

Newsletter 2012

Bears, Bears and More Bears



The year 2012 was the year of the bear here at Kindred Kingdoms. A total of eighteen orphaned and injured cubs called KKWRI home. They came to us from the Catskills, Adirondacks, and Southern Tier. They arrived averaging twelve to fifteen pounds and the largest was released at 155 pounds. Oh yes, and did we tell you how much they can eat? Their diet consisted of fresh fruits, vegetables, greens, berries, nuts cereals, and some dog food. Needless to say, daily trips to local stores and farmers co-ops were part of the routine. We extend a huge thanks to Dr. John Wilson, who did a beautiful job of pinning the femur back together of one of the little female cubs that had been hit by a car. After many weeks of small cage rest to allow healing to take place, she was up and running, climbing, and

playing with the other cubs. Ten of the eighteen have been released back to the wild. The other eight were too small for a fall release. They will soon hunker down here in their dens and wait to be released in the spring.

"If we go on as we are, we will destroy in the next century everything that the poets have been singing about for the past two thousand years."
...Fred Bodsworth

Farewell Z-32

Kindred Kingdoms rehabilitated five bald eagles this year. When they came to us, none of them had been banded. All were successfully released. Prior to their release, Bonnie Parton, a DEC wildlife biologist came out to band them. One very large and feisty female had come to us from Tomkins County. She was found standing by the side of a road and was presumed hit by a vehicle. Initially, she offered no resistance when the DEC officer rescued her and took her to the Cornell Wildlife Clinic. After being treated there, Cornell called us and asked if we would take her for flight conditioning and further rehabilitation. Even though we don't name our animals, she was soon to be called, "Nasty Nelly." She made it clear from day one that she wasn't fond of humans and she wanted out of here. After she was fully recovered, she was released about a mile from our facility along the Seneca River and Peter Scott Swamp. A few weeks later, I received a phone call from a man up on the Salmon River Reservoir who was watching a, "Huge Eagle." She was sitting on a rock and had been seen flying with another eagle. He had a camera with a sharp telephoto lens and was able to get a band number. Yes, there she was Z-32. A few days later, he called back to say that not only was she back on her rock, but she had caught and killed a large salmon and he watched her gorge herself. I couldn't wait to tell all the folks at Cornell and Bonnie Parton. We all agreed, we love these happy ending stories.



Our Website, www.kindredkingdoms.com is getting a new look, check it out and let us know what you think.



: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kindred-Kingdoms-Wildlife-Rehabilitation-Center/352234719248>

Our Year in Transition

As we announced in our 2011 newsletter, Kindred Kingdoms now specializes in black bear cubs and raptors. Many of our new raptors came to us from the Rochester area, due to the closing of Friends with Feathers, run by our good friends, Ron and Sue Walker. Making this move was no easy feat. It took five trips to and from



Rochester with trucks and flatbed trailers to transport cages, building materials, freezers, perches, and finally the birds. Everyone is settled in now and the birds have adjusted well to their new home. Thanks to Alex Reitz who completed the new snowy owl habitat for his eagle scout project just in time for the new occupant to move in.

As always, we want to thank all our supporters who have been making donations to Kindred Kingdoms through IGIVE.com, Goodsearch.com and through the United Way.

If you share our passion for wildlife, please consider donating in memory of a loved one or leaving a legacy in your will to Kindred Kingdoms. Bequests will allow us to continue the care we give for the ever-increasing number of animals we receive each year.

Wish List

New items that we have added to our wish list include: gift cards from: Wegmans, Home Depot, Lowes, Staples, and Kinkos.

We also always need natural items such as: acorns, beechnuts, hollow logs, rotted logs, maple sap, maple seeds, drift wood, flat stones, walnuts, hickory nuts, and wild grapevine.

Thanks to Our Veterinarians

Kindred Kingdoms sends a hearty thank you to all the veterinarians who have been willing to assist us this year with injured wildlife.

They are:

Dr. Lender, Dr. Wolfer, Dr. Gilbraith, Dr. Cargill, Dr. Davis, Dr. Hammerschmidt, Dr. Wallace, Dr. Capparelli, and all the vets at the Wildlife Clinic at Cornell.

We couldn't do it without them.

How you can help!

igive.com

If you shop on-line, shop through iGive.com. Log in that you are shopping for Kindred Kingdoms. Through iGive, you may shop at over six hundred stores. At NO expense to you, a portion of your sales will be sent to Kindred Kingdoms. This is surely a win-win situation for you and the animals.

goodsearch.com

Designate us as your charity and each time you search the web you generate revenue in our name to help us care for all the injured wildlife that has come to us in need of help. It's an easy way to help and it doesn't cost a thing!!!

Donate Cars/boats/ATV

Do you have an old car, boat, snowmobile or ATV you would like to get rid of? You can donate it to Kindred Kingdoms. If you have a car you would like to donate, please call Jean at (315) 695-6418.

This will greatly help us continue to care for our furred and feathered friends.

United Way

If you are contributing to the United Way, and you would like to designate your contribution to Kindred Kingdoms. Call Jean at (315) 695-6418 and we will direct you to the correct contact for your county.

Can you help us?



Animal care is labor intensive and very costly. We do not receive any state or federal aid and are supported by your donations, our fundraisers and ourselves.

YES! Here is my donation of \$ _____

Making a donation in someone's name to Kindred Kingdom is the perfect gift for the animal lovers on your list.

YES! I would like to donate \$ _____ as a gift.

Please send a certificate to _____

Please mail to: Kindred Kingdoms Wildlife Rehabilitation, Inc.
211 Sutton Road, Pennellville, NY 13132

Thanks