

TreeHouse Droppings



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**2020: Our 1st pandemic, and our
1st year of patient admissions over 1,000**

41 years of giving back to the wild

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five* part-time staff members.
All other staff are volunteers.

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FOUNDER'S FORUM by Adele Moore

Well, what a year! Life as we knew it has certainly changed for everybody. One day everyone is going about their business, and it seemed in the blink of an eye, everything changed. Everyone and everything was affected - our personal lives, businesses, schools, leisure time, etc. This will be a recap of how TreeHouse Wildlife Center was affected by Covid19.

REHABILITATION: Year after year as more and more of the public have discovered TreeHouse's mission to treat and rehabilitate orphaned and injured wildlife, our patient admissions has increased. In 1980 (our first full year) our patient count was 62. Previous to 2020, our highest patient admission count was just under 900. This year is a whole different story. As of this writing (November 2020), our patient admission count is upwards of 1,300! Maybe more people spending time outside during the pandemic?

EDUCATION: One way TreeHouse keeps the lights burning is through our education programs. Besides the importance of educating the public, our school outreach programs and field trips, as well as booths at local fairs and festivals supplies needed funds. Due to covid19, education was mostly curtailed this year.



FUNDRAISING: Our gift shop, "The Owl Shop" has been closed the majority of the year due to covid19 restrictions. Our fundraiser/grant writer, Kelly, is doing a terrific job obtaining grants for specific projects. TreeHouse has obtained a federal PPP grant to support our payroll, and we've also picked up an SBA loan for some of our essential operating expenses.

STAFF, INTERNS & VOLUNTEERS: Our clinic volunteer and intern participation have been lower than normal this year due to Covid19. Our small paid staff, Kerry, Sam, Rachael, Sherri and Kelly have been working long hours this year to keep things moving forward, despite all the roadblocks and increase in patient admissions.

CONSTRUCTION & LANDSCAPING: Our construction team has been down two members in 2020. Mel passed away earlier this year, and Paul is staying safe at home after the virus hit. Bill and Gary have done a great job keeping the landscaping and mowing up-to-date. Building and repairing outdoor cages is a full-time job. Steve and Ken volunteered to check off the list of needed projects, and Michelle has updated areas inside the building.

MAINTENANCE: 2020 has not spared our education/clinic building. Our roof needed to be replaced, we've had issues with our three HVAC systems, smoke alarms, and constant washer/dryer breakdowns. Of course what washers and dryers could stand up to the 40 loads of animal bedding a day during spring baby season!

MEMBERS, AND SUPPORTERS: You all have played a big part in keeping us open! Thanks to those of you sending in extra donations; to our ongoing (monthly and quarterly) donors; and support teams such as Tom, Joe, Dr Paul Davis, Mark, Stew, Michele, Rod, Margaret, Sheri, and Dr. Paul Myer, Hawthorne Animal Hospital and staff.

BOARD MEMBERS: Thanks to you for guiding us along in this difficult year. Now on to the fun part!



Sam White
Clinic Co-Supervisor

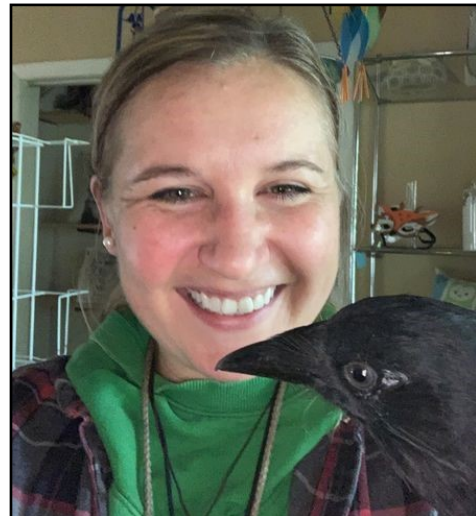
Samuel graduated with a bachelor of zoology degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College.

He has worked on and off between Treehouse and the St. Louis Zoo for five years. He enjoys animals both at work and in his free time at home in Godfrey. Sam is holding turkey vulture, Einstein.

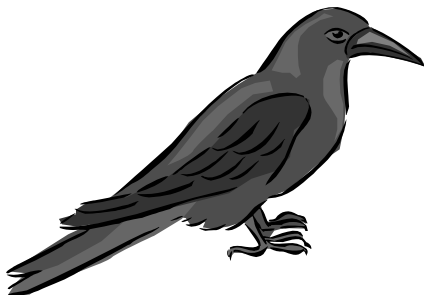
KERRY LENNARTZ
Clinic Co-Supervisor

Kerry attended college at the University of Oregon majoring in biochemistry. She worked as a carnivore keeper for five years at the Exotic Feline Rescue Center in Indiana, working with over 300 big cats during that time. She also helped rehabilitate and release 30 black bear cubs at Lake Tahoe Wildlife Center.

Kerry is holding permanent resident, Ingram.



