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Newsletter of the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

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“Baby Season” in full swing again



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Letter from the Executive Administrator



Christa Threet

The only appropriate way to start my letter to everyone is to say "Thank You." We had a very successful "Night on the Wild Side" on April 12th.

Please call me if you have any questions and I will be happy to talk with you. The number for my office is 806-799-1405 and my email address is christathreet@hotmail.com. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events.

Christa Threet

Note: Christa's Yahoo e-mail account/address book was "hacked" during this last quarter, so please disregard a note from her if you haven't already! Titled, "Bad Moment - I need your Help" was about how her family was stuck in the Philippines after being "mugged" at gunpoint! All bogus. My daughter had a similar experience after she was "mugged in London" on a non-Yahoo account. Be careful!

This success would not have been possible without Kim McPherson and McPherson Cellars who donated the venue and wine. Kyle Abernathie's outstanding music was enjoyed by all. Great food was provided by Ambrosia Catering (David Reed and his staff).

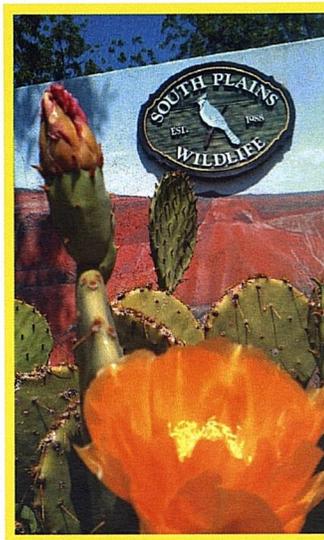
Special thanks also to Randy Laycock and the \$500.00 sponsorship from Lubbock National Bank. Thanks to Bebe McCasland for autographing her books with a personal message to those who came and purchased "The Scoop from Bird Poop." I'd also like to thank everyone who donated silent auction items. The event raised \$4763.61 after expenses. What an amazing outpouring of generosity! We hope to celebrate our 25th anniversary at the Winery next year, so stay tuned for details.

I'm also happy to announce we received a grant from The South Plains Foundation in the amount of \$6000.00 for technology and supplies for the future Education Center. These funds are earmarked to purchase what we need for our nature classes for children ages 5-12 that will be held in the house on the front of the property. More on this to come! We are also receiving some incredible specimens from Lubbock Christian University to teach entomology.

Upcoming Events:

Summer Open House - Saturday June 16, 2012, between 11 AM - 2 PM. We're located at 3308 95th Street, (East side of Indiana at 95th Street). There is ample parking adjacent at Indiana Baptist Church, just to our south.

"Fill the Nest" - June 30, between 11 AM- 2 PM at the United Supermarket "Market Street" location at 50th and Indiana Avenues.



Cactus Bloom along our front wall
(Photo by Kristen Shimek)

Our Junior Volunteer Program will be up and running again for the 8th year in a row beginning when school ends. Gail Barnes spearheads the program that offers younger volunteers a chance to see what goes and help with some aspects of care at SPWRC.

Front Cover:
"Backyard Visitor"
Northern Cardinal by Danny Hancock
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SPWRC holds state and federal permits but receives no funding whatsoever from either regulating agency.

SPWRC operations are maintained through donations, gifts, education programs, quarterly newsletter subscriptions, memorial contributions, "wildlife ambassador" sponsorships and fundraising events. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent the law allows.

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South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center Inc. is located at 3308 95th Street, Lubbock, TX 79423. (95th and Indiana, East side of street).

The SPWRC office can be reached by phone at 806-799-1405, by email at spwrc2@yahoo.com; learn more at our website at www.spwrc.org and follow us on Facebook. You can reach Gail, Kristen or Daniel to schedule a program or community service at 806 799-2142. Christa's email is christathreet@hotmail.com Founder Carol Lee can be reached at spwrc@suddenlink.net

Letter from the Founder



Carol Lee

They say a picture's worth a thousand words, so this issue will be filled with pictures. Sometimes I feel like "Ann Landers of the Bird World" because people send me great photos or e-mail - on a weekly basis: interesting wild-life anecdotes or a bird to ID - and I look forward to them! This last quarter was no exception, and on pages 6-7, I'll share those photos and stories. All contributed photos are used with permission.

