



EVERY ANIMAL MATTERS

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Wild Care Friends,

Wild Care is currently caring for over 200 patients, and that does not include the 52 turtle eggs we are incubating. Unfortunately, many animals brought to Wild Care have been affected by humans, directly or indirectly. Whenever possible, we make every effort to reunite young animals with their families and keep nests in place—because wildlife parents know best. This allows our dedicated team to focus on those truly in need: the sick, injured, and orphaned. Sometimes, wild foster families step in to give young animals the best shot at life in the wild.



*We hope you enjoy these success stories of the season -
re-nesting, reinventing, and reuniting!*

Stephanie Ellis
Executive Director



A Gosling Finds its Forever Flock

An orphaned gosling was brought to Wild Care after it was found wandering in Truro Center. The rescuer was unable to locate the parents. After two weeks of care by Wild Care's dedicated staff of wildlife rehabilitators, the bird was introduced into a wild Canada Goose family. The family welcomed the baby immediately as one of their own. Canada Geese form strong bonds with their siblings and parents and typically stay together as a family unit for up to a year.

A Flicker of Hope

Winds of over 60 mph from a rare May Nor'easter took down a tree in South Yarmouth along with 7 Northern Flicker chicks that were nesting inside a tree cavity. Homeowners Mike and Sue Peterson kept the chicks warm and dry in a dark box with nesting material overnight and brought them to Wild Care in the morning. The chicks were fed, and found to be in good health. Knowing that the best place for these young birds to be was with their parents it was decided to place them in a nesting box and take the chicks back to see if the adult birds would return for them. There is no mistaking the sound of hungry baby Flickers, and after a while the parents heard their calls and returned to care for them. Over the next few weeks the parents took turns feeding the babies until all of them successfully fledged just before Father's Day. Wildlife is best left wild, and this happy family reunion is what we love to see. Our Wildlife Helpline is available every day to help make this happen. Working together for wildlife.





From Hatchling to Sibling

On May 2, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service removed an Osprey nest from a home structure in Yarmouth Port. For the past 3 years, USDA has provided us with eggs removed from human dwellings with appropriate permits. With special permission from MassWildlife, Wild Care incubates these eggs and finds appropriate homes for either the eggs or chicks. While we would prefer these nests stay in place, we understand that on some occasions Osprey nests on chimneys and roofs pose a safety concern for homeowners. One chick from this clutch of eggs hatched at Wild Care in our incubator. Under the skilled care of our staff of wildlife rehabilitators, the chick flourished!

Time was of the essence. This baby needed a foster family before it's visual acuity would put it at risk for human imprinting (around day 10). We put the word out to Eversource MA that we were seeking a nest for our now 7-day old chick. Who better than to see into tall nests? They quickly found us a perfect match in Chatham. The chick was introduced to its new family with 3 siblings, and was readily accepted. Boy are we fortunate that Osprey can't count!

Babies on Board

Since 2023, Wild Care and Allen Harbor Marine Service in Harwich Port have been collaborating to prevent birds—especially House Finches and Carolina Wrens—from nesting in boats that are stored under shrink wrap. When a nest is discovered during boat unwrapping, or when moving the boat to a new location, Wild Care provides a specially designed white nest box. The nest is carefully relocated into this box, which is placed in the same area where the boat was, so the parent birds can continue caring for their chicks. In May, a nest of hatchling House Finches was found in the bow of a boat being unwrapped. Allen Harbor staff promptly used one of Wild Care's boxes, transferring the nest safely. They monitored the situation and confirmed that both parent finches returned to the new nest location. Ultimately, all the chicks successfully fledged (left the nest), showing the method works well.



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Thank you for donating now, and helping us to keep the "Care" in Wild Care!

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