Cover Photo: Permanent resident crows, Ingram and Poe, plus an orphan in rehab play together on a old ceiling fan in their deck cage off the gift shop. They love to ride the fan like a merry-go-round whenever the wind spins the blades.



Unfortunately Poe crossed the rainbow bridge and the orphan has been released. Ingram was doing fine until corvid hit (sorry, so used to using the crow's avian shortened family name, *corvid*, it's been hard making the adjustment to *covid* the virus).

The gift shop has remained closed, so Ingram hasn't had much contact with the public. In the past, customers entering the gift shop were greeted by Ingram when with an unmistakable, "Wow", or "I'm a crow" (just in case anyone had a doubt).

In May of 2020 TreeHouse Wildlife Center received a call about a possible bobcat kitten that had fallen from the bluffs in Godfrey, Illinois. Sure enough on the 5th of May, staff admitted a two week old bobcat kitten.

TreeHouse staff had their hands full as the kitten's eyes were still closed and she needed multiple bottle feedings a day. Bobcats habituate very easily to humans, meaning they become too comfortable around people. For this reason, it was essential that staff had as little contact as possible with the kitten. Even though the staff had limited contact post weaning, and she was now able to catch live prey effortlessly, it was determined that the bobcat was still too habituated to humans. We are currently looking for a zoo or nature center for placement. (by Kerry Lennartz)



In late June a red fox was spotted injured in the middle of the road in Belleville, Illinois. The finder quickly transported the fox to TreeHouse and staff immediately treated for head trauma, assuming she had been hit by a car. She rapidly improved, having been nearly unresponsive on arrival. Within a week she was fully walking around and eating normally with only a slight head tremor remaining from the accident.

However, soon afterwards she started showing signs of sarcoptic mange including fur loss, itchiness, and scabbing, which is commonly seen in the red fox population. Staff began treatment of mange after symptoms started and she has fully recovered from both issues. Staff plan on releasing her in October of this year. (by Kerry Lennartz)

Patient A-20-1061 otherwise known to the staff and volunteers as the "Crawfish Owl" is a common barred owl. She got her name during a physical exam when it was discovered some of her feathers exhibited a pink tinge, likely due to a crawfish rich diet. She was found in western Belleville lying in the road wet and alone after a big storm on the 21st of July. Even though she was tired, wet, and vulnerable, she was still feisty. Upon arrival at TreeHouse, it was determined that she was suffering a minor fracture of the wing, and malnutrition. She was given plenty of food, water, and care and her wing was wrapped into place. Since her arrival she gained weight, and the fracture healed. After spending time in the flight cage to build up strength, she was released back to the wild. (by Sam White)



A STICKY SITUATION by Sarah Riley

On the evening of Friday December 27, 2019, a juvenile red-tailed hawk, coated in a sticky substance, was admitted from Granite City. It appeared that the young hawk had landed on a surface covered with tacky construction adhesive. Feathers on the bird's chest and legs were matted together in clumps of adhesive, and feathers on the wings and tail were stuck together. The adhesive had a strong chemical smell.

I spent several hours that evening cleaning the hawk by alternating warm canola oil and Dawn detergent baths, and meticulously combing the substance out of the feathers. Adhesive on the bird's legs and feet were painstakingly cleaned using a toothbrush. Some of the feathers on the hawk's chest were so matted that they had to be cut off in order to remove the adhesive. Thankfully the hawk remained calm during the long cleaning session and allowed me to remove much of the adhesive. Over the next few weeks, the hawk had several other cleaning sessions to remove the rest of the adhesive. The hawk spent several months in the flight cage to allow for feather regrowth, weatherproofing and gaining strength to fly. Happily he was released back to the wild this summer. A wonderful end to a sticky situation!



The photo above is the stuck together tail feathers and the sticky foot



Red shouldered hawk, Julien, foster parenting an orphan



Red eared slider lost a foot due to discarded fishing line in the river



A very angry screech owl who was hit by a car and spent the night stuck in the grill

Since TreeHouse covers most of the central Illinois area, our **Rescue Squads** play a pivotal role in the rescue, transportation and rehabilitation of orphaned and injured wildlife coming into our center.

Sometimes a rescue involves a ladder, a bucket truck, a boat, a net, a basket, and in some cases a village! A big thanks to the City Of Carlyle for their help with young barred owls, and to Cheryl and Linda for providing these pictures.



A rescue in Belleville after a storm destroyed the den tree which resulted in three “nestling” barred owlets soaking wet and on the ground. The parents were located in nearby trees. If the nest (and tree) are in tact, the nestlings can be placed back into the nest.

If the nest is destroyed, an artificial nest can be made from a laundry basket tied to the den tree, or placed in a nearby tree.

An artificial nest made from a basket containing two barred owlets

Anchoring an artificial nest to a tree.



