

A photograph of a man with white hair and sunglasses, smiling while holding a bald eagle. The man is wearing a patterned sweater and a watch. The eagle has a white head, yellow beak, and dark brown body. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a fence and trees.

# **The Wildlife Center of Virginia**

**2012 Annual Report**

**Celebrating 30 Years  
of Service to  
Virginia's Wildlife**

# The Wildlife Center of Virginia, a hospital for native wildlife ...

**2012.**

**30 Years.**

**60,000 Patients.**

**One Mission.**



*The horse barn [outside and in].*



On November 9, 1982, a new organization opened its doors. Operating out of a horse barn in Waynesboro, the organization had what was, at the time, a unique, almost unheard-of purpose: providing quality, lifesaving veterinary treatment to any injured, ill, or orphaned wild animal that needed help.

That organization — set up as the “Shenandoah Valley Wildlife Treatment and Rehabilitation Center” — eventually changed its name to The Wildlife Center of Virginia.

From the horse barn, the Center “expanded” to a double-wide trailer in Weyers Cave in 1985. Then, in 1995, the Center moved to its current facility just inside the city limits of Waynesboro.

But one thing hasn’t changed — what we do. **Every day — every single day — we do all we can to save the lives of wild animals in need.**

Since the Center was founded, we have treated more than 60,000 patients — sick, injured, and orphaned wild animals from every corner of Virginia — and a few from neighboring states.



*The Center moved to Weyers Cave in 1985.*

**Cover photo:** Ed Clark releasing Bald Eagle, December 2012. Photo courtesy of Marie & Milan Majarov.

Also, special thanks to Jim Deal and Debbi Skluzak for their help with these Center archival photos.



*1995 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Waynesboro clinic.*

# ...teaching the world to care about and to care for wildlife and the environment.

From its earliest days, the Wildlife Center recognized that treating wild animals was just part of the job. The Center also needed to be a teaching institution — showing individuals the steps that **each one** of us can take to help wildlife.

Roadside litter that attracts animals ... free-roaming cats and dogs ... careless use of pesticides ... **all** of these human actions adversely affect wild animals. And each of these problems has practical and achievable solutions.

In the earliest days, it was Center Co-Founder Ed Clark who did most of the education programs. Putting more than 25,000 miles on his personal vehicle each year, Ed would present as many as seven, hour-long programs in a single day — 200 programs each year. His audiences were mostly children.

Ed started the practice of taking live animals to programs. Ed's first animal partner was RT — a Red-tailed Hawk, and one of the five first patients admitted back in 1982. They went to schools, service-club meetings, county fairs, summer library programs. If a community group wanted to talk about how to help wildlife, Ed and RT would be there.

For many people attending those programs, this was the most up-close experience they had ever had with a wild animal.

RT was soon joined by other animal ambassadors. Ed's animal partners have included Skyler [Bald Eagle] ... Scarlett [Red-tailed Hawk] ... Junior [Golden Eagle] ... and now Buddy, a Bald Eagle rescued from his nest at the Norfolk Botanical Garden in 2008.

**Since its founding in 1982, the Center's on-site and in-person programs throughout Virginia have reached more than 1.5 million children and adults.**

Ed and other Center representatives have appeared on countless TV and radio programs, in newspapers and magazines. The Wildlife Center was even featured in a weekly special series on *Animal Planet*.

And, now, the Center's reach is even wider. In 2011, the Center launched a new online educational program — *Critter Cam*, a live web-based broadcast and a moderated discussion on the Center's website. *Critter Cam* provides the opportunity to watch live webcasts of Center patients and residents — past "stars" have included Bald and Golden Eagles, a variety of hawks, an array of owls, Black Bears — and Buddy.



*Ed doing an education program, circa 1990.*



*Kids on a 1995 tour of the Center.*

*Buddy at 2012 Eagle Fest.*



*Festival photo courtesy of James R. Deal.*



*Critter Cam photo.*

# The work began in 1982. The work continues today.

*During 2012, the Center admitted 2,677 patients, including:*

- 17 Black Bears, a single-year record in the Center's 30-year history;
- 363 Eastern Cottontail Rabbits;
- 36 snakes, including eight Ring-necked Snakes and an Eastern Milksnake successfully rescued from a single glue-trap;
- 42 Bald Eagles [another single-year record];
- Three Northern Saw-whet Owls; and
- Three Wood Ducks.