Even though I don't raise baby birds anymore, I wouldn't trade those twenty years for anything. I always said caring for wildlife, and especially baby birds, was like a look into Nature's Soul. I don't think a day went by when I didn't have a "special" experience, and I learned new things all the time. Believe it or not, I still have two adult Blue Jays that return every day for food - the same food they were raised on.

Daily I call "Blue" and within a few seconds one comes zooming down the neighborhood so he won't miss breakfast. It's rare when there's no response, but they catch up with me sooner or later. This year, one of the Jays figured out that off and on I'm at my computer in the living room, so he sits out on the patio, looks in the window, and whistles until he gets my attention. So, now there's food out front and back.

I know they probably bring their friends, and I'm certain one or more now has a family. Most interesting, they occasionally (after 3 years!) still flutter their wings as they did when they were fledglings, exhibiting their begging behavior as youngsters do with their parents as they 'beg' to be fed. It's a treat every day to watch their antics, and great to know they still return to say hello. Three Blue Jays have been here at one time and they're always welcome!

Enjoy the photos - there is always a lot going on the Center, regardless of the season, from new projects to interesting patients, activities and events. We sincerely appreciate the community and media support of the last 24 years!

June Open House

June Open House is Saturday, June 16th between 11 AM - 2 PM. The summer event is always in sharp contrast to our December Open House when we have few patients and it's generally quiet at the Center. Summer is exactly the opposite: "Baby season" is in full swing and volunteers are in high gear. We'll have refreshments, and there'll be lots of photo opportunities. We ask \$1.00 donation for every guest over 4 years of age, or bring something from our "Wish List" (on our web page at spwrc.org)

Wildlife biologist and Texas Parks and Wildlife state game warden Mallory Brodrick will speak at noon in our outdoor amphitheater about urban wildlife and wildlife conflicts, so bring your questions or concerns.

There will be crafts and fun things for kids (and adults) to do, and a chance to meet our volunteers and "wildlife ambassadors."

Join us in June for a look behind the scenes!



The "Bottomless Pits" are arriving!

Note: If your donation arrived after May 27th, 2012, it will be acknowledged in our September quarterly newsletter. If your name, gift or other information was inadvertently omitted or incorrect please notify Carol Lee at spwrc@suddenlink.net

News

Operations Manager Kristen Shimek and her husband Evan will be relocating to the Atlanta area at the end of summer where Evan was accepted at Georgia Tech for his PhD program. We hate to lose Kristen, but we're happy for Evan!

The Board of Directors approved the hiring of Daniel Andrews, part-time Operations Manager to fill that position. Daniel has been with SPWRC for over eight years. His part-time position will be filled by Ami Knox, who is also a Texas Tech student.

Dr. Mark Wallace, Texas Tech University, will return as a Board Advisor. Mark is also a past Board President.

Thank you Bayer
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Midtown Printing



Thanks once again to Bayer CropScience for their gift of \$2,000, earmarked to help with production costs of our quarterly *Mockingbird Chronicles*. The newsletter is our conduit to donors, friends, and the public since 1995. I believe it's important for donors to know what is being done with their funds and provide an overview of what we're doing beyond wildlife care and rehabilitation.

Sadly, Dennis Brothers of Lubbock, our printer for the past few years, closed their doors this spring. Midtown Printing, John and Patti Frullo and staff have agreed to fill our need to publish our quarterly newsletters in the future, and we are very appreciative!

NEWS and NOTES



If you find a baby bird, go to our website at spwrc.org and read "Baby Birds 101."

It should answer your questions about "rescue" vs. "kidnap" and what to do if a youngster is injured or in harm's way.



Pat and Jim Harris (standing) chat with friends during their Anniversary Celebration

About forty friends and family members gathered May 9th at the Lubbock Women's Club for the 55th "Double Nickel" Wedding Anniversary Celebration of Board Member, Treasurer and friend, Pat Harris and her husband Jim.

It was a lovely evening with champagne, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, music and fun. Pat is a CPA and was with Mason, Warner & Company, P.C. until her retirement several years ago. Pat has been on our Board since our inception.