A rescue sometimes involves a bucket truck to replace raptors back in their nest if found on the ground. Most birds do not have a sense of smell, so mama will not care if you’ve touched them. If the birds are “nestlings”, they will remain in the nest until they arrive at the “branching” stage (aka teenagers) where exploring their world outside the nest will begin. Eventually they will find themselves on the ground (sometimes for up to two weeks) before they are ready to fly. Parents feed them on the ground in the meantime.

MELVIN MCCANN, TREEHOUSE VOLUNTEER

What can I say about Melvin McCann? Plenty! Mel showed up on his bicycle at TreeHouse Wildlife Center, Wheels for Wildlife event in 1995, and he never left!

Here are what his co-volunteers, staff, interns, friends and fellow board members had to say:

“At least he is reunited with Shirley” (his wife of over 50 years who died last year).

“ Oh my heart.” “Love all of you. I know how much of an impact he was to everyone over there. I’m glad he’s back with Shirl.”

“He is with Shirley now. Positive thoughts and prayers for strength for his family and you.”

“I can’t imagine how lonely and isolated he must have felt on top of the physical pain.” “He’s free of that all now and with the love of his life.” “A one in a million guy.”

“I didn’t expect it to happen this fast. I’m so sad.”

“Oh my goodness. How heartbreaking. I cannot imagine TreeHouse without him.”

“So sorry to hear about Mel. What a good man!”



Mel was there whenever we needed him. He helped out in the clinic early on and worked for many years on our construction crew. He participated in many, many festival booths, and he loved working the Let’s Go Fishing Show every year. He helped rescue and transport all kinds of wildlife to TreeHouse, and he definitely provided comic relief. Sometimes when working side-by-side next to Mel at the Fishing Show booth I had to cover my face with my hands after hearing some of Mel’s environmental education pearls of wisdom he was telling the kids.



We got back at Mel during his first meeting as board member when we told him he had to wear a bald eagle costume for his “initiation”.

Several years ago an intern named Winnie arrived from the airport to study wildlife rehabilitation at TreeHouse. As she entered TreeHouse for the first time many of us were sitting around a table. Winnie was introduced and Rachael stated that she was here from Taiwan. Without skipping a beat Mel said, “I’ve bought many items from your country.” (For those of you too young to remember, back in the day as they say, many items we purchased had a “made in Taiwan” sticker on the back).

He was such a tease that we had to warn new interns and volunteers not to take him seriously. Mel had plenty of practice as he retired from South Roxana Elementary School before he started volunteering at TreeHouse. He worked as a custodian and had plenty of kids to tease over the years.

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Everybody at TreeHouse finds it hard to look around and not see Mel there anymore. The man was crazy about bald eagles, and we found that the perfect send off for Mel would be releasing an eagle back to the wild.



One of the longest times a patient spent at the center for this year has been a bald eagle from Kampsville, Illinois. In November of 2019 one of our long-time volunteers and transporters, Sarah Riley, ventured to Kampsville on a possible injured eagle call. The eagle appeared to have been electrocuted. He lost all his tail feathers and was missing some body feathers as well. The majority of the remaining feathers were incredibly mangled. Clearly the eagle would need a lot of time in a rehabilitation setting in order to regrow all of it's missing and mangled feathers.

After nearly ten months in rehab the eagle had a full set of new feathers. The eagle proved to be a successful hunter and was released in September 2020 in memory of Melvin McCann, a longtime volunteer and friend of TreeHouse Wildlife Center. Godspeed to them both.



Melvin's Kampsville eagle release



Melvin attending a former eagle release

Aspen the female American kestrel, was an educational outreach bird who passed away suddenly.

Condolences to her Guardian, Julie Whitmire.



Willow Finds a Home in North Carolina by Sarah Riley

On Friday August 14, I embarked on a 30 hour road trip to transport a five month old bobcat kit to her new home at Carolina Tiger Rescue in Pittsboro, North Carolina. The bobcat kitten was found orphaned earlier in the year and despite the best efforts of TreeHouse, she habituated to humans and therefore was unable to be released back into the wild. Bobcats and other wild animals that have become too attached to humans usually don't survive and will often become "nuisance" animals and approach people and look for food around humans. When an animal is deemed non-releasable, wildlife centers often have to make difficult decisions as it is not possible to keep all non-releasable animals as education ambassadors. Leveraging our network of wildlife centers, we were put in touch with Carolina Tiger Rescue through the Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance.



After getting the bobcat kit, now named Willow, situated into her quarantine cage, the keepers at Carolina Tiger Rescue treated me to an amazing tour of their facility. Many of the animals they care for were once privately owned or in road-side zoos and have numerous ailments due to their mistreatment. The facility provides life-long care for these beautiful animals and educates the public on how to protect wild cats both in captivity and in the wild. Willow passed her quarantine physical with flying colors. She was spayed and is now settled into her new outdoor enclosure. We hope she will have a happy life in North Carolina. TreeHouse is thankful for Carolina Tiger Rescue and all our partner centers as it truly takes a village to care for our wild animals.

