



Medina Raptor Center

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eNEWSLETTER

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Established in 1985, the Medina Raptor Center is a leading raptor rehabilitation facility. Our purpose is to rescue, rehabilitate and release injured or orphaned wildlife. We specialize in birds of prey and treat over 400 birds each year. All receive individual attention, appropriate veterinary care, physical therapy, training and conditioning before returning them to the wild.

MRC is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization and permitted by state and federal agencies. We depend solely on volunteers and there is no paid staff. We operate on the donations of time and money.

News from the Nest:

Swans On My Porch and Turkey Vultures On My Roof

This Spring and Summer has been very amazing, full of new learning experiences and surprises. In 2010 we fostered two young Turkey Vultures from the demolition of the First Energy building in Lorain. We released both of them in September. By November they had both found their way back to the Center. They stayed the winter with us and I released them again here from the Center in April. It was fascinating watching the youngsters interact with the local Vultures. Sometimes we would have 8 to 10 Vultures here perched in various places around the Center. Eventually after several weeks they would start flying off with the local group. They would come back to be fed but then disappear. After a month one left and was never seen again. The other hung around for another three weeks and then was gone. We hope they are doing well and will stop by to see us again sometime.



Our Trumpeter Swans, Winton and Isadora announce their presence at 6:00 AM by trumpeting loudly at our front door. They will then follow me down to the barn for their breakfast. Trumpeter Swans are endangered in Ohio and are the largest North American waterfowl. They are full of personality and it's so much fun to see the way school children react to such large birds when they come to the Center for a tour.

This past March Winton and Izzy started patrolling the lake in their efforts to chase away all intruders from their private pond. In past years they would walk a mile or two to the neighbors in search of a suitable place to build their nest. This year they ended up at home building a nest on the far shore of our lake. Unfortunately after 45 days it failed. Too many storms and bad weather made it difficult for Izzy to stay tight to her nest. We will hope for success next year.

Dr. William Sternecker

This past April we lost a dear friend when Dr. William Sternecker passed away. He had been very helpful in the start of my wildlife rehabilitation center here and also in the formation of the Medina County SPCA which I helped to start back in 1985. Dr Sternecker was a mentor for me and my primary veterinarian for both organizations for many years. Dr. Sternecker was the one of the few veterinarians that would help injured wildlife. He helped all wildlife from deer to squirrels. When I switched over to the rehabilitation of birds he would always be willing to help, seeing injured birds whenever I called.

I remember stopping by one day with an emergency. I had a Screech Owl brought in from Chippewa Lake. I saw the devastating injury and jumped in the car without calling first (this was before cell phones.) I showed up on a busy day and he saw me immediately. He trusted me that I would not show up unannounced without good reason. He took a quick look at my patient and poked his head out into the waiting room and said I will be right back with you. This little bird needs my help right now and I will only be a minute. That's how he was, the animals came first. We will always treasure his willingness to help. We will always treasure his wisdom and his love for all animals.

HELP WANTED

Anyone interested in lending a helping hand with projects around the Center, please contact Laura Jordan @ 330-667-2386.

Interesting Cases



We released a seven year old Barn Owl back to his home territory in Holmes County. He flew right into his barn and took up residence just like he never had been gone.

We rehabilitated and released a Purple Gallinule, a southern visitor blown up here by the severe spring storms.

We have had the usual robins and blue jays and many ducklings.



Purple Gallinule

We are enjoying six Barred Owl fledglings and one adult that was hit by a car, and lots of Red Tail nestlings and Red Shouldered nestlings. We have helped ten Peregrine Falcons and one Eagle.



Blue Jay



Red-shouldered Hawk



Barred Owlets



Red Tailed Hawk

Thank Goodness for Interns

We have said a fond farewell to Lynette Neldon our first intern for 2011 from Hiram College. She was wonderful. We appreciate Hiram College continuing to offer educational opportunities at our Center. Lynette will be going into veterinary medicine, including exotics, so her time here will help her eventually with the career she has chosen.

We welcome Caleb Lemmo a junior from Hiram. He has big shoes to fill but is doing an amazing job. Feeding little baby birds every hour and cleaning up their messes is a lot of work, especially when you add ducklings and raptor babies to the mix. Hooray to these wonderful students who do such a great job for us and are learning at the same time.