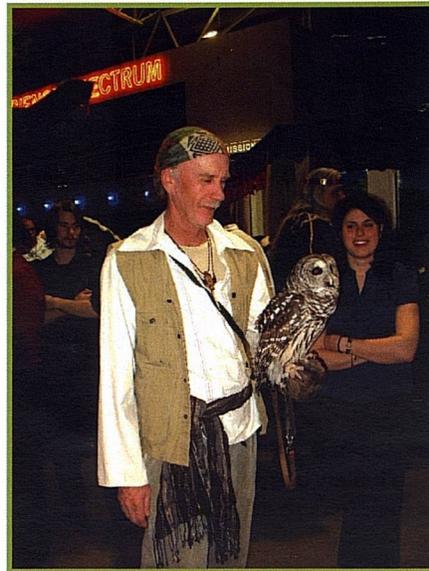
We wish them many more anniversaries to come!

On March 2nd, Carol and Rob Lee took "Shadow" the owl to the Science Spectrum for the DaVinci Exhibit gala. Leonardo DaVinci was an artist, inventor, engineer, scientist, biologist, architect and philosopher to name a few of his accomplishments.

Many folks were in period costumes, and "Shadow" made the rounds so visitors could learn about Barred Owls.

Shadow was also one of the most photographed guests at the event!

We thank Alan and Sandy Henry for including us in this fun evening!



"Shadow" turned heads as she made the rounds and visited guests at the Science Spectrum in March.

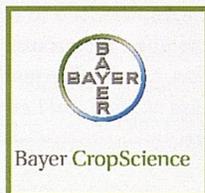
"Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts."
.....Rachel Carson, Marine Biologist, Author and Environmentalist



Gail and Daniel took "Percy" and "Jasper" for the "Blessing of the Animals" at Lakeridge United Methodist Church May 12th. The brief service included singing and the blessing of each animal in attendance.



Gail Barnes, Kristen Shimek and Carol Lee took our wildlife ambassadors to the Republican Convention on the Tech Campus April 21st, 2012. Kristen is pictured with "Samantha" our resident Red-tailed Hawk.



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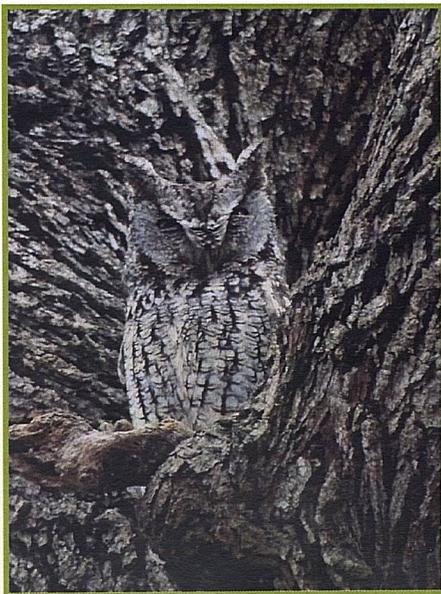
In addition to programs mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter, Gail Barnes did thirteen outreach programs since March 1st.

These included at Tulia, Trinity Christian, Abernathy, Honey and Maedgen Elementary Schools; a Sudan, Texas, Playa Lake Festival; two programs at Lubbock Lake Landmark, - one on Migration, and one commemorating "Year of the Bat."

Others included a presentation at the Range, Wildlife & Fisheries Club at Texas Tech; two Girl Scout Troops, # 6384 and #6401. Another presentation was done for the Lubbock Hospitality House and Heritage Oaks Skilled Nursing Home. In June, Gail will start the local library summer programs.

If you'd like to receive The Mockingbird Chronicles in pdf format by e-mail instead of as a paper document, send your request to Carol at spwrc@suddenlink.net.

The list for pdf recipients grows each quarter. Printing, paper and postage costs continually increase, but those costs never go back down.



A study in camouflage
See story on page 6
(Photo by Mark Moore)

Volunteer Spotlight



Jo Miller

an Accounting Degree from Texas Tech University. She said, "I volunteer because I've always loved animals and have learned so much — and can't wait to see what the next time brings!"