Looking for the perfect gift for a nature lover? Did you know TreeHouse has a gift shop?

THE OWL SHOP

We have seasonal gifts such as Christmas ornaments, as well as bird feeders, books, home décor and children's items. All sales benefit the animals at TreeHouse

TreeHouse is normally open year-round,
but during Covid19 TreeHouse is open
to view the outdoor permanent residents on
Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4 pm.

When things change, we will return to our normal hours of 10 am to 4 pm daily.



Jacob Decker, Freshman
Lewis and Clark
Community College



Maggie Price, recent graduate
SIU-E



Victoria Green, Junior
SIU-E



Anastasia Drake, Sophomore
SIU-E



Joanie Fieser,
AmeriCorp



Lucas Palcheff
University of Kentucky
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Kristen Montgomery—full circle. “I fell in love with Treehouse at a very young age because my mom, Karen, was a volunteer back in the day when TreeHouse was located in Brighton. Throughout my life I had a passion for science and animals, so I knew I had to make it back to Treehouse one day. I just graduated from St. Louis University this past May, majoring in biology, and I’m finally ready to find a career! Hopefully once I am settled, I’ll be back at Treehouse as a volunteer because I can’t stay away. The picture on the left is me holding Gremlin (the screech owl) for the first time. He will always be my favorite, along with Owlbert (great horned owl)!”



Deana is holding “Shannon” a harris hawk at a local Renaissance Festival

Deana Browne 1956-2020

Deana volunteered at the Brighton facility from 1991 until 2000.

Deana enjoyed attending Renaissance Festivals with her husband, Charles. She was also a talented seamstress who loved making medieval costumes and quilting. Deana made TreeHouse inspired quilts for our open house event raffles for many years. She loved wild animals and she was a member of the St. Louis Zoo adoption program. She volunteered weekly at TreeHouse Center when it was located in Brighton.



Buddy the Screech Owl

We were originally going to highlight Buddy in our Guardian Spotlight page, but like literally everything else this year, 2020 had other plans. Buddy recently flew across the Rainbow Bridge, so now it's Buddy's Memorial page.

Buddy was a gray-phase Eastern Screech Owl that was admitted to TreeHouse as an adult on November 6, 2010. He had been hit by a car in Carlinville and "rode the grill" until he was discovered the following day still clinging to the grill after the car was parked in the garage.

He sustained a fractured right humerus which could not be repaired.

TreeHouse put together a naming contest and "Buddy" received the most votes. Buddy was trained for education programs, he traveled to all kinds of venues, and soon became a fan favorite. The "Attitude is a Little Thing" sign (below) summed up Buddy to a "T".

A couple of the most frequent questions asked about screech owls are:

Q. Is he a baby?

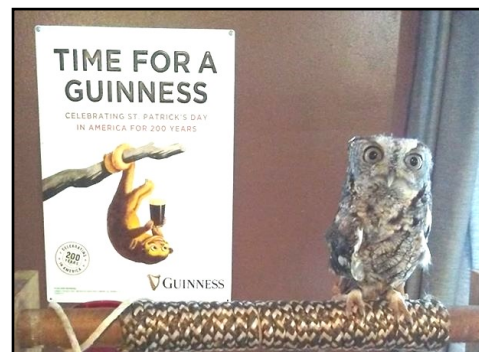
A. No. Their average adult height is only 7"-10" with a wingspan around 18"-24".
Females are larger than males.

Q. Do screech owls screech?

A. No. Screech owls actually make a soft whinny sound up-and-down the scale sound. A very beautiful, sweet sound.



Buddy at a school program



Buddy at Morrison's Irish Pub's Non-profit Night

Condolences to his Guardians,
Brenda and Byron,
and his sponsor,
Jennie Hible.



Buddy snoozing at the South Roxana Library on Halloween



Buddy at Blessing of the Animals at Christ Church Cathedral

Chuckles the Red Fox



Oh, sweet Chuckles! Even though we knew she was in the sunset of her life and developed renal failure, it was hard losing this one. Chuckles was admitted as a pup to the Brighton facility in 2006 from St. Libory where a dog had apparently grabbed and shook her, causing neurological damage.

Besides being a favorite of TreeHouse visitors from all over the U.S., and having her own YouTube videos totaling over six million views, she was an important part of our team. Chuckles was a foster mother to all our orphaned red foxes —raising at least 60 of them over the years for release to the wild.

Chuckles best friend was another permanent resident — a gray fox named Zorro. Those two would soak up the sun, and groom each other before the yearly orphans would arrive in spring. Zorro would also assist Chuckles with raising the orphans. Unfortunately Zorro crossed the Rainbow Bridge a couple years ago.

Vixey, a red fox, was transferred from a center in Michigan in 2019. She suffers from neurological damage from head trauma. The tables were turned when Chuckles became lethargic, and Vixey started taking food to her. Vixey needs a sponsor through our Guardian Program.



