlife fans around the world.

In partnership with WVEC-TV, the Center installed a live web-cam ... and thousands of eagle lovers of all ages watched the eagles grow and develop their flying and landing skills.

The eaglets spent their first few weeks in a surrogate nest, designed and hand-built by Center staff and volunteers. The eagles then moved to a refurbished 100-foot flight pen.

By mid-July, the eaglets were flying well and ready for release. Also ready for release were two other young Bald Eagles – one admitted to the Center from Hampton in early June, and one found, tangled in netting, at the King and Queen County landfill.

■ ■ ■ The Release(s)

The release of these five Bald Eagles – the first-ever quintuple eagle release in the Center's nearly 30-year history – took place on July 27 at the historic Berkeley Plantation, on the James River below Richmond. More than 1,000 eagles-fans from 30 states ... and beyond ... came to Berkeley for the release.

Four of the five releases went off without a hitch. One eagle – NX – wasn't quite ready to soar and came back to the Center for another month of care and development. She was released again on August 30 at Berkeley and was equipped with a transmitter – designed to provide periodic GPS updates on her location.

Eagle fans tracked NX's travels through the Center's website. After spending a few days near Berkeley, she took off to the northeast – first to King and Queen County, then on to Northumberland County, where she spent the fall.

■ ■ ■ ■ The Story Continues ...

On December 1, NX was found in the road near the Ophelia, VA Post Office; she was admitted to the Center on December 2. NX suffered a broken coracoid and some other abrasions – all consistent with the theory that NX was struck by a car.

As this 2011 Annual Report goes to press, NX continues to recuperate at the Wildlife Center. Check our website – www.wildlifecenter.org – for updates.

**2,644 patients.
2,644 stories.
Here are a few:**



291 Eastern Cottontail Rabbits, including one rabbit rescued on July 3 from a swimming pool in Augusta County;

376 Eastern Gray Squirrels, including 91 young squirrels injured, orphaned, or displaced by Hurricane Irene and admitted en masse in late August;

246 Virginia Opossums, including four non-releasable animals that have become residents and part of the Center's corps of environmental ambassadors – Bert, Ernie, Percy, and Thelma;

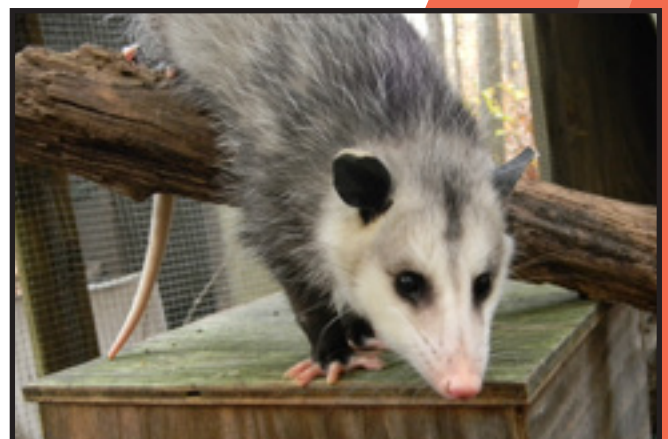
53 Common Snapping Turtles, including 29 newly hatched turtles washed up onto the parking lot of the Waynesboro Rescue Squad in August;

2 Golden Eagles rescued from leghold traps in Craig County;

19 Turkey Vultures, including one bird that became entangled in a soccer net; and

3 Dark-eyed Juncos, including one bird rescued from a glue trap.

For more information about patients treated at the Wildlife Center, visit www.wildlifecenter.org.



2011 patient admissions

Mammals [1,253 patients]

Allegheny Woodrat	2
American Beaver	1
Big Brown Bat	9
Black Bear	3
Deer Mouse	18
Eastern Chipmunk	9
Eastern Cottontail Rabbit	291
Eastern Fox Squirrel	20
Eastern Gray Squirrel	376
Eastern Pipistrelle	1
Eastern Red Bat	3
Gray Fox	7
Hoary Bat	1
House Mouse	31
Little Brown Bat	7
Long-tailed Weasel	1
Mink	3
Muskrat	1
Norway Rat	1
Raccoon	58
Red Bat	2
Red Fox	16
Short-tailed Shrew	1
Silver-haired Bat	2
Southern Flying Squirrel	12
Striped Skunk	25
Virginia Opossum	246
White-footed Mouse	5
White-tailed Deer	80
Woodchuck	21

Reptiles and Amphibians [196]

American Toad	4
California Kingsnake	1
California Treefrog	1
Common Snapping Turtle	53
Eastern Box Turtle	92
Eastern Gartersnake	1
Eastern Hog-nosed Snake	2
Eastern Musk Turtle	2
Eastern Painted Turtle	12
Eastern Ratsnake	18

New Mexico Milk Snake	1
Northern Black Racer	2
Northern Ring-necked Snake	2
Red Cornsnake	1
Rough Greensnake	1
Yellow-bellied Slider	3

Raptors [279]

