



**PINE VIEW WILDLIFE
REHABILITATION &
EDUCATION CENTER**



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OUR MISSION

To rehabilitate and release
wildlife indigenous
to Wisconsin.

To raise consciousness,
promote awareness, encourage
responsibility, and help educate
individuals regarding wildlife
and the environment.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"...we will not fight to save
what we do not love."
~S.J. Gould

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the *Pine View* release

Summer-Fall 2016



**In memory of Jerry Downing,
Cicero & Shenandoah**



From the *Executive Director*

"... WE WILL NOT FIGHT TO SAVE WHAT WE DO NOT LOVE" - S.J Gould

This quote has graced the cover of the Pine View Release for a few decades.

I cannot think of a more appropriate time to once again, emphasize the significance of this statement, and increase a call for action.

I hold the beauty of this earth spiritually special. I also recognize the science supporting the basic premise that nature is essential for the perpetuation of all species that share this limited space. The natural world has been compromised by human activities and now faces accelerated threats.

Data for decades has and continues to validate the legitimate concerns regarding the depletion and exhaustion of our limited natural resources. The information substantiating the fragility of the earth's environment is globally recognized by the majority of nations on this planet, as exemplified by the Paris environmental agreement. (2016) Sustainability of our environment has finally reached a recognizable plateau in the political arena. Almost.

Whether your passion and interest lies in a National park, the Great Barrier Reef, an Eagle soaring over a northern lake, the distinct image of a whale fin as it spirals into the sea, the migration of the butterfly or the sound of the energy emanating from the frenzy of bees as they pollinate - **NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT!!!!**

The continued growing list of species near extinction due to eradication of their habitats, increased rodenticides and herbicides, and yes, the scientifically acknowledged existence of global warming, may threaten and already has in some instances, the very nature we hold dear.

Pine View will continue to attempt "to raise consciousness, promote awareness, encourage responsibility, and help educate." **WE NEED, as individuals, TO DO MORE** if the quality of life matters for all species. More to engage others perhaps less passionate or informed as to current environmental activities and assume responsibility for our actions.

Please write your political representatives, help write letters, call your representatives, start a petition, set up a web page - something to enlist and recruit positive minded, compassionate, responsible neighbors and friends and future allies, to engage and initiate, and expand on global efforts for sustainability and preservation of our environment. Continue our recycling efforts, plant trees, create a community vegetable garden, pick up trash. Action activities that can start small and grow. We may not be able to enlist the necessary gubernatorial agencies for their support. Rather, we reach out beyond our boundaries and comfort zones. Spread the passion and the energies and the knowledge locally, county, or state. **WE ARE STEWARDS ON BEHALF OF THIS EARTH.**

I will do my part. I appreciate your continued support and any letters and ideas you would like to share, please forward to Pine View. J



*May the holidays and New Year
find you safe, healthy, and inspired!*

*Thank you for all of your support to benefit
wildlife and this earth we call home.*





2016 Spring & Fall *Patients*

On the cover is an immature Badger forwarded by our friends at Fellow Mortals Wildlife Hospital. Arriving in early May, the young mammal was near weaning age. Following his growth and development, this special mammal of Wisconsin was successfully released back to the wild in early fall.



Early March

One of the first babes born in the spring is the great horned owl. The photos reveal their admit to Pine View, their process of development in a rehabilitation setting, and eventual release back to the wild in early October.





March also witnessed our first arrival of what would be 7 **red fox** pups this year. Their numbers have declined over the last 6 years as a result of loss of habitat, poisoning, and sarcoptic mange, an infection that can be fatal.



One of the most challenging cases we have experienced in years arrived in March. In a rare visit to "our neck of the woods" a **golden eagle** was hit by a car in the town of Saukville. The bird suffered multiple fractures to the wing and leg. In addition there was an injury to both eyes. The bird was stabilized and then transported to the Brook Falls veterinary hospital. Thanks to the efforts and skills of Dr. Scott Ford, the bird underwent surgery. The next three months required all of our combined knowledge, skills and experience. As the photos indicate, progress was made, albeit slow. After weeks, some of the pins were removed from both the leg and the wing. A larger enclosure was built to accommodate to provide and initiate more movement and rehabilitation. After 3 months, much healing had occurred, to include one of the eyes regaining sight. What did not heal, was a fracture to the ankle. No further intervention was possible. It was with great sorrow that the bird had to be euthanized. As the expression goes, "so close and yet so far away." Great thanks to both the Pine View staff and the talents and energies of Dr. Scott Ford.



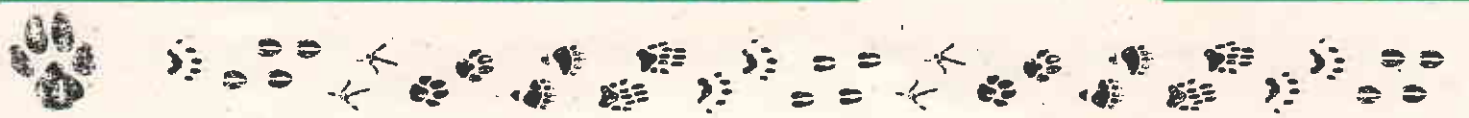
With warmer temps our hospital prepares for the onslaught of injured **turtles**. Most frequent injuries are a result of being hit by a car. In addition to those admits, PV also admitted three turtles involved in swallowing fishing lines.



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The Doctors also were presented another large **snapper**, but with a slightly different scenario:

A very large snapper was not so fortunate. The old cliché “swallowed it hook line and sinker” is most appropriate here. The patient was x rayed and a hook was visible near the esophagus. Hoping that the obstruction might move, a few days later another radiograph indicated that it had not dislodged. There was also fluid often “associated with peritonitis.” After being euthanized, a necropsy revealed that “the hook had penetrated the esophagus and lodged in the neck”



Little do we know or are aware of ramifications of our recreational activities.