Zorro grooming Chuckles



Chuckles



IN MEMORY OF

Penni Reeds-Schreiber
Sandy Wood
Gloria Doyle
Paula Travis
LaVonne King
Rod Smith
Lisa Sumpter
Dave Delawder
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Kathy Cramer
Owl Society Members
Melvin McCann
Deana Browne

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

We now offer a Memorial Donation Program.
You can help save our native wildlife while you
honor your loved one or friend.

A memorial donation will help provide food,
shelter, and medical treatments for the orphaned
and injured wildlife that TreeHouse Wildlife
Center cares for every day.

TreeHouse will send acknowledgement to the
family or friends once your donation is received.

All memorials will be listed in the annual
newsletter. Requests to keep donations private or
anonymous will be honored.

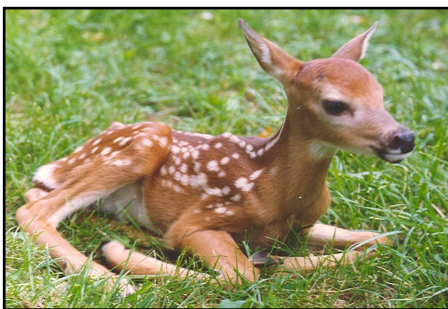
For memorial donations of \$500.00 or more,
TreeHouse will release an animal in honor of
your loved one or friend. Learn all the details
about memorial donations or becoming a
member of The Owl Society at:
[www.treehousewildlifecenter.com/memorial-](http://www.treehousewildlifecenter.com/memorial-donations)
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Why Rehabilitate? By Adele Moore

- We rehabilitate animals because it is a humane response to injuries and other conditions caused by conflicts between humans and wildlife.
- We rehabilitate to teach natural history, awareness, and understanding of wildlife issues.
- What lessons do we teach by helping an animal? What lessons do we teach if we don't?
- TreeHouse rehabilitates orphaned and injured wildlife.
- TreeHouse rehabilitates state and federal endangered species.
- TreeHouse is a location in the greater St. Louis area where staff and volunteers have been trained, and have experience in cleaning waterfowl involved in oil spills.
- TreeHouse holds permits from, and assists the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in cases involving wildlife.
- TreeHouse educates the public over the telephone, and through our outreach programs, on issues involving wildlife, their habitat, and "nuisance wildlife".
- TreeHouse assists veterinarians, humane societies and the general public with their wildlife emergencies.

Take wildlife completely out of the picture, and just concentrate on another aspect of our operation—people. In every example listed above, TreeHouse helps people. People are passionate when it comes to helping wildlife in need. They see how the destruction of habitat impacts wildlife and they do not want to see wildlife suffer needlessly. Put yourself in one of these scenarios:



- A fawn is bedded down in your front yard shrubbery. Suddenly the fawn starts walking around and bawling non-stop. The mother has not been observed for over 24 hours.

- Your child brings you a tiny baby squirrel she finds in the back yard after a tree has been cut down. She wants you to help it.



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- You're an early morning runner at Horseshoe Lake State Park, and during your run you spot a large bird hanging by its wing from a tree limb.

- This winter you stop by Riverlands to look at the birds and you discover a juvenile trumpeter swan sitting on the ice next to an adult. Something doesn't look quite right and you check back day after day for a couple of weeks. The juvenile occasionally flies away but always returns to the adult's side, who never moves.



- You're a farmer who accidentally runs over a newborn fawn in your field, cutting off his leg.



- You live in New Hope, Illinois and you discover a bald eagle that's been shot in the wing.

- You're in a boat on your subdivision lake and discover a pelican having trouble swimming. Upon closer inspection you discover the bird is tangled up in a duck decoy.



These people want help. They want to know that *their* animal is being cared for. They are not going to shoot or abandon those animals.

All of the previous scenarios have occurred and TreeHouse has been there to help.

- * The bawling fawn from Delhi was admitted to TreeHouse. Because of its actions it was determined the mother was probably deceased, so TreeHouse staff and volunteers raised and released the fawn as the wild animal it should be. Had we not been there, the family more than likely would have tried to raise the fawn on their own with the result that it might be too tame to release.
- * The family with the baby squirrel in Belleville was advised over the phone to place the squirrel in a shallow box near where the tree was cut and the mother would retrieve it. They did so, and the squirrel took her offspring to a nest in a nearby tree. The following day *that* tree was cut as well and fortunately the process was successfully repeated.

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* The great horned owl hanging from a branch by fishing line tangled around the tip of his wing which caught on a branch was still alive. We assessed the situation and called the Mitchell Fire Department where they dispatched their bucket truck to retrieve the bird. It was taken to TreeHouse, rehabilitated and released six weeks later.



* By the time the ice at Riverlands was thick enough for TreeHouse volunteers to safely walk on to retrieve the adult trumpeter swan, it was so debilitated from the long-term effects of lead poisoning and lack of food that despite our efforts it died several days later.

* The fawn the farmer brought in could not be rehabilitated, and was humanly euthanized.