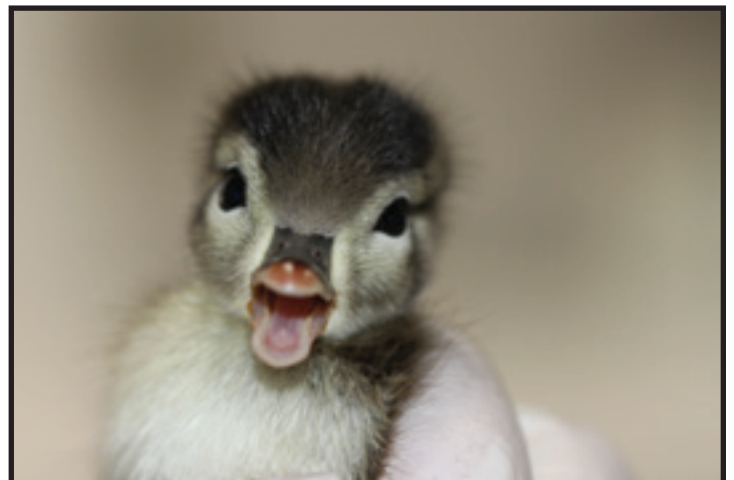
*Black Bear [#12-0634]*



*Northern Saw-whet Owl [#12-2562]*



*Snakes [#12-2086 through 12-2094]*



*Wood Duck [#12-0883]*

# 2012 patient admissions

## Mammals [1,246 patients]

Allegheny Woodrat	1
American Beaver	1
American Black Bear	17
Big Brown Bat	41
Bobcat	1
Common Pine Vole	3
Coyote	1
Deer Mouse	6
Domestic Rabbit	4
Eastern Chipmunk	12
Eastern Cottontail Rabbit	363
Eastern Fox Squirrel	7
Eastern Gray Fox	9
Eastern Gray Squirrel	231
Eastern Mole	1
Eastern Red Bat	14
House Mouse	2
Little Brown Bat	16
Meadow Vole	1
Norway Rat	10
Raccoon	58
Red Fox	26
Silver-haired Bat	3
Southern Flying Squirrel	19
Striped Skunk	8
Unidentified Rodent	6
Virginia Opossum	235
White-footed Mouse	46
White-tailed Deer	79
Woodchuck	25

## Reptiles and Amphibians [200]

American Bullfrog	3
American Toad	2
Bog Turtle	2
Common Five-lined Skink	1
Common Watersnake	2
Cope's Gray Treefrog	1
Eastern Box Turtle	96
Eastern Gartersnake	2
Eastern Hog-nosed Snake	2
Eastern Milksnake	2
Eastern Musk Turtle	1
Eastern Painted Turtle	14
Eastern Ratsnake	16
Eastern Smooth Earthsnake	1
Eastern Snapping Turtle	32
Northern Black Racer	3
Northern Green Frog	2
Red-eared Slider	5
Ring-necked Snake	8
Yellow-bellied Slider	5

## Raptors [323]

American Kestrel	9
Bald Eagle	42
Barn Owl	4
Barred Owl	11
Black Vulture	16
Broad-winged Hawk	6
Cooper's Hawk	30
Eastern Screech-Owl	66
Golden Eagle	1
Great Horned Owl	24

Merlin	2
Northern Saw-whet Owl	3
Osprey	7
Peregrine Falcon	2
Red-shouldered Hawk	16
Red-tailed Hawk	64
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5
Turkey Vulture	15

## Passerines (Songbirds) [639]

American Crow	40
American Goldfinch	6
American Robin	142
Barn Swallow	7
Bell's Vireo	1
Black-capped Chickadee	7
Blue Jay	34
Brown Thrasher	6
Brown-headed Cowbird	2
Carolina Chickadee	1
Carolina Wren	38
Cedar Waxwing	11
Chipping Sparrow	1
Common Grackle	25
Common Yellowthroat	1
Dark-eyed Junco	6
Eastern Bluebird	24
Eastern Meadowlark	2
Eastern Phoebe	8
Eastern Towhee	1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1
European Starling	106
Evening Grosbeak	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2
Gray Catbird	23
Hermit Thrush	1
House Finch	30
House Sparrow	29
House Wren	7
Indigo Bunting	1
Magnolia Warbler	1
Northern Cardinal	31
Northern Mockingbird	17
Pine Siskin	2
Purple Finch	2
Scarlet Tanager	3
Song Sparrow	4
Tree Swallow	2
Tufted Titmouse	1
Unidentified Passerine	4
White-breasted Nuthatch	2
Willow Flycatcher	1
Wilson's Warbler	1
Wood Thrush	1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	3

## Other Birds [269]

American Woodcock	1
Belted Kingfisher	2
Black-crowned Night Heron	2
Canada Goose	26
Chimney Swift	21
Common Loon	2
Common Nighthawk	1
Domestic Duck	6

Domestic Goose	1
Double-crested Cormorant	1
Great Blue Heron	9
Great Egret	1
Green Heron	1
Killdeer	1
Mallard Duck	44
Mourning Dove	48
Mute Swan	2
Northern Bobwhite	1
Northern Flicker	6
Pied-billed Grebe	4
Pileated Woodpecker	12
Purple Martin	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	7
Red-headed Woodpecker	3
Ring-billed Gull	4
Rock Pigeon	33
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	8
Solitary Sandpiper	1
Tundra Swan	1
Virginia Rail	1
Wild Turkey	13
Wood Duck	3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2



Photo courtesy of Richard Naylor.

