

Newsletter 2014



A new foster family is found

On Saturday, March 15th Kindred Kingdoms received a five pound female black bear cub that had recently been orphaned in the Catskills. She readily accepted a bottle and settled into her new habitat.

Two days later, we received a call from the wildlife biologist in charge of the Region 3 territory where the cub had been found. He told us that a 17 year old, 270 pound, mother bear with cubs the same size had been located in her den in Region 8.

He asked if we could get the cub to Steuben County by 9:00 A.M. to see if she would accept the orphaned cub and raise it as her own. We arrived to find a team of DEC biologists ready and waiting. We waited in our van while they went into the den to anesthetize the sow and check her cubs. It initially had been thought that she only had three cubs, but she had four. A veterinarian was present to examine

the mother and all the cubs. Once under the anesthesia, the biologist put Vicks Vapor Rub up her nose with Q-tips. This would taint her sense of smell when she awoke and allow the orphaned cub to absorb her scent and that of her own cubs. We had brought a bottle of the formula that we had been feeding the orphaned cub and covered the snouts of the other four with it, just to be sure they all smelled the same. The DEC team put two trail cameras up to monitor the den. She and the four little black balls of fur were returned to the den. When we left the area, she was waking up and all five were nursing. On April 10th we received a call from the Region 8 office telling us that the sow and all five cubs had left the den. On July 18th the mother and all five cubs were spotted by a local resident and reported it to the main office. We all surely had good reason to "High Five" each other.

"If you talk to the animals, they will talk with you and you will know each other. If you do not talk to them, you will not know them, and what you do not know you will fear. What one fears, one destroys."

-Chief Dan George

Bears with their feet on backwards

Yes, the configuration of bear's back feet are just the opposite of humans. You are looking at the right foot of this little cub and her big toe is on the outside, not the inside. The inside toe is her little toe. The pads of their feet are very thick, probably thicker than the shoes we wear, making walking over rocks, logs, and forest floors comfortable.



Feeding time for Barred Owl babies

Kindred Kingdoms received three tiny barred owl babies this summer. They all came from separate areas, so none were siblings.



We are very cautious to not imprint or human habituate any of the juveniles that come to us, so we have a variety of puppets that resemble the adults of each species. With tweezers in a hidden hand, we can pick up tiny pieces of meat and feed the babies without them getting accustomed to humans as being their caregivers. As they grew, they learned to pick up their own food and eat on their own. When they were fully flighted and showed us they could hunt on their own, they were all released in a beautiful fifteen

hundred acre forested area near Ithaca.

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Ducks, Loons, and Grebes falling from the sky.

The winter of 2013-14 was bone chilling for us all. The polar vortex coming down from Canada rendered all five Great Lakes frozen for the first time in many years. As a result, the fish eating waterfowl could find no open water and no food. They took to the sky in search of sustenance but could find none. As a result, they



literally dropped from the sky in school yards, businesses, private homes, you name it, they were there. We began getting many phone calls from private citizens who found "strange looking birds" all over. Soon we received a call from a group of wildlife rehabilitators from the Buffalo area saying they were getting in birds from the shores of Lake Erie by the hundreds. They asked if we could help them by taking some of their birds. We all worked together and set up relays around the state. Keep in mind, Kindred Kingdoms already had rooms full of bath tubs with birds in them from Lake Ontario. We were daily going to all



the bait shops to buy fish as well as ordering cases of smelt from the local grocery stores. Fortunately, much of the Three Rivers area in Phoenix was open, due to the turbulence of the water going over the dams. As soon as each bird regained strength, weight, and waterproofing, they were ready to go. They were so elated to finally feel the comfort of open water, they never even waived good-bye or said thanks for the grub.

How you can help!

2 New Ways to Donate

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Shop through iGive.com. Choose Kindred Kingdoms as your charity and a portion will be sent to Kindred Kingdoms.

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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.

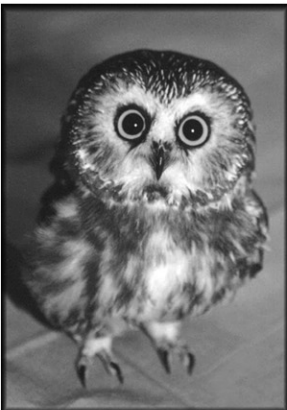
Donate Cars/boats/ATV

If you have an old car, boat, snowmobile or ATV you would like to get rid of You can donate it to us, Call Jean at (315) 695-6418. This will greatly help us continue to care for our furred and feathered friends.

United Way

If you would like to designate your United Way 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.

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Please send a certificate to _____

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

Thanks