In late March we also admitted a lone **coyote pup**, forwarded from Eau Claire Wis. Photos will reveal frightened pup as it begins to acclimate to an unfamiliar environment. Within weeks, a second pup arrives from Manitowoc county. Life improves as another warm body replicates life in and around a den. Another immature arrived from Four Lakes Rehabilitation in Madison. Coyote were released in October on private property.



While birds are hatching, mammals birthed and growing, there are the silent deposits made in backyards, pathways, and roadsides. As in years past, PV admitted more **turtle eggs** in 2016. Often falling victim to raccoon, skunk, or highway equipment, concerned citizens will rescue and drive to PV to save their lives.

We are also fortunate enough to have 2 volunteers from Elkhorn that travel to Racine and Kenosha to rescue and transport turtles to Pine View. As a result of the painted turtles having hatched very late in October, they will be wintered over and released in spring. This rehabilitative practice is referred to as “head starting.” This wintering over provides the maximum opportunity for survival once released.



Ode to Volunteers

What a spectacular 3 months of not only meeting the needs of wildlife (rescue, rehabilitate, release) but helping grow and repair the facilities necessary to meet wildlife and human needs. Not enough can be said to express gratitude to Jim Mickelson for his guidance, supervision, work, energies and encouragement to grow the hospital, but to also assist young Eagle Scouts in pursuing their projects to attain that honor. To Eric Richardson of Cedarburg for providing a perfect prototype for the most current and effective pre flight cage; for Eric Wogsland troop 386 Cedarburg for: dismantling and then reassembling a large and very needed fox pen enclosure and then building another pre flight cage, and to Thomas Jostad troop 835 of Cedarburg for completely assembling a very large predator enclosure. In addition, Joe, from West Bend spent hours reconfiguring a new pre flight cage and constructing from scratch another predatory cage and providing crisis management, and of course, Uncle Art for his supervision, energies, enthusiasm and knowledge.



Not in the photos this issue, our daily and weekend crew of volunteers who are always there to support, clean, fix, repair, share in the joys and the tears. Some of our volunteers also are ready when we call with a "crisis management" issue. Their photos were viewed at our gala this year. Hugs to our special team of volunteers.

Could not exist without any of you!!!!!!

Education

Pine View continues to commit to both on sight and off sight environmental educational programs. This year, our tours ended in mid October. The Junior Girl scout troop 6249 from West Bend, spent close to 2 ½ hours touring PV. A super group of young ladies.



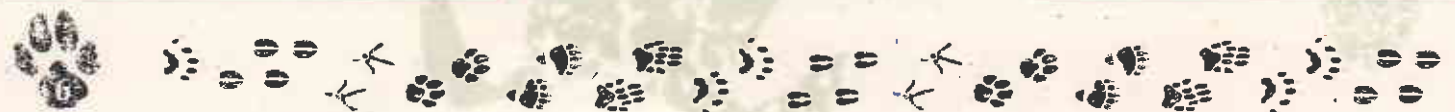
Pine View and Quad Packaging also continue to educate and promote the environment, wildlife, sustainability and personal commitment with 4 years of collaborate efforts in southeastern Wisconsin elementary and middle schools. (See webpage)

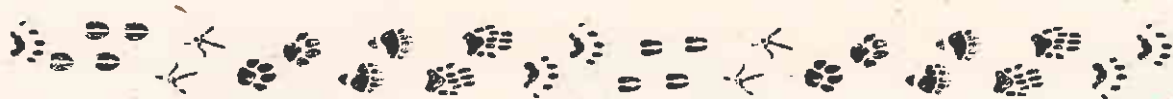
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PV is wintering over 2 fox that someone thought would be cool to keep in captivity. For 2 years and 4 respectively, these poor victims spent their lives in the wire cages you see. No sunlight, no earth to experience and fed only dry poor quality dog food. Vet checks, to include trimming over grown nails, fecal samples, and blood tests continue as do acclimation to the ground, sunlight, real predatory food and reducing socialization to humans.



We also admitted an immature Bald Eagle compromised as a result of avian pox. Dr. Linda Mehoke assisted in assessment and appropriate protocols and the bird was released back to the wild.





Renew Your Membership

Please note: After 25 years we have updated our membership. We hope you continue to support our shared efforts and renew your memberships. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- \$ 25
- \$ 50
- \$ 100 - 5 x 7 photo of current year's educational species
- \$ 250 - 8 x 10 photo of current year's educational species

All donations directly benefit our wildlife patients.

Members receive a copy of Pine View's quarterly newsletter, "The Release."

YES!

I want to be a part of Pine View. Enclosed is my tax deductible donation.

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- Memorial -

As stewards and ambassadors on behalf of their species, Barred owls, our two oldest on the property succumbed to old age. Shenandoah arrived at Pine View from the national forest named after. Hit by a camper, she lost an eye and dislocated a shoulder. She was retired in 2000 from educational programs. Her retirement included co existing with her partner, Cicero,



who also was an educational bird. In the early morning hours, their combined vocalizations still resound on the property----who whoo whoo whooooo (who cooks for you?) They are missed.)



Wish List

Dry Cat Food(purina) - Paper Toweling

Bird Seed - Gas Cards

Grocery Cards - Surgical gloves,

Hibiclens Hand Cleaner

Very large 2-Wheeled Garden Cart



Your continued financial support is also greatly appreciated, especially as we enter our 37th year and our patient load continues to grow. **THANK YOU!!!!**



March 26, 2017 - *Spring Soiree*

New location to be announced. Invites in mail in New Year or check out the Webpage.

Mark Your Calendars

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Pine View Gala!