She is married to David Miller for 29 years, and they have one daughter, Kelsey, who graduates from Texas Tech University in May with a degree in marketing.

The household also includes "Sadie" their dog, and "Maya" the cat. Jo's hobbies include gardening, CrossFit exercise workouts and reading.

We're so happy to have you, Jo!.....Ed.

Commemorative Brick Walkway Update

If you purchased a brick recently, come and see it in its permanent location during our Open House! All brick orders the past few months will be engraved by our open house date.

Visit our web site at spwrc.org and click on "Order a paving brick" in the left column. You can print and mail the instructions for your commemorative brick(s).

The following commemorative bricks were purchased since the last newsletter:

*Lisa Harris and Casey St. Charnoz of Santa Fe, NM, bought a brick to commemorate Pat and Jim Harris's 55th wedding anniversary.

One brick for Stan and Sue Partee of Big Spring, Texas, was re-engraved, since their last name was previously misspelled on the brick.

In all, eleven new and the one previous brick will be engraved and in place by Open House.

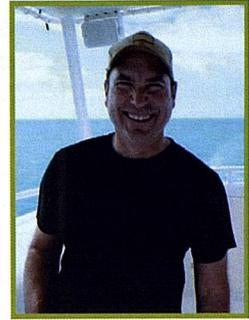
Former Texas Tech Intern

Jo Miller is our volunteer of the quarter.

Born in Snyder, Texas, Jo grew up in Killen, Texas.

She has

Drew Adams was among the early interns from Texas Tech, arriving around 1993 and staying 2 ½ years. In April, he sent an e-mail asking if I'd write him a letter of recommendation, as he applied for a



Drew Adams

position in the Galapagos Islands at the Galapagos / Darwin Research Center, tagging sharks. He's been busy since he left Lubbock, living in Dallas, Austin, San Francisco and even Mexico City for a year. He's a Veteran of Operation Desert Storm and received his BS and MBA. Drew went on a whale shark tour in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, and did scuba diving in Turks and Caicos. He also earned PADI SCUBA Diver/Rescue Instructor certifications.

Drew also launched an internet service. While he was at school at UT he had a job offer to work overseas and complete college credit - in Iraq, Kuwait, Jordan, Northern Africa, Dubai. He said, "It was amazing. I have a whole new respect for the Middle East and it's unfortunate the media really only shows the scary things that happen. It was a great cultural experience for me." He was there intermittently for 3 years.

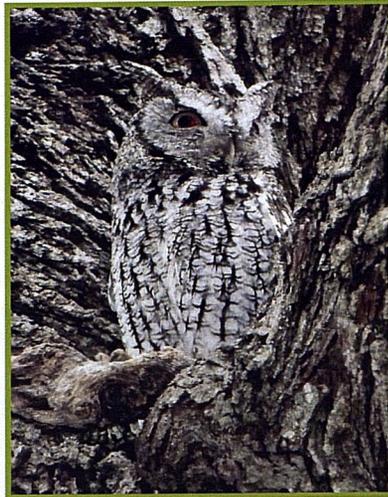
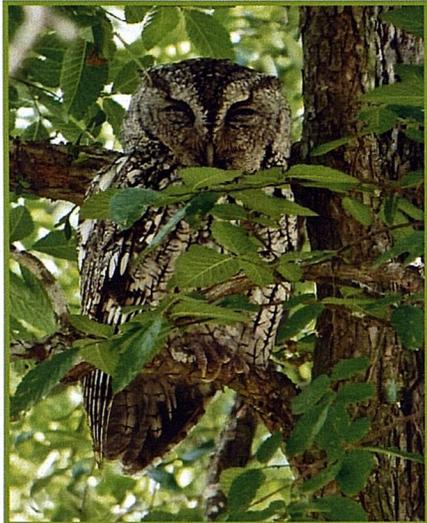
If all that's not enough, Drew started his own non-profit called "VeterHands" and its Mission is to train returning veterans from war zones with job skills for which they're suited. Right now they're awaiting 501(c)3 status. Currently Drew is also employed as a Senior Manager of Operations for Electronic Arts in Austin, Texas. Keep us posted!.....Ed.

