Spring 2015 Edition



For almost 15 years, Nebraska Wildlife Rehab, Inc. (NWRI) has teamed up with the Nebraska Humane Society (NHS) to ensure that wildlife in the greater Omaha metropolitan area receives the care it needs for a chance to return to a natural life in the wild.

As the most visible animal welfare organization in Nebraska, NHS has long received tens of thousands of calls for help with wildlife each year. In addition, the shelter receives thousands of injured, trapped, and orphaned wild animals annually when they are picked up by officers in the field. left in the

trapped, and orphaned wild animals annually when they are picked up by officers in the field, left in the night drop boxes, or dropped off over the counter during normal shelter hours.



Long ago, our organizations realized how much more we could help wildlife if we worked together. The

partnership started with NWRI volunteers picking up all wildlife NHS received each day and has become something much greater—a vehicle to help wildlife and effect change in our community. (continued on page 3)

A Partnership For Wildlife

Omaha Gives! Support NWRI On May 20th



MARK YOU CALENDARS! May 20th is Omaha Gives, Omaha's third-annual 24-hour charitable challenge organized by the Omaha Community Foundation. This event celebrates the spirit of giving in Omaha, and the funds we've raised the past two years have been integral to our growth. The more money we raise leading up to Omaha

Gives! and on May 20th, the larger percentage of the bonus dollars we will receive. The more donors who donate to us, the more likely we are to win prizes. NWRI will also have our own pool of matching funds to help make each dollar you donate go even further to help wildlife!

Want to know how you can you help Nebraska's Wildlife during Omaha Gives!?

- **Schedule a gift!** You can pre-schedule gifts between May 1 and 19. We encourage you to do this to help us win a participation prize early in the day on May 20th!
- Donate to us on May 20th!
- **Spread the word!** Tell your friends that you will be giving to NWRI during Omaha Gives! on May 20th and that we need their help.
- **Post about Omaha Gives! on your social media pages**. Let your friends know how they can give and how their donations will help us win matching and prize funds.
- **Cheer us on!** On May 20th, watch the leaderboard on Omahagives24.org and update our progress on social media.
- **Save the date.** May 20th, 2015 will be a great day of generosity in Omaha. Get excited and ready to share your enthusiasm for NWRI throughout the day.

To donate: Go to our Web site at www.nebraskawildliferehab.org and click on the Omaha Gives! link in the center of the screen. This will take you directly to our page. You can also visit www.omahagives24.org to learn more.

We will be posting animal stories and more throughout the day on Facebook and Twitter. Join us to learn more, and share our stories to help wildlife. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you on May 20th!

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A Message From Our Board

We are excited to bring you this newest issue of the *Critter Chronicle* after a long hiatus. Things at NWRI are busier than ever, and we're thrilled to be able to share our work with you.



We are proud of all that we accomplished in 2014 and to share those accomplishments with you in this newsletter. From animal stories to volunteer news, from partnerships to events, from education to how you can support NWRI— there's

something for everyone in this newsletter.

Spring is already in full swing, and NWRI has already taken in more than 600 animals this year. We expect that we will

top our recent-year average of more than 4,000 wild animals needing our help in 2015.

Check out some of the pictures on this page to see just a



few of the animals we've already helped this year.

As the demand for our services increases, we are continuing to grow to meet the need in our community. We have big plans for the future, but we need your help to get there. We've included more about our vision and how we hope to get there here as well.



A least weasel that was caught by a cat in early 2015. He was returned to the wild after 6 weeks in rehab.

We hope that you enjoy this issue of the *Critter Chronicle*, and **THANK YOU** for your support.

Weighing a sedated adult raccoon at the vet. This raccoon was injured by a dog.



A Wine Cellar For Bats?!?!

In 2014, NWRI volunteers cared for more than 400 bats — more than we have ever before received in a single year. Because of the sheer numbers of bats we are now receiving each winter, we can no longer rely on our old, "manual" hibernation system for overwintering displaced bats. We need to upgrade to a system that controls temperature, humidity, and air circulation to ensure that our bats stay asleep in a healthy environment



throughout the winter until it is time for release in the spring. Our solution? A wine cellar that is large enough and has all of the features we need to make a perfect hibernaculum for our big brown bats. The cost for this upgraded system is almost \$5,000. Although it seems like a lot of money, this system will help save the lives of thousands of bats and help our bat volunteers rest easier at night. If you want to donate to help ensure we have our new hibernaculum by this fall, donate today on our GoFundMe page at: www.gofundme.com/ol7grg

The bats thank you!

A big brown bat overwintered in 2014-2015

A Partnership For Wildlife (Continued From Page 1)

Volunteers from NWRI go to NHS every day of the week (including holidays) to triage and transport all wildlife there to the appropriate rehabilitation facilities. (Read more about these volunteers on page 4.) In addition, NWRI's director trains all of NHS's wildlifefacing staff, including Animal Control Officers, Dispatch, Customer Service, and Assessment. This training is designed to ensure that NHS employees have the tools they need to determine if a wild animal truly needs rescuing, how to safely handle any wildlife they do need to take, and how to temporarily care for wildlife until it can be transferred into rehabilitation. We also hope that wildlife training encourages NHS staff to educate the public about wildlife and to become ambassadors for our wild neighbors.

The benefits to both organizations are many: The staff at NHS knows that the wildlife they receive will go to skilled rehabilitators and receive the best care possible. Given that NHS receives thousands of wild animals each year, and that they are invested in each

animal's well-being, this is a huge benefit for them. For NWRI, the size and scope of the staff and the

overwhelming profile of NHS means that more animals can be saved each year. NHS has officers on the road who pick-up wildlife in need and full-time dispatch employees who handle calls from the public every day. Although NWRI's volunteers staff a wildlife hotline and pick-up animals, NHS has a much larger capacity to do this work. NHS also provides a high-profile, central drop-off location for wildlife. Given that NWRI's volunteer resources are finite, having the staff at NHS on our side picking up wildlife



Above: Baby squirrel hanging in his hammock, Below: Baby raccoon—Both animals were rescued through NHS this year.



and providing temporary care until we receive it is a tremendous aid to saving wