



## Wildlife Rehab Inc. NETWORK

November 2017

### Wildlife Rehab Inc. Annual Holiday Meeting & Party:



**Melonie, WRI Secretary, notes:** The WRI Holiday Party is Monday, December 4 @ **River Birch Lodge** at 3324 Robinhood Road. There will be a **board meeting at 5:30**, a **member meeting at 6:00** and the **party begins at 6:30**.

We will be in the Canoe room which has a capacity of 40 people. Food will be ordered and served individually.

We will have a "dirty Santa" so if you want to participate bring a \$10-15 wrapped gift and the "rules" will be explained at the party.

**Wildlife Rehabilitators of North Carolina (WRNC)** will hold their **16<sup>th</sup> symposium** at NCSU School of Veterinary Medicine in Raleigh. The symposium will be **January 20-21** and *registration is open now!* Details about the symposium can be found on [www.ncwildliferehab.org](http://www.ncwildliferehab.org). This is a good chance to meet up with expert rehabbers and educators from around the country. Registration will begin soon. Some scholarships are available.

**Did you know?** Opossums are the only marsupials (carry their young in a pouch) native to North America. They have been here since the dinosaurs! The word opossum may serve as singular or as plural. The term possum is just a colloquial version of opossum.

## Quackers in the News

Three Peking ducks have a new home thanks to rehabber Mike Poe. Rescued from a less than desirable environment, they are getting used to a life that includes a pond with a safe island at Mike's home. While transporting them, Mike said only "these ducks are HUGE"! Huge and hopefully happy in their new home.



## Rescue in Progress



"Geraldine", this Muscovy duck, was abandoned in the small pond beside of Lowe's Home Improvement on Hanes Mall Boulevard. After hearing about the situation, member Nancy Porter decided to try and win Geraldine over so she could be successfully rescued and relocated. How do you win a duck over? FOOD! For more than three weeks Nancy has fed Geraldine every day and now Geraldine will quickly swim to Nancy when she calls her. Nancy has a strong relocation plan that will work as long as Geraldine is a female, but if "she" isn't, Nancy says she will definitely make a new plan for "Gerald". Way to go Nancy!

**WRI logo clothing** being made available by Board member Nancy Porter! On hand now is a limited number of short sleeved t-shirts that are navy blue with a lime green logo long sleeved t-shirts and sweatshirts are also available to order. Price depends on size(s) and payment is due upon receipt. Send your questions and order to Nancy at [nporter@triad.rr.com](mailto:nporter@triad.rr.com)

**On-Call Phone: Volunteers Always Needed. Can you help?** Contact Sharon at [SCIHAK@myguilford.com](mailto:SCIHAK@myguilford.com) So far in 2017 WRI volunteers have handled calls affecting 150 squirrels, 183 bunnies, 113 opossums, 71 deer, 216 songbirds, 61 raptors, 30 turtles, and 2 snakes. A big thank you to all On-Call Volunteers, Transporters, and Rehabilitators!

How do we know these numbers? When you take a call, log it in:

1. Go to the Member section of the WRI website and log the call.

<http://www.wildliferehabinc.org/WRI/Members.html> (You will need a password to get there. If you do not have one yet, Jean Chamberlain will assign one to you.)

2. Select *Log Calls*

3. Fill in the blanks, and select Add that's it!

**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 ½ day per month throughout the year. Contact Melisse Hopping, [twillseeker@yahoo.com](mailto:twillseeker@yahoo.com)



**Michele Poe** reminded us:  
For the most part, small mammals who needed to come into rehab have already been released. The rule of thumb is that if you can't release squirrels by Election Day, then they must be wintered-over. This situation is not the best for the squirrels because they are in small spaces for extended periods of time, but they would likely die trying to fend for themselves before being ready. They need somewhere to call home and be provided a steady and healthy food supply since they were unable to learn how to manage on their own.

## Scenes from WRI at Wild Birds Unlimited, November 2017





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