Thank you for Supplies:

Bebe and Art McCasland of Big Spring, TX; Lorna Ammons; Lynne Tatum; Katy and Sam Herd; Jim and Pat Harris; Mary and Phillip Neal; Esther Lucey; Shari Cobb; Alice Smith; Kelly Jennings and Marion Miller; Mark Wallace; Lee Ruth Krieg; Thanks also to Home Depot for pea gravel for the entrance to the deer enclosure. **Gifts:** Galen, Shelly, Reagan and Collin Reid gave a \$25.00 gift card to Wal-Mart

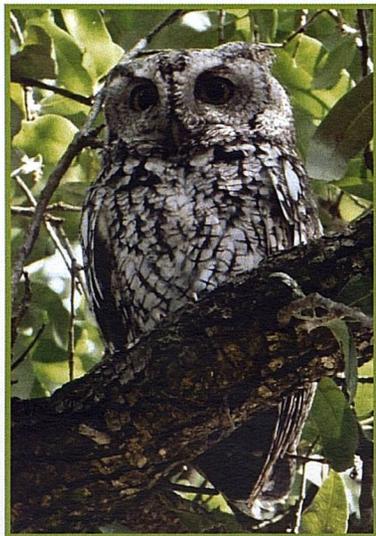
A PICTURE IS WORTH

These Eastern Screech Owl photos were sent by Mark and Julie Moore in Austin. They asked me to ID their backyard visitor. I said it was nesting season, and they soon discovered two owlets that were hatched by the pair in their backyard. Perseverance paid off as Mark got some great photos. See photos of owlets on back cover.



Former volunteer Ludim Pedroza now lives in San Marcos, Texas, and sent a photo recently of her Bewick's Wrens that made a nest in her patio basket last year. All SIX wrens successfully fledged and left with their parents. She's hoping mom and dad come back!

Another study in camouflage



Texas Electric Co-op Power Magazine did a nice article recently on wildlife rehabilitation and the effects of last years' drought on wildlife.

Preston Doughty of Austin Wildlife Rescue, Carol Lee and Gail Barnes of SPWRC in Lubbock all contributed to the article. Read it at <http://www.texascooppower.com/texas-stories/nature-outdoors/wildlife-ambassadors>

The story of this Mockingbird came from Florida. Ohad Paris wrote about a youngster that had likely fallen from the tree. The frantic parents finally led him to safety in small, bushy tree where he hopped up twig by twig, and was finally out of harm's way. Ohad said this all happened in the middle of the University of Florida's undergraduate campus! (Photo by Ohad Paris).

Baby Virginia Opossum in our care
Photo, right, by Kristen Shimek



A THOUSAND WORDS



This McGillivray's Warbler was photographed by John Habbinga after it proably hit a window and was down for a short time. When John went back to check, it had flown off, and was hopefully okay.



Yes, we treat toads, too!
This fellow is recovering after a laceration.
He was stitched up by Jeanette Lubenau, DVM, and is recovering.
You can see sutures on his underside. He'll be released in a private pond when he's recovered.
(Spadefoot Toad Photo by Kristen Shimek)



Red-winged Blackbird
photographed in March 2012
by Danny Hancock



Black-chinned Hummingbird
Another beauty photographed by
Danny Hancock



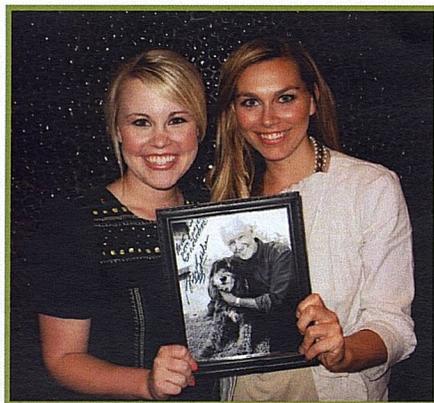
This youngster has a pink mouth inside like an immature Blue Jay.
However, this is the bird people love to hate: the ubiquitous Grackle.
He was brought to Bebe and Art McCasland in Big Spring who are also permitted rehabilitators.
(Photo by Ardis McCasland)



"Titan," resident Great Horned Owl fostered two GHO chicks for the first time in 2012 and was an excellent, very protective mom! (Owl photos by Gail Barnes)

“Night on the Wild Side” Fun!