* The bald eagle that was shot had to have part of her wing amputated. "Hope" was placed in TreeHouse's education program as a permanent resident.



* Subdivision neighbors near Belleville called TreeHouse about the pelican. A volunteer went out in a boat with them but it was starting to get too dark to help, so the volunteer instructed the neighbors what to do. The next day the neighbors caught the pelican and removed the decoy. Unfortunately, injuries prevented release of the pelican, so it now resides at the St. Louis Zoo.



THANK YOU

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 * Bill Crawford * BSA Troop 8002 *
 * Patrick Raimer & Andrea Crabtree *
 * Tom Foster & Ann Robertson *
 * Christmas Wonderland * Paul Davis, DVM *
 * Tom (remember me?) * Michele Kasten *
 * Chris & Rita Blake * Georgia Norman *
 * Helga Solich * Julie Whitmire * Tom Brennan
 * Richard & Moira Edelman *
 * Leca Barker & family *
 * Tom Foster & Ann Robertson *
 * **Davis Animal Hospital** in Collinsville for
 sponsoring the TreeHouse booth at
 Let's Go Fishing Show at
 Gateway Center in Collinsville *

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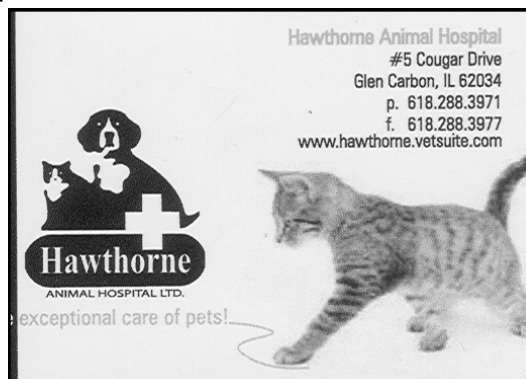


Judie and her Flea Market Squad

Judie Louden and her squad present a check to TreeHouse as a result of their latest flea market profits.

Pictured from l to r: Kelly Vandersand, TreeHouse grantwriter/fundraising chair; Judie Louden; Adele Moore, Founder; Sheri Ohlendorf, and Wayne Louden. Squad members not pictured are: Larry Kolm, Alice Lunk, Shirley Morrison, Cheryl Pride, and Judy Reddish.

Thanks to
Hawthorne Animal Hospital's
 doctors, vet techs, staff, Sherri, and
 the Angel Fund in Glen Carbon for all
 your help. We couldn't do it without
 you!



Online Fundraising Events

Brooke's Eagle Days Facebook Fundraiser—
Lead Treatment Campaign

Meat donations during quarantine

\$1,000.00 for 1,000 patients

#Giving Tuesday—Now

Give STL Day

GoFundMe — Help during Covid19

Chuckles Memorial

Drive thru Baby Shower and Owl-A-Ween t-shirt fundraisers



Barred owl "Jack", foster parent
to a group of
orphaned barred owls

Workday Volunteers

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Color for a Cause

Drive-Thru Baby Shower

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Eagle Days — Lead Treatment Campaign

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Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery
Jerseyville Dollar Tree
Ebay Charity Sellers
Fuzzy Llama
Safety National
Once Upon A Design

Phillips 66 Corporate Office
Great Rivers and Routes, Alton
Beverly Farm Foundation
Menasha Corporation
Gateway Center, Collinsville

Employee Match/Volunteer Funders:

US Bank
Allstate
AbbVie

Bank of America
Boeing
Pfizer

Grants:

Dana Brown Charitable Trust, U.S. Bank, Trustee
for roof repairs to the Education Center
Anonymous, for roof repairs to the Education Center
The Joseph & Catherine Johnson Family Foundation
The Joseph & May Winston Foundation
Farm & Home Supply Giving Fund through the Community Foundation
Thomas Kibby & Family Charitable Fund
Greater Good Charities

Thanks to the groups and individuals who provided much needed
donations of time, cash and supplies by participating in events,
both local and online

THE GUARDIAN PROGRAM

The Guardian Program allows donors to exclusively sponsor a resident animal for one year renewable. Supporting a resident animal's food and care allows TreeHouse to allocate other funds toward animals receiving rehabilitative care.

Our resident animals help us serve the community through environmental education. All of the TreeHouse resident animals serve an important purpose. Some are outreach and education animals for events and programs, while others serve as foster parents to orphaned wildlife in our rehabilitation program. Most importantly, all help educate visiting guests by viewing them up close in the comfort of their enclosures. All of the resident animals at TreeHouse have a unique story and are here because they are non-releasable.

