



Altamonte Springs, 2023

The Rig Wash Raccoon A Tale of Unlikely Resilience

A woman name Doris called and told me she worked at big rig car wash place. One of the 18-wheelers had come in from a long haul and had come to be washed. As they started to hose the 18-wheeler down she noticed something fall from the one of the wheel wells. Telling everyone to stop what they were doing, she went to investigate. To her surprise she found a little raccoon weighing no more than a pound. Doris had no idea how the little guy got there, and the driver said he had come from Miami and had not stopped.

After a thorough checking of the raccoon, I found he was very dirty and had an infection on the back of his neck. I have no idea how he survived the trip, but he did and will be fine.



The Haven for Injured and Orphaned Wildlife
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2023 has been a busy year with over 800 animals coming to the Haven. At times all the cages were full and we were not able to take in wildlife for a few weeks until we were able to release some.

I am so thankful for the wonderful volunteers that I have as I could not do this without their help. They come to feed orphans, clean cages, make meal bowls, wash the animal dishes, help catch animals to be released, assist me giving vaccinations, deep clean the “animal bedroom” weekly, gather donations, and do animal-sitting. --- Mary Jane Isner

Volunteer	Start date of service
Sue Oxham	March 2000
Cathy Noga	June 2000
Doris Drivas	April 2004
Cyndy Walters	May 2004
Jennifer Coleman	January 2005
Karen Becker	April 2007
Carla Hughes	March 2019
Sarah Benero	February 2021
Melissa Stamer	May 2023





I Am an Animal Rescuer

By Annette King-Tucker of
Wild Heart Ranch Wildlife Rescue

My job is to assist God's creatures
 I was born with the need to fulfill their needs
 I take in new family members without plan, thought, or
 selection
 I have bought dog food with my last dime
 I have patted a mangy head with a bare hand
 I have hugged someone vicious and afraid
 I have fallen in love a thousand times
 and I have cried into the fur of a lifeless body
 I have Animal Friends and friends who have animal friends
 I don't often use the word "pet"
 I notice those lost at the road side
 And my heart aches
 I will hand raise a field mouse
 And make friends with a vulture
 I know of no creature unworthy of my time
 I want to live forever if there aren't animals in Heaven
 But I believe there are
 Why would God make something so perfect and leave it
 behind
 We may be master of the animals,
 But the animals have mastered themselves
 Something people still haven't learned
 War and Abuse makes me hurt for the world
 But a rescue that makes the news gives me hope for mankind
 We are a quiet but determined army
 And making a difference ever day
 There is nothing more necessary than warming an orphan
 nothing more rewarding than saving a life
 No higher recognition than watching them thrive
 There is no greater joy than seeing a baby play
 who only days ago, was too weak to eat
 I am an Animal Rescuer
 My work is never done,
 My home is never quiet
 My wallet is always empty
 But my heart is always full

Haven Wish List

Cash Donations	Pate' Canned Cat Food
Paper Towels	Fresh Vegetables
Old Bath Towels	Laundry Detergent-HE
Acorns & Nuts	Bleach
Bite-sized Dog Food	1 Gallon Zip Baggies
Cat/Kitten Chow	13 Gallon Trash Bags

The Haven would like to thank **vets** and staff at the **Winter Park Veterinary Clinic** for their time and expertise.

A thank you to **Dr. Olson** at the **Varsity Veterinary Center** for her time and expertise.

Thank you to all the **volunteers** who help!

Haven T-Shirts

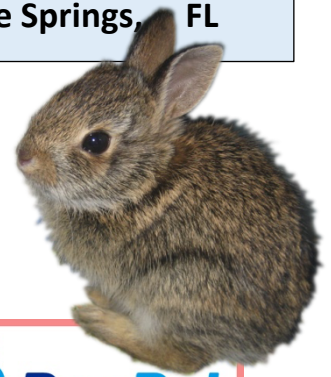
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PILEATED WOODPECKER



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TUBE FEEDING AN OPOSSUM



OPOSSUM



RACCOONS



SUE & FRIEND



BABY GNAT CATCHER



HUNGRY OPOSSUMS



With an annual budget of \$25,000, the task of rehabilitating wildlife can be quite challenging. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the incredible individuals who generously donated this past year, including some steadfast supporters who have been contributing for many years. My volunteers play an indispensable role in caring for the wildlife, yet it's the unwavering support of my gracious donors that truly makes it all possible. From the depths of my heart, thank you.

--Mary Jane Isner

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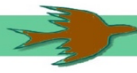
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Raising Wood-P-P-Peckers

I had the privilege to raise 9 Red Bellied Woodpecker babies this summer. They are fascinating, funny, and endearing animals.

As naked hatchlings, they are a bit homely, but when they are pin feathered as nestlings, they look very beautiful—almost like jewelry.



They are big, heavy baby birds, and their bottoms get messy from the way they sit. For the required daily “bidet-ing” I used an artist’s acrylic brush dipped in warm water, which works wonders for being both gentle and a good wipe. Sometimes, I must hold parts of the body under running warm water, which they seem to enjoy. After I dry them with tissues, I put coconut oil on their bare butt skin to keep the poop from sticking and to moisturize. Then, into a warm cage they go until they are no longer damp.

Initially they eat baby bird formula with a 1 ml syringe, but as nestlings they start to eat solid food like crickets and soaked dry dog food. They peck to grab solids with their long sharp beaks, so a rubber tipped tweezers works well. An experienced rehabber can hand feed. Later, meal worms get offered in a wall hung cup. Bird seed is offered when they start to fledge. Although the adult woodpeckers relish peanuts from an outside feeder, it takes a while for the juveniles to develop a taste for the legumes. When they start to fledge, they start looking at the holes in the logs differently. Their tongues investigate and taste everything – like a human baby – very oral! It is super important not to have any terrycloth towels in the cage, as their tongues have barbs and can get tangled. Detangling is painful, and the stress can be grave.

Sometimes juveniles must be combined. When they are put in a cage together, you must watch them closely, so that a dominant one does not bully the others. I find if they are all given their own “kingdoms,” fights don’t result in any getting hurt. They can reign over a cage corner or a vertical branch tied to the cage bars. Just have one “special spot” per bird, and they all figure it out. Also, they require a lot of room as they start to play. If one gets very aggressive, it will need a separate cage. Usually, those birds like to be alone and thrive.



As rehabbers, we always have our eye on the prize – a successful release, where the animal is quite capable of finding food. In the wild, woodpeckers eat a lot of ants. Before release, the juveniles spend a week in an outdoor flight cage with a more natural habitat: grass, climate, outside noise, vertical tree trunks. Inside the enclosure “yard ants” are attracted to the trunks with dead insects stuffed in drilled holes. We think of ants and sugar, but apparently they like protein too. At this point the “feeding” only involves restocking the holes in the wood with crickets, mealworms, peanuts, and dry dog food.

Upon release, they fly up to a huge live oak in the yard and start searching, pecking, and tasting. You know they will do well. It is a nice feeling. --- Jennifer Coleman

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Raccoon Squirrel Opossum Owl

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Great
Blue
Heron
6"-8"



Turkey
4"



Crow
2.3"

