

There are many ways in which you can help!



August 2018

Dear Friend of Wild Care,

Summer is passing quickly! We have already received over 1,300 animals this year. We are happy to report, of the many animals brought to our door, dozens of orphans were reunited with their wildlife “families”. Through Wild Care’s Helpline and Rescue Program, Wild Care staff make active attempts to reunite orphaned animals back with their parents, or foster parents, whenever possible...

Three such amazing examples occurred just recently, involving Osprey - a species once on the brink of local extinction due to the use of DDT pesticides. Only through the banning of DDT in 1972, captive breeding programs, and active efforts to provide artificial nesting platforms, did this species finally recover to the healthy population we see in Massachusetts and on Cape Cod today.



**Osprey chicks returned to nest with community help. Photo by Kevin McLaughlin, Eversource**

### Free Bird!

A fledgling Osprey was entangled in fishing line on July 8<sup>th</sup> in its nest. Wild Care received the message and alerted officials. Wild Care’s Wildlife Rehabilitator and Special Rescue Coordinator Amy Webster arrived at the scene, greeted by the Dennis Fire Dept., Dennis Police Dept. and the Town of Dennis

Natural Resources. The Dennis FD extended a ladder, 110 feet over the marsh to retrieve the Osprey, as the parent Osprey circled overhead. Dennis Animal Control Officer Jennifer

Harrington climbed the ladder to reach the chick. Amy un-tangled fishing line from the bird’s talons, leg and wing and gave the bird a thorough exam to ensure that there were no injuries. Luckily for this chick, the bird was in great condition and immediately placed back into its nest with its siblings. Wild Care received a report that the chick was the first to test its wings and fledge the nest, just days later. (Photo left) A true survival story!

***“To assist a species that was once on the brink of local extinction, is especially heartwarming and critically important.” Stephanie Ellis, Executive Director***



**Dennis Animal Control Officer Jennifer Harrington climbs a ladder approximately 110 feet over marsh.**

Top Photo by Dennis Animal Control  
Bottom Photo by Susan Wellington

**Rescued chick, first to fledge the nest!**

### Three Osprey Chicks Recovered from Nest Fire - Receive New Digs

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, Wild Care responded to a call for three Osprey chicks displaced when their nest caught fire in Centerville. Wild Care’s Amy Webster recovered the three chicks. They were given a thorough exam and placed in an oxygen chamber at Wild

Care, to prevent complications from smoke inhalation. Aside from a few singed tail feathers and one lost toenail, the birds were in great condition and ready to be reunited with their parents. What ensued next involved days of intensive care, and incredible community support. On July 30<sup>th</sup>, the Barnstable Police Department, the Town of Barnstable Natural Resources, and Eversource, quickly arranged to build a new nest for the birds within 100 feet of the old nest. Eversource constructed the nest platform, which consisted of a wooden pallet attached to a utility pole...

**Wild Care needs YOUR help to continue to provide our critical wildlife helpline and rescue services, and provide animals like these Osprey the help that they need.**

The nest was constructed of sticks and reeds. Fish were placed into the nest in case the parents were slow to return. Finally the chicks were placed in their new nest. To everyone's excitement, the parent Osprey were flying around the nest within minutes, after five days of being separated from their chicks! Multiple sources confirmed that the chicks were being cared for by the parents, days following the re-nesting.

**Osprey Chick Removed from Nest Fire - Receives Foster Parents**

On July 22nd, one surviving Osprey chick estimated to be 6-weeks old, was displaced after a fire destroyed its nest in Centerville. The young Osprey was retrieved by Amy Webster and taken to Wild Care for a thorough exam, and oxygen therapy. The bird was determined to be in good health, and a good candidate for a foster family. The bird received several days of intensive rehabilitative care at Wild Care. Wild Care received reports of multiple nests on Cape Cod with similar-aged chicks, and reached out to Eversource for assistance. They were happy to assist once again, and helped us get the chick into an appropriate nest. The chick was placed into a nest on Ryder's Cove in Chatham by Animal Control Officer Diane Byers of the Chatham Police Dept. on July 31st. We've received confirmation that the new parents were tending to the offspring, even after their own fledglings had flown off. Great news!

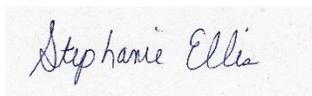
It sometimes takes a village to help wildlife. Wild Care is grateful for these community partnerships, and for the support from people like YOU that allows us to make these wildlife reunions & re-nestings possible. As you can see, Wild Care provides an extremely critical service to the community and to the wildlife of Cape Cod, but every phone call and every rescue takes time and valuable resources.

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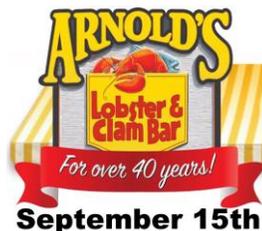
- Make a [one-time donation](#) to help us get through the upcoming busy season.
- Help us support our wildlife patients into the future! Become a monthly [Sustained Giver](#). Even \$10 per month will help us to feed and medicate a sick, injured or orphaned animal. It's easy! Sign up at <http://www.wildcarecapecod.org/donate-today/>.
- Consider leaving Wild Care as a beneficiary of your estate through [Legacy Giving](#). Contact Executive Director Stephanie Ellis, [sellis@wildcarecapecod.org](mailto:sellis@wildcarecapecod.org) for more details.
- Support us at an [upcoming event!](#) We're always looking for sponsors or donations. Join us at Arnold's Clam Bar, Eastham, September 15th or Guapo's in Orleans on September 23rd. Check our website for details: [www.wildcarecapecod.org](http://www.wildcarecapecod.org).

If you are already a Sustaining Giver - we are grateful for your support!  
We deeply appreciate your willingness to support the work and mission of Wild Care.

Thank you for caring for Cape Cod's wildlife.



Stephanie Ellis



**September 23rd**