

Newsletter 2016

Ospreys go home

On July 23rd we received a call from J.J. Maderos on Black Creek Road. He said that a huge osprey nest that had been on the power lines for years had come crashing down. Two juveniles that were about ready to fledge came down with it. Eventually, both babies came to us, but neither seemed any the worse for wear. They were grateful for the full pans of live fish we fed them, but I was anxious to return them to their parents.

As luck would have it, I had purchased a large wicker basket at a garage sale that would make a wonderful makeshift nest for these babies. We returned them to Black Creek Road and commandeered several of the guys from the neighborhood to help us. We found a large birch tree near the nest site. We climbed a ladder and nailed the basket high up in the tree. One at a time we placed the juveniles in the basket. We placed several fish in the basket to tide them over until we were certain the parents had found them.

We waited and watched, but no parents were seen for the rest of that day. We returned the next day and this time I went to the Audubon app on my smart phone and played the young juvenile osprey food call. Out of nowhere, came an adult osprey with a fish in its talons. It landed on the power line pole just a few feet from the basket. The babies were reunited with at least one parent and we watched as the fish was devoured. We quickly left the area feeling a great sense of accomplishment and relief, knowing these babies would have all the proper care from their own parents.



Cattaraugus County Cub

On May 10, 2016 we received a call from the Region 9 DEC office. They had found a young cub in a ditch that apparently had been hit by a vehicle. It had severe head trauma and was barely conscious. We drove to Rochester to meet them and pick the cub up. Once we got her there, she began going into seizures. We raced her to Dr. Scott Lescalleet who agreed to see her, even though it was late afternoon on a Friday and the office was closed. Upon arrival, we thought she had died in route. We removed her from the carrier and to our amazement, Scott detected pupil dilation in her eyes. A whole team began to work on her and within the hour, she was stabilized. Once we got her back to Kindred Kingdoms I knew she might go into seizures again and she should not be left alone. I brought my fold up cot into the stall with her as she laid very comatose on a quilt by my side. I had the syringe filled with diazepam ready in case the seizures started again. I stayed with her a full 48 hours until finally, she lifted her head and began to move. She began to cry and I filled her bottle to let her drink her formula. The next day, we drove her to Cornell Wildlife Clinic to do x-rays. No fractures were found, so we continued to treat her for concussion. Day by day, she grew stronger. Soon she was lapping on her own. Another orphaned cub arrived from Region 4 and they became playmates. When they both grew larger and stronger they were transferred to our outdoor bear habitat. We could then monitor them by closed circuit camera.

On her arrival she weighed 10 pounds and on the day of her release, she weighed in at 75 pounds. You never would have known she was the same bear that came to us so injured several months before. She was the 112th bear Kindred Kingdoms has rehabilitated. Each one has its own story, but she was truly our miracle child.

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Bear in Woods

In early spring we received an e-mail from Art Kirsch, a Region 8 wildlife biologist, who attached this picture.

On March 15th a black bear, just wandering through the woods in the southern tier came upon a trail camera that the DEC had mounted in a tree. He took his own picture and in it we could clearly see his ear tag,



which identified him as one of the cubs we had raised in 2013. So glad to see he had grown to be such a beautiful guy and was out there making a good living.



Injured Woodcock

On August 30th, Julie McLaughlin of Oswego found a woodcock along the side of a road. It had apparently been hit and was in need of assistance. She brought it to us and after taking x-rays, we found it had a broken furcula (wish bone).

Being a bird that prefers living in wooded areas hidden in the dirt and leaves of the forest floor, we assimilated this natural habitat in a bathtub with dimmed lights overhead. We daily dropped in the dirt dozens of fat earthworms. Woodcocks can eat their own weight in worms daily, so the bait shops were our new best friends. By September 22nd the bone had completely mended and the bird was ready for release. Knowing that we have woodcocks on our property, we carried it to the woods and wished it farewell.

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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 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.

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