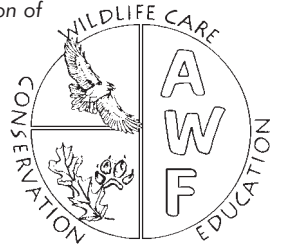


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Efforts this year outside of animal care centered around fund raising events, including *Blues of a Feather* and *Ride for the Raptors* which netted about \$3,000.

Our success was due in large part to the continued support of our community, the outstanding work of our volunteers, and a little help from the media, as well as the support of all of our regular donors.

Good Day Oregon

On Their Own for the First Time

While springtime is probably our busiest time of the year, autumn is not always far behind. Juvenile animals such as hawks, bobcat, and deer are leaving their parent's territory and guardianship for the first time and trying to establish territories of their own. Animals like Canadian Geese, elk and many songbirds elect not to weather the elements but instead choose to migrate out. Autumn/Winter can be a cruel time for these inexperienced or migrating animals, and death by injury or starvation is an all too common fate.



This juvenile raccoon was attacked by a dog and lost its tail and had its arm broken. It'll be cared for at our animal care clinic until next spring, when it will be release into an area with plentiful food and free of dogs, if not of other predators.



Thanks again for general operating support from the **Kinsman Foundation** and the **Hill Designated Fund**. We couldn't do it without your on-going faith in and support of our mission.

If you haven't visited **AWF** in a while, we have tours Saturday morning from 10-11:30 a.m. Programs are listed on our website.

If you're excited about our work, if you love animals and want to help, consider becoming a volunteer. Adult volunteers are used in all areas of work.

To find out more about our programs, or how you can help, contact us at 503-829-9567, or visit us at www.awildfound.org

A Holiday Wish from All of Us at AWF

During This Holiday Season

Remember to be grateful.

Take time for yourself.

Listen to your loved ones.

Be kind, even to those who might be rude.

Bring a treat to a friend.

Do something unexpected.

Give more than you take.

During this time of year when thoughts turn to peace, good will, and charity, please remember to include our animal friends.

American Wildlife Foundation is dedicated to teaching people about the natural environment and helping them find ways to protect and preserve it and the animals who live in it. Our goal is to be a cornerstone for wildlife care and conservation efforts through education and involvement.

Season's Greetings from
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Bring it to an experienced wildlife caregiver as soon as possible. For additional info visit our website at www.awildfound.org.

You can help these animals by placing food out and/or building shelters. Keep in mind, if you put out food or build shelters, animals such as skunk, opossum or starling may decide to set up territories in your yard. These animals are tenacious and tend to raid trash cans and pet food bowls. They might even injure your cat or dog.

If you find an injured animal and you want to help, always think safety first--yours and theirs.

Use common sense.

Leave dangerous animals such as bears, bobcats, cougars, eagles, etc. alone. Call the Department of Fish & Game. To capture a small-to-medium size animal, throw a heavy blanket over it and wear a thick pair of gloves while picking it up. Put it in a sturdy box. Keep it warm and dark, and don't try to give it food or water.

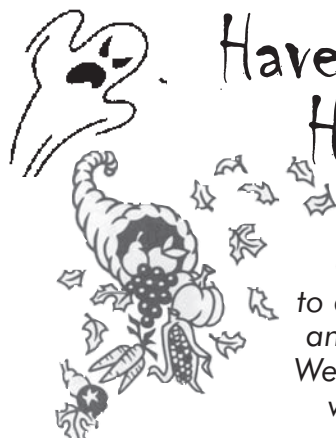


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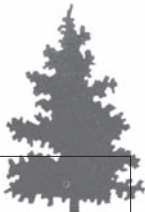
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2. informing and educating the public about wild animals and ecosystem conservation,
3. promoting research and continuing education for animal care and conservation professionals, and
4. assisting and supporting local, national, and international organizations dedicated to promoting wildlife care and conservation.

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AWF Gift Certificate
AWF offers gift certificates for any amount towards membership or sponsorship of a project (barn conversion, flight pen construction, display/education pen construction, etc.) or animal care and release. Your friend or family member will receive a gift certificate, a membership subscription to *Wildlife Watcher*, a plaque (for project sponsorship), and/or a photo of his/her sponsored animal.
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Conservation Begins with One.