“Night on the Wild Side” April 12th was fun for everyone who attended. Kyle Abernathie provided terrific music while people ate great food by David Reed and his staff of Ambrosia Catering, drank wonderful McPherson Cellars wines, and bid on silent auction items. The evening raised \$ 4763.61 which will be used to offset our high summer expenses. By the time this issue goes to press, baby season will already be in high gear. **Photos:** Below: Dr. Donald and former Board member Mrs. Willie Haragan; Center: Board member Lisa Gilliland and husband Larry Gilliland; Bottom: Sarah-Blake Morgan and Christie Post from KCBD-TV.



Girl Scout Project

Girl Scout troop #6756 is doing a much-needed project to restore the information about each bird residing in “Ambassador Row.” The information boxes will be mounted at eye level on each mew and tell a little about each bird. These should be in place by Open House.

Their project title is “Born To be Wild-The Untold Stories of Wildlife Education.”

The girls are in 7th, 8th and 9th grades and their Scout leader is Suzanne Morman.



Left to right Katelyn Albrecht, Kasey McMurray, Suzanne Morman (Troop Leader), Alex Bishop, Bryla Birdwell

If a bird hits your window and falls to the ground, stay calm. They don't break their necks in most cases (the common belief) but can sustain a serious head injury. Sometimes they recover in a few seconds or minutes and fly off. If a bird is still alive but “out” after 5 minutes or so, bring it to the Center as soon as possible. (A shoebox lined with tissues is a great way to transport small birds).

Adoptions

*Melinda Mason of Lubbock adopted “Maddie” and “Vincent.”

*Greta and Dale Griffie adopted “Maddie.”

*Elizabeth Paulk adopted “Athena” and “Louie.”

*Vickie and John Craig adopted “Ricky” the raccoon in the name of Dr. David Ivey to celebrate the birth of his grandson, Brayden Cooper Ivey.

Tributes

Memorials:

*Rev. Barry and Kim Galley of Sinking Spring, PA, made a generous donation in Memory of Kim's sister, Dianne Arndt, who passed away December 28, 2011 in Allentown, PA. Dianne was also Carol Lee's first cousin.

*Twila and Fidel Ortiz of Hart, TX gave a gift in Memory of Carmie Hill with the acknowledgement going to Dennis Hill, also of Hart, TX

*Pamela Burnett gave a gift in Memory of Sheryl Baker and Deniese Boyte's beloved family pet, “Winston.”

*Alzada Malone of Lubbock and Diana Ray of Odessa, TX gave in Memory of Jackie E. Starkey with acknowledgements sent to L.T. Starkey of Ralls, TX and Johnnie Starkey of Lockney, TX

*Fidel and Twila Ortiz of Hart, TX also gave a donation in Memory of Pat Robinson with an acknowledgement sent to Donald Robinson of Hart, TX.

Gifts to Honor:

*In Honor of Jack Cook and his 6th birthday, Jack wanted donations sent to the Wildlife Center instead of receiving gifts! Jack attends Roscoe Wilson Elementary. We received a donation from his parents, David and Jennifer Cook, of \$100.00.

The following individuals also gave in Honor of Jack's Birthday: Kathleen Smith, Becky Garcia, Christy Hogan, and Emily and Juakin Borrego. We thank Jack for his caring and thoughtfulness, and those that donated to the wildlife he loves so much!



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Above & Beyond is extremely excited to announce that we are offering EXTENDED HOURS starting June 1st:

Hospital hours will be:

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Saturday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

We are accepting appointments, emergencies and walk-ins! Call us to make your appointment during our extended hours at (806) 792-7297

***The Pet Resort will maintain normal hours of Monday-Friday 8:00 AM- 6:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM and Sunday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

Above & Beyond
Pet Care Hospital and Resort
plans a fundraiser for SPWRC
July 21st, so save the date!

Above and Beyond Pet Care Hospital and Pet Resort is hosting their first annual charity event **"Our Paws Give Back"** on Saturday July 21st from 1 PM to 5 PM.

