



# Wildlife Rehab Inc. NETWORK

March 2018

## WRI Member in the Spotlight:



**Susan Jolie, Rehabilitator, BOD Member:** I moved from Cape Cod MA in 2007, so my husband could take a job with the VA. I volunteered at Cape Cod Wild Life, where we cared for reptiles to coyotes, Fox to squirrels I took the Wildlife class in 2008, the start of my journey into rehabbing small mammals, reptiles, and some things in between. I have loved my time with WRI, I could not ask for any nicer and friendly bunch of people.

I house and care for the three education snakes which I love doing, my favorite is the Black Snake, Pretty Girl (please do not tell Vanessa the Corn Snake, and Smiley the King Snake.)

I have two daughters and one Granddaughter. My first born is afraid of snakes, so I can't ask her to help with them, no way. I am lucky the younger one isn't afraid of them. Well, one out of two isn't bad.

I am very grateful to be able to do something that I truly love, caring for wildlife.



Mike Poe made three stands for the snakes. I love them as it has freed up some space in my bedroom that was needed. Vanessa, Smiley, and Pretty Girl all got a clean bill of health from Dr. Spindel at Animal Ark!

Photo by Susan Jolie

**WRI Website Upgrade:** We need input from members about what they would like to see changed on our website, including additions, functionality, etc. Send comments to Secretary Melonie Almengual [chloegirl63@gmail.com](mailto:chloegirl63@gmail.com) ASAP.

-Michele

**On-Call Phone: Can you help?** Contact [nporter@triad.rr.com](mailto:nporter@triad.rr.com), or [336.414.2339](tel:336.414.2339).

A big thank you to all On-Call Volunteers, Transporters, and Rehabilitators!

### **The Amazing On-Call Team**

**The On-Call Team ROCKS!!!!** 36 folks (19 rehabbers + 17 folks who do on-call only or who also help with transport) covered all shifts in February within the month's first week!!!! I have never seen that happen.

And because so many on-callers have chosen recurring shifts, we start each month with 37 shifts already covered. This is amazing! Folks are actually scrambling to grab shifts before they are claimed. I am blown away by the eagerness and dedication of all of those who do on-call. What a great team! Thank you so much!!!

That's not to say that we don't need more folks to do on-call (the more, the merrier). If you are interested in being trained, call or email me, 336.414.2339, or [nporter@triad.rr.com](mailto:nporter@triad.rr.com).

- Nancy Porter

**WRI provides** some food, formula, and implements used in feeding mammals, reptiles, birds and fawns. To receive supplies, the rehabilitator must be a member in good standing and take on-call at least one 6 hour shift per month throughout the year. Contact Jean Alfano at [336.701.9556](tel:336.701.9556).

**Rehabilitators:** We need **each member** who plans to rehab this season to *submit a copy of their permit to Nancy* at [nporter@triad.rr.com](mailto:nporter@triad.rr.com) for documentation purposes. It may be scanned and sent to her address or mailed to our PO Box (WRI, PO Box 24552, Winston-Salem 27114-4552). A copy of the permit is needed before a member can go on our active rehabber list.

Melonie, WRI Secretary, designed and procured the specialized plaques of appreciation of Melisse Hopping and Sharon Cihak for their long term extraordinary service to the wildlife in our area and to Wildlife Rehab Inc. Thank you to Melisse and Sharon! And thanks to Melonie!



**WRI Public Education** programs begin in April. Each year, from April through November, Wildlife Rehab Inc. volunteers hit the road to tell of the efforts of wildlife rehabilitators in our area. We bring along our live educational ambassadors: hawks, owls, vultures, and snakes to help attract a crowd.

The first education program is the **Spring Festival, Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at Historic Bethabara Park**. This is an on-going annual event sponsored by the City of Winston-Salem Parks & Recs department. 11AM to 3PM

**Next** is the annual **Earth Day Fair on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds. The organizer, Piedmont Environmental Alliance (PEA), began in 2005 as a group of friends interested in promoting an environmentally sustainable community. This is now a huge event with up to 8,000 people expected this year. The WRI tent always attracts large crowds all day long. 10AM to 4PM

**Check out this link** to identify the designated days each month for wildlife species - good stuff! <https://whatismyspiritanimal.com/animal-holidays-celebrations/>

**Wildlife Rehab Inc. presented** 6 area veterinarians, who provide services to us without charge to wildlife rehabilitators, submarine sandwich lunches for employees - **Ard-Vista, Animal Ark, Southside, North Davidson, Carolina Vet Specialists, and Hopkins Road.**

**Song bird class for first responders** was held on February 27 by Jackie Schraible at the Reynolda Manor Library. Birdie Basics 101 was a great success! Twenty attendees, some WRI members and some from other organizations, learned how important first responders are to the rehab process. - Michele

# From the 2018 Wildlife Rehabilitators of North Carolina Symposium.

Photos by John Althouse



Clockwise from upper left: Jean, Melinda, Melisse, Jerry, Michele, Melonie



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