

Newsletter 2013



Kestrels, Kestrels, Kestrels...what a delightful little bird.

They are the smallest falcon in our area, yet they are ferocious rodent and insect eating machines. Farmers love to see them hunting in their fields, since they keep all the crop eaters in check. Kindred Kingdoms raised twelve baby kestrels this summer. Did you know they have "eyes" in the back of their heads? The big "eye spots" are a good example of mimicry. Larger predators that see them from behind think they are large eyes and this will help to ward off any attack. Nationally, their numbers are way down.



Habitat loss and the large amount of pesticides in crop fields has taken a toll on kestrels. We encourage people to put up kestrel nest boxes near open fields to make it easier on them to propagate.

"The love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man." - Charles Darwin



Hurray, Hurray, It's Your Freedom Day!

New York State DEC intern Alyssa Johnson took this picture of two of the cubs just prior to their release. Little did they know they were soon to be anesthetized, given a complete physical, weighed and transported back to the Catskills for release.

Thanks!

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

A special thanks to all the volunteers who help provide animal care, build habitats, website services, animal release sites and more...

Kindred Kingdoms also 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, and all the vets at the
Wildlife Clinic at Cornell.

We couldn't do it without them.

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>

Fly Like an Eagle

On April 9th we received a call from fellow wildlife rehabilitator, Judy Cusworth, asking us if we would be willing to take an adult female bald eagle that had just arrived at her facility in Chadwicks, NY. We accepted the challenge and drove to Judy's to pick it up. She had been found on Skinner Settlement Road in Camden, NY by Forest Ranger David Cornell. She was weak, thin, and very dehydrated. Over time, she regained her strength and began flying with ease in our flight cage. Bonnie Parton, a DEC Wildlife Biologist, came out to band her and she and David went back to the area where the eagle had been found and she was released. She soared over their heads and off beyond the tree line. This year, Kindred Kingdoms was home to a total of eight bald eagles. We are delighted that they are making such a great come back. In 1972 there was only one known eagle's nest in the entire State of NY. Today there are well over two hundred, with many more that have probably not been discovered yet. If you know of a nest that you think has been undocumented, please call the DEC and report it so that it may be monitored.



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.



Kindred Kingdoms Goes Batty

Raising baby bats is quite a challenge. Since they are mammals, the orphans must be syringe fed a milk formula at least 8 to 10 times a day. When they are ready to be weaned, a "mealworm soup" is added to the formula. Gradually, as they grow, their diet is changed from liquid to solid. Pretty soon, they are ready to eat by themselves from a bowl. When they reach adult size one would think they are ready for release...not so, they now must be taught how to take flight. This is what they learn from their mother. Bats cannot take off from the ground; they must be high up on a tree or pole to leap into flight. But first, they must have experience flying. When these babies were ready

for release, we took them out into the yard, one at a time, each night, tossed them gently up in the air and retrieved them as they drifted to the ground. Finally, after weeks of this, they could sustain flight on their own. When they could circle the yard and the pasture and land up on the high bark of a tree, we wished them well and said, "Goodbye."

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

How you can help!

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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.