All proceeds will benefit the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

This event will have a **Carnival Theme**, featuring barbecue, games, raffles, "Dunk a Doctor," and information about domestic and wild animals. Volunteers from SPWRC will be on hand with several of our wildlife ambassadors.

This event should be fun for the whole family, so please join us and the staff of Above & Beyond Pet Care Hospital.

For more information, please contact **Above and Beyond Pet Care Hospital** at 792-729. Come and eat, play games, have a good time and help support the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

Above and Beyond Pet Care Hospital and Pet Resort is located at 11302 Indiana Avenue.

Our 2011 Statistics

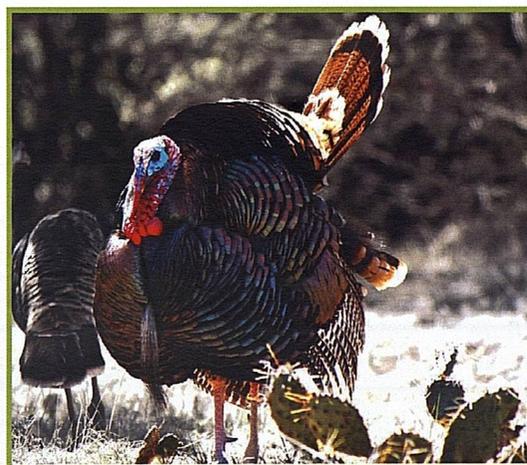
During calendar year 2011, SPWRC cared for 1476 "protected" native species. (Protected by state law, federal law, or both). Broken down, this included 837 songbirds, wading birds or shorebirds; 149 raptors (birds of prey); 455 Mammals and 35 reptiles. (All reptiles were turtle species and one Texas Horned Lizard). Non-protected species include House -also called English- Sparrows, European Starlings and Pigeons. (There are many "native" species of sparrows, too).

SPWRC also cares for non-natives as our resources permit, but they are not required to be recorded on our year-end state and federal reports. Those species were introduced to America from Europe.

Gail Barnes and her volunteer staff also presented 112 environmental Education programs in Lubbock and surrounding communities.



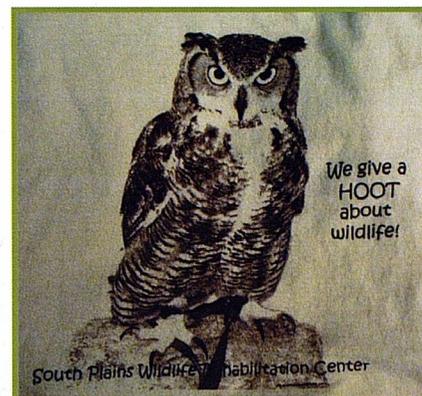
To donate using PayPal, visit our web site: spwrc.org



This beautiful wild turkey was taken in Palo Duro Canyon in April, 2012 by our favorite shutterbug, Danny Hancock

This and That

Our "Give a Hoot" tee shirts are available in several colors for \$15.00 in adult and children's sizes. Call Gail at the Center 806 799-2142 if you'd like to order one, or need a special size. They'll also be available at June's Open House.



We ask for your e-mail address when you bring an animal or contribute supplies and fill out a slip in our animal drop-off building. Your information is never shared (nor is our mailing list) and is used to enter into our state and federal records or thank our donors. All donations of \$20.00 or more will be acknowledged in the upcoming quarterly newsletter.

We still need a 12' x 24' portable building donated that can be used for our isolation patients. We always also need playpens.

It's summer, and we need help with yard work and general site clean-up twice a month or more.

**We always need
volunteers
especially during the
summer months when
we're especially busy!**

Adopting a "Wildlife Ambassador" helps pay for its annual care

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Brilliant Blue Jay
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This pair of Eastern Screech Owllets were hatched recently in an Austin backyard. You can read their story and meet the parents on page six. Masters of camouflage, they blend right in with their home in a tree or other cavity. Secretive night hunters, they're seldom seen.

Lubbock also has "ESOs" but they're not spotted or reported very often.

Owl Photos by Mark Moore