American Kestrel	8
Bald Eagle	36
Barn Owl	2
Barred Owl	17
Black Vulture	10
Broad-winged Hawk	13
Cooper's Hawk	24
Eastern Screech-Owl	48
Golden Eagle	2
Great Horned Owl	17
Harris's Hawk	1
Merlin	1
Osprey	8
Peregrine Falcon	2
Red-shouldered Hawk	18
Red-tailed Hawk	47
Sharp-shinned Hawk	6
Turkey Vulture	19

Passerines (Songbirds) [644]

Acadian Flycatcher	2
American Crow	38
American Goldfinch	9
American Robin	128
American Tree Sparrow	2
Barn Swallow	8
Blackburnian Warbler	1
Blackpoll Warbler	1
Blue Jay	44
Brown Thrasher	3
Brown-headed Cowbird	2
Carolina Wren	8
Cedar Waxwing	12
Chickadee	6
Chipping Sparrow	3

Common Grackle	42
Common Yellowthroat	1
Dark-eyed Junco	3
Eastern Bluebird	13
Eastern Kingbird	1
Eastern Phoebe	5
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1
European Starling	69
Gray Catbird	18
Hermit Thrush	1
House Finch	25
House Sparrow	49
House Wren	41
Indigo Bunting	2
Louisiana Waterthrush	1
Northern Cardinal	24
Northern Mockingbird	25
Pine Siskin	1
Purple Finch	1
Red-eyed Vireo	2
Rufous-sided Towhee	1
Savannah Sparrow	1
Scarlet Tanager	2
Song Sparrow	3
Swainson's Thrush	1
Tufted Titmouse	7
Unidentified Passerine	23
White-breasted Nuthatch	4
White-crowned Sparrow	1
White-eyed Vireo	1
White-throated Sparrow	1
Winter Wren	2
Wood Thrush	2
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	3

Other Birds [272]

American Coot	3
American Woodcock	3
Canada Goose	26
Chimney Swift	22
Common Loon	4
Common Nighthawk	2
Domestic Dove	4
Downy Woodpecker	1
Great Blue Heron	11
Green Heron	1
Green-winged Teal	5
Hairy Woodpecker	1
Horned Grebe	1
Killdeer	3
Laughing Gull	1
Least Bittern	1
Mallard Duck	47
Mourning Dove	49
Northern Flicker	7
Pied-billed Grebe	1
Pileated Woodpecker	7
Purple Martin	3
Red-bellied Woodpecker	7
Red-headed Woodpecker	6
Ring-billed Gull	1
Rock Pigeon	16
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	13
Ruddy Duck	2
Ruffed Grouse	1
Sora	3
Western Grebe	1
Wild Turkey	6
Wood Duck	8
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	5





During 2011, through the generosity of our community of supporters, the Center has acquired new medical equipment, new and improved outdoor animal enclosures, and launched new web-based outreach initiatives.

New Medical Equipment:

- Therapeutic laser unit [laser treatment, designed to promote healing]
- Veterinary endoscope [used in diagnosing soft-tissue injuries, pinpointing locations of ingested fishhooks, etc.]
- Fastank [water tank for oiled and injured waterfowl]
- Digital radiology unit, providing faster and significantly more detailed x-rays of patients large and small

Outdoor Enclosures:

- Refurbishing of A-1 and A-2 flight pens [used by eagles and other large raptors]
- Construction of A-3 [new flight pen]
- Construction of new, permanent home for Buddy [resident Bald Eagle] [photo above]
- Refurbishing of other outdoor flight pens
- New walkways and benches

Web-based Outreach: launch of *Critter Cam*, providing live, web-based coverage of Center patients, with moderated discussion.

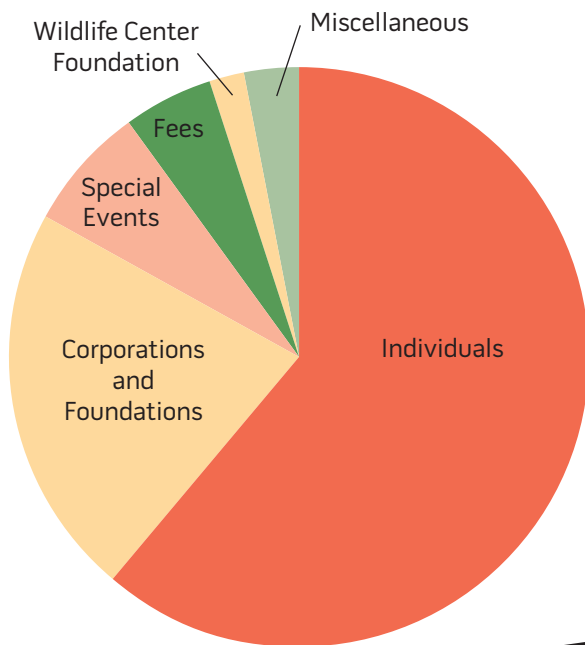
These projects were made possible through a “Big Idea” grant received from the Chase Community Foundation; a grant from the Merck Foundation; proceeds from the sale of the 2011 *Garden of Eagles* calendar; and the special support of other generous donors. Thank you!

The Wildlife Center keeps a “wish list” of new medical equipment, new enclosures, etc. For additional information, please contact Randy Huwa at 540.942.9453 or rhuwa@wildlifecenter.org.