Permanent residents in need of a guardian are as follows:

Mammals

Moxy & Utah silver foxes
Vixey the red fox
Dorian the gray fox
Apache & Zuni the coyotes
Rizzo & Nyx the bobcats

Miscellaneous

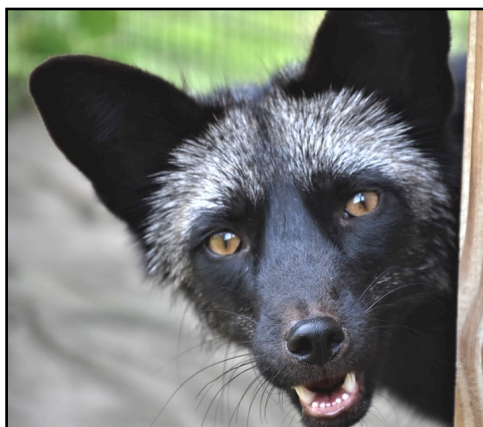
Hazel the hog nose snake
Noodle the albino California king snake
Slinky the garter snake

Van Gogh the painted turtle
Stanley the red eared slider

Birds

Igor & Einstein the turkey vultures
Chili & Heady the barred owls
Female American kestrel
Bandit the osprey
Kasper the barn owl
Spuds & Mac the bald eagles
Penelope & Ed the pelicans
Owlbert & Howie the great horned owls
Luke the red tailed hawk
Socks the rough legged hawk
Cole the great horned owl
Howie the great horned owl

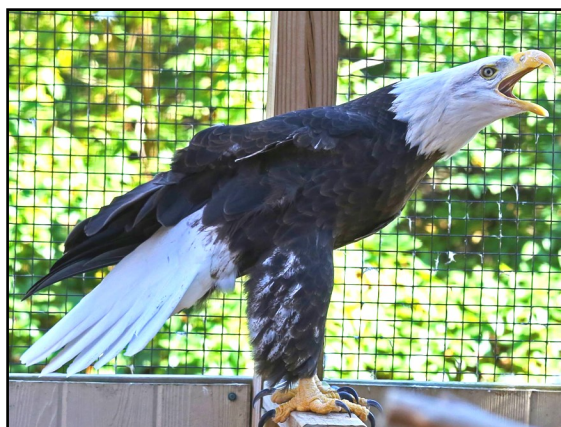
Interested in sponsoring a resident? Contact TreeHouse at [618-466-2990](tel:618-466-2990), email us at treehouse.kelly@gmail.com or visit our website Guardian Program page at <http://www.treehousewildlifecenter.com/sponsor-an-animal>.



Utah



Spuds



2020 GUARDIANS

TreeHouse Resident	Guardian	In Honor, or In Memory of	Gifted By
Cirrus the Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Susan Rollins</i>	(M) Dorothy Jackson	
Stevie the Great horned Owl	<i>Lee Ann Kaskutas</i>		
Julien the Red shouldered Hawk	<i>Stewart Kinney</i>	(H) Grandson	
Bubbles ASN Turtle	<i>Lyla & Dylan Blackburn</i>	Ashley Lamparter	
BoBo-NoBo red Screech Owl	<i>Michelle Camarena</i>	(H) Mother	
Emrys the Bald Eagle	<i>Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery</i>		
Sandy the Axolotl	<i>Mary Rotz</i>	(M) Sandy Konopelski	
Pepper the Axolotl	<i>Jessica Walker/ G.S. Troop 819</i>		
Leia the Screech Owl	<i>Patrice Vaeth</i>		<i>Lee Kaskutas</i>
Marti the Box Turtle	<i>Brenda and Bryon</i>		<i>Jennie Hible</i>
Buddy the Screech Owl	<i>Brenda and Bryon</i>		<i>Jennie Hible</i>
Ingram the Crow	<i>Morrison's Irish Pub</i>		
Isaac Newton the Vulture	<i>Col. Stephen Miller</i>		
Jack the Barred Owl	<i>Matt Glenn</i>		Amanda Wessell
Aspen the Kestrel	<i>Julie Whitmire</i>		
Karrion the Vulture	<i>Eric Bloemker</i>	(H) Karen (sister)	
Hope the Bald Eagle	<i>Traci McEuen</i>	<i>Chandra Ann Jeanette Bosler</i>	
Houdini the box turtle	<i>David & Kathryn Dobrinic</i>	Grandchildren: Bryer & Rowen	
Maorga Peregrine Falcon	<i>Mary Morrison</i>		
Hershey the red tailed hawk	<i>Christine Casten</i>	(M) Lee Casten	
Tucker the Yellow Mud Turtle	<i>Louis & Jack Yates</i>		
Millie the American Kestrel	<i>Judie Loudon</i>		
Blue the American Kestrel	<i>Anastasia Drake & Shelby Bickerstaff</i>		
Skye the Bald Eagle	<i>Gary Surgeon</i>	(M) Melvin & Shirley McCann	
Ozzy the Bald Eagle	<i>Brooke Aldridge</i>		



Wish List

Petco gift cards
Paper towels
Liquid laundry detergent
Dryer sheets
33 gal. trash bags
Plastic animal kennels (all sizes)
Towels
Welding gloves
Fishing nets with handles (all sizes)
Garden hoses
Sweatshirts & sweatpants
Cash donations
Tractor with scoop or
(Mechanical) Bobcat

<https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1GOBOKNDPZMWG>
For the TreeHouse wish list on Amazon

If you have an animal in need of
rehabilitation, call
(618) 466-2990 Dow
or the
BiState MO/IL Wildlife Hotline at
www.wildlifehotline.com or
Toll free (855)-945-3435

If you have questions about
becoming a volunteer, or if you would
like to book a program, please call
(618) 466-2990

or check out our website at
www.treehousewildlifecenter.com

TreeHouse Wildlife Center, Inc.
23956 Green Acres Road
Dow, Illinois 62022

GoodSearch
You Search or Shop...
We Give!