# Financials

The Wildlife Center of Virginia is a 501(c)(3) organization that depends primarily on private donations — not federal, state, or local government funding — for its programs and services. The Center works hard to be an effective and efficient non-profit — we strive to keep our administrative and fundraising costs to a minimum, so that we can do the best job possible as a wildlife hospital and education center.

Here's a snapshot of the Center's revenue and expenditures for 2012.

## 2012 Revenue

Individuals	\$1,037,005	65%
Corporations & Foundations	125,471	8%
Special Events [net]	134,841	9%
Program Fees	62,174	4%
Sales/miscellaneous	22,154	1%
Carryover	206,799	13%

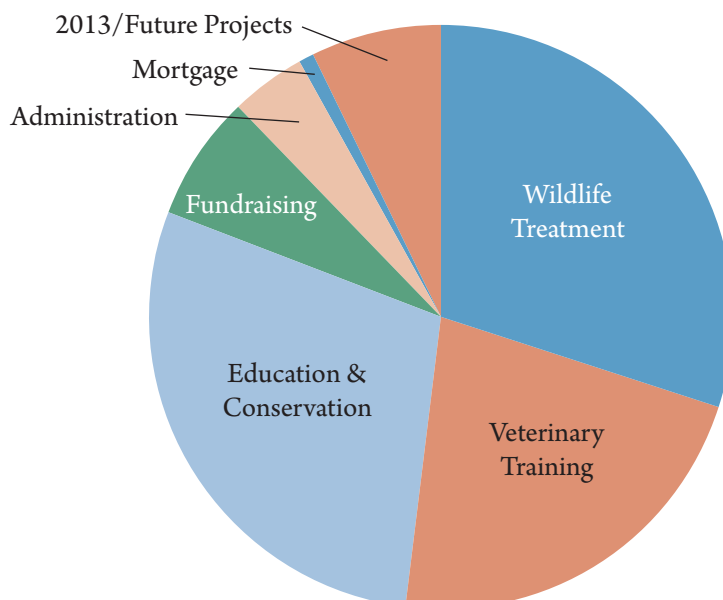
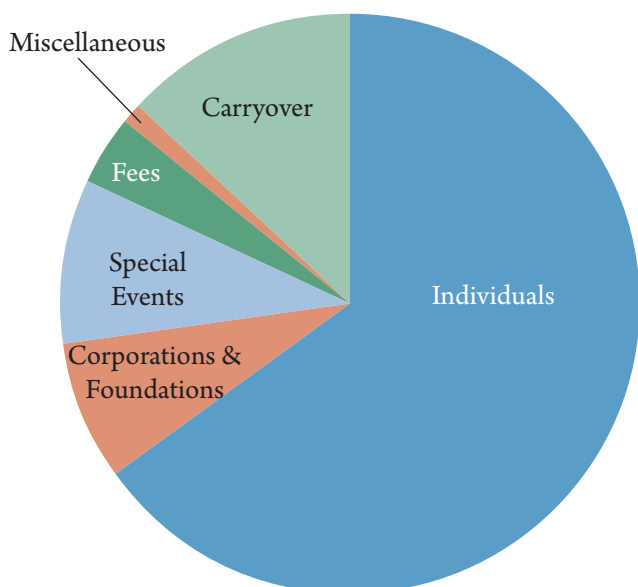
**TOTAL REVENUE \$1,588,444**

## 2012 Expense

Wildlife Treatment*	\$476,805	30%
Veterinary Training*	348,135	22%
Education & Conservation*	458,978	29%
Fundraising	104,256	7%
Administration	62,321	4%
Mortgage	23,448	1%
2013/Future Projects	114,501	7%

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$1,588,444**

\*Includes capitalized expenses



During 2012, the Center built a new aviary [above] and completed construction of a new rehabilitation flight pen for eagles. Aviary photo courtesy of James R. Deal.



A financial statement for the most recent fiscal year is available upon request from the State Division of Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23209; 1.804.786.1343.

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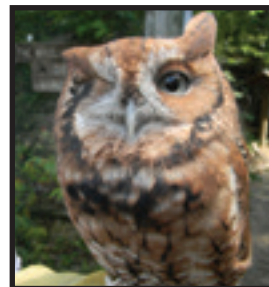
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Artist: Esther.



Artist: Madeline.



*Pignoli, an Eastern Screech-Owl and one of the Center's resident environmental ambassadors, served as the inspiration for the creativity of students in Mrs. Lynda Matheson's class at Desert Valley Elementary in Bullhead City, Arizona.*

**Then...**



**... and now.**



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