Financials

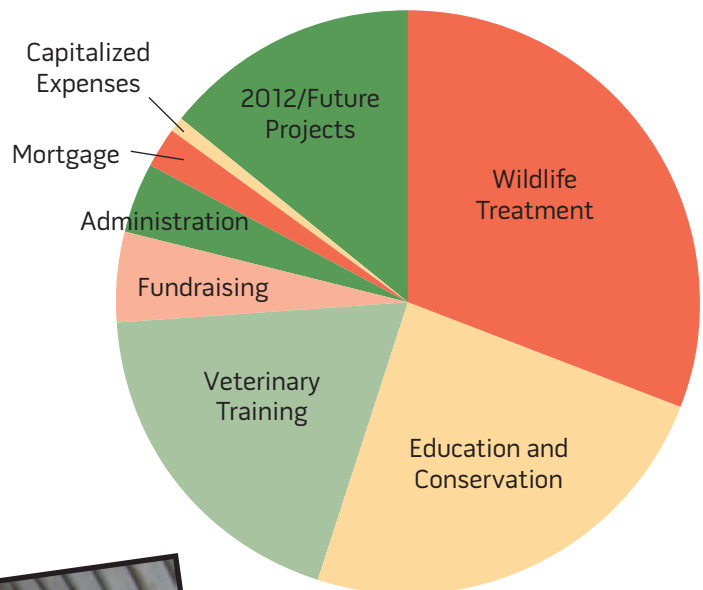
The Wildlife Center of Virginia is a 501(c)(3) organization that depends primarily on private donations – not federal, state, or local government funding – for its programs and services. The Center works hard to be an effective and efficient non-profit – we strive to keep our administrative and fundraising costs to a minimum, so that we can do the best job possible as a wildlife hospital and education center.

Revenue		
Individuals	\$948,347	62%
Corporations and Foundations	\$340,555	22%
Special Events [net]	\$100,576	7%
Fees	\$69,534	4%
Wildlife Center Foundation	\$34,000	2%
Sales/miscellaneous	\$47,773	3%
TOTAL	\$1,540,785	100%



Expense		
Wildlife Treatment*	\$481,865	31%
Education and Conservation	\$374,873	24%
Veterinary Training	\$297,164	19%
Fundraising	\$84,471	5%
Administration	\$63,731	4%
Mortgage	\$23,448	2%
Capitalized Expenses	\$8,434	1%
2012/Future Projects	\$206,799	14%
TOTAL	\$1,540,785	100%

*Includes equipment purchases and construction costs.



A financial statement for the most recent fiscal year is available upon request from the State Division of Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23209; 1.804.786.1343.

Annual gala benefit

On November 5, 2011, friends of the Wildlife Center gathered at the historic Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton for the Center's 27th Annual Gala Benefit and Auction. We are grateful for the generous support of our sponsors and for the individuals and businesses who donated items for our special silent and live auctions.

A highlight of the evening was meeting some furred and feathered members of the Host Committee – several of the animals who are permanent residents at the Center and who serve as key members of our outreach and education team.

Saturday, November 3, 2012

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us this fall for our 28th Annual Gala Benefit and Auction.

The evening includes a cocktail reception and dinner, both silent and live auctions, and a special opportunity to meet Center supporters and staff – and a hawk or an owl! Proceeds from the evening help support the vital work of the Wildlife Center.

For additional information, please contact Kristen Sluiter at 540.942.9453 or gala@wildlifecenter.org.

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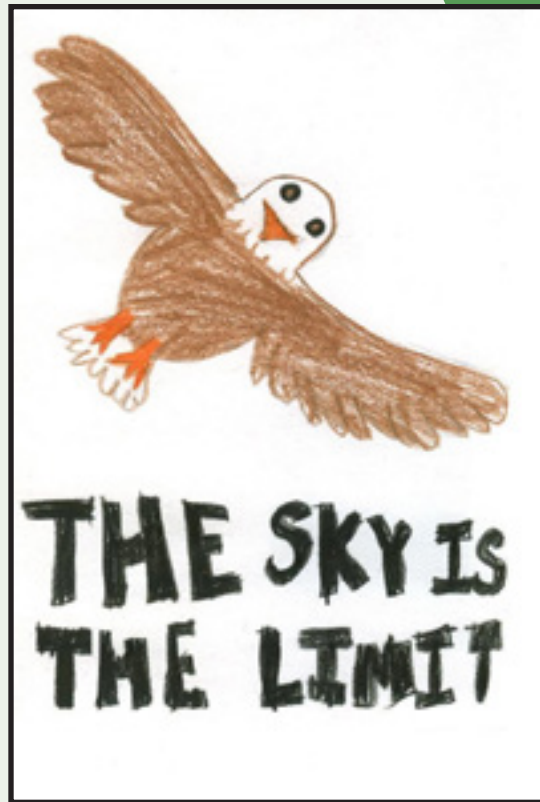
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The saga of the Norfolk eaglets generated an outpouring of cards from children across the nation.





*Dr. Miranda Sadar preparing to release NZ, July 2011.
Photo courtesy of James R. Deal.*

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