Company Gift Matching

Many companies offer charity gift
matching programs.

Ask your employer or check our
website for a list of employers
who will match your contribution
to TreeHouse

WE NEED YOU



Imagine yourself volunteering at TreeHouse and in walks a person with an injured animal. They had the heart and conviction to rescue this injured animal, to bring it to you at TreeHouse only to hear from you that there is no more room or funding to help.

The scenario above could easily be true considering the growing amount of injured wildlife we are experiencing.



WE NEED YOU...

- * To spread the word to your friends and family
- * To talk to your employers about matching gift donations
 - * To become an ongoing monthly donor
- * To use ask your organizations to hold a fundraiser for TreeHouse
- * To use TreeHouse as an environmental education facility for all
 - * To purchase your gifts in our store, The Owl Shop

TreeHouse belongs to all.
The fate of our wildlife in need is in your hands

WE NEED YOU

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Dow, IL 62022
(618) 466-2990

HELP WANTED**GREETERS WANTED**

If you enjoy talking to people from all over the region, the U.S. and yes, from all over the globe, then this volunteer position is for you.

Greeters are needed to welcome visitors to TreeHouse, explain a little bit about what we do here, ring up sales in The Owl Shop, and do a little bit of housecleaning to make our education center sparkle.

If interested contact:
treehouse.sherri@gmail.com.

CLINIC WORKERS

Is working directly with the animals right up your alley? The clinic needs volunteers to care for orphaned and injured wildlife including feeding, cleaning cages, and administering medications. If interested contact:
treehouse.kelly@gmail.com

**CONSTRUCTION CREW,
LANDSCAPERS, ETC.**

If interested contact:
treehouse.adele@gmail.com

FUNDRAISERS NEEDED

If you are one of those rare individuals who loves to write grants, solicit donations or plan and host events, Kelly would love to have you join her team. Contact:
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TRANSPORTERS

TreeHouse covers a wide area of Illinois between Springfield and Carbondale. We depend on volunteers throughout our area to transport animals to TreeHouse. If this is something you'd be interested in contact: treehouse.kelly@gmail.com.

EDUCATORS

We need volunteers to educate the public about TreeHouse and our beautiful native wildlife. Our Educators give outreach programs, conduct tours, and man booths at homecomings and fairs. If interested contact:
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TreeHouse Wildlife Explorers is for kids aged 14 and under, and it's designed to teach kids about wildlife and the natural world in a fun and engaging way.

Members will receive a one-page monthly newsletter in the mail, keeping them informed and in the loop about the animals being cared for at TreeHouse

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**YES! I would like to join the
TREEHOUSE WILDLIFE EXPLORERS**
My \$15 membership dues are enclosed

Name _____

Date of Birth _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Make checks payable to:

TreeHouse Wildlife Center

and send to

**TreeHouse Wildlife Center
23956 Green Acres Road
Dow, IL 62022**

attn: TreeHouse Explorers

TREEHOUSE WILDLIFE CENTER MEMBERSHIP

TreeHouse receives **NO** state, federal or county funding.
Our only funding comes through you, the concerned public.

One way of helping TreeHouse operate is through purchasing a membership.
You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped us
give something back to the wild.

TreeHouse Membership — \$20/year

Senior Citizen Membership — \$15.00/year

TreeHouse Wildlife Explorers Membership for kids — \$15.00/year

Lifetime TreeHouse Membership — (a one-time donation) \$1,000.00

TreeHouse is registered as a non-profit corp. 501 C (3). All contributions are tax deductible

- ☐ I would like to **renew** my membership to Treehouse Wildlife Center
- ☐ I would like to **become** a member of TreeHouse.
- ☐ I would like to make an **additional contribution** to TreeHouse.
- ☐ I would like to make a **donation** to the **TreeHouse Building Fund.**

Please check the appropriate box and mail this form with your donation.

☐ \$15.00 ☐ \$20.00 ☐ \$25.00 ☐ \$50.00 ☐ \$ _____ Other

- ☐ I would like information on becoming a **volunteer**

Name _____

Address _____

Print E-Mail Address _____

Remit via Pay Pal or Mail check to:
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TreeHouse does not sell or share our mailing or e-mail lists with anyone.