On Another Note



We continue to network with other centers. We received a fledgling Eagle from Glen Helen Raptor Center and a few birds from The Ohio Bird Sanctuary. They assisted me with a Cooper's Hawk baby that their adult bird helped to raise. Stark Parks brought us some Screech Owls and a Red Shouldered Hawk, and Lake Erie Nature and Science Center needed flight conditioning on a Red Tail they rehabilitated.

We still have Cheyenne and Current the two adult Peregrines that were injured this Spring. Current will unfortunately never fly again having been damaged by another peregrine and was sent to Lake Metro Parks. We are still waiting for Cheyenne to heal so that he can be released.

We have a new female Peregrine here that was rescued on a very rainy night from a cow pasture in Wellington. She has a fracture and will be re-cooperating here for a while.

Hats Off To The Cleveland Metro Parks Forestry Division For Helping Local Raptors

The Medina Raptor Center has had the opportunity to work closely with the Forestry Division of the Cleveland Metro parks. Talk about team work! The members of the Forestry Division need to put human safety at their forefront but, they also take care to help protect the wild raptors that nest and live in the Cleveland Metro parks. They keep in contact with us letting us know which areas they will be working on the trees and seeking our help when needed. They are very cognizant of nesting Hawks and Owls and make every attempt to work around their nesting areas. They also notify the Cleveland Metro parks Raptor Survey Group (which Medina Raptor Center volunteers participate in) of any new raptor nests they come upon and they've offered their assistance with re-nesting young raptors back with their parents within the park system. This has been invaluable to us. The Cleveland Metro parks Forestry Division, led by Chuck Englehart, is a special group of dedicated men. We take our hats off to them for their conservation efforts and we know our local raptors would give them "two talons up" too!



“Victory”

Medina Raptor Center “Sponsor a Bird” Program

The **Sponsor a Bird Program** is one way you can participate in the conservation of these magnificent birds of prey. By sponsoring one of the permanent residents at the Medina Raptor Center, you support the care and feeding of the Center’s patients and permanent residents. A sponsorship packet comes along with each donation. **Sponsor A Bird Programs** make great memorial contributions, also nice gift ideas, too, with the holidays fast approaching.

Sponsorship Donation of \$50.00 for any bird of your choice:

Screech Owl	Peregrine Falcon
Barred Owl	Red-Tail Hawk
Great Horned Owl	American Kestrel
Snowy Owl	Turkey Vulture
Barn Owl	Red Shouldered Hawk
Great Blue Heron	Rough-Legged Hawk
Cedar Waxwing	American Bald Eagle donation is \$200.00

Name and address of person receiving sponsorship (if different):

Or (_____ In memory of:)

Or (_____ In honor of:)

Yes: I’d like to sponsor a bird:

The type of bird we wish to sponsor: _____
 _____ “or” please choose a bird for us:

Your Name: _____

Name (for certificate): _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

City, State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

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Enclosed is a check/cash in the amount of ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$200 ___ Other

(Thank you for your support and please make checks payable to the Medina Raptor Center.)

Remember all donations will go toward the purchase of food and medication for the Center’s patients and permanent residents. Contributions for Sponsor A Bird are tax deductible as allowed by law.

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Wild animals have evolved over the course of millions of years as independent, free-living beings. They have needs, instincts and behaviors that are inseparably tied to their appropriate habitat. We receive approximately 30 calls a day about wildlife and human conflicts. One of our many goals is to stop people from interfering with nature and educate them to leave wildlife alone. But sometimes we come across a wild animal in need of assistance. First of all, do not give the animal any food or water. If it is a baby bird and you can locate the nest from which it fell from, place it back. Feeding an animal/bird an incorrect diet can result in injury or death. Place the animal in an appropriately-sized, secure box with a towel or newspaper on the bottom. Make sure the box has air holes in the lid. Make sure the animal/bird is out of the sun. Keep the animal/bird in a warm, dark, quiet place. Keep children and pets away. Then call the wildlife authorities in your area. Again, wild animals and wild birds belong in the wild.

This little Red Fox was found on the side of the road.

Here are some helpful numbers to have on hand:

Division of Wildlife: 330-644-2293

Websites to reach a rehabilitator in your area: W.W.W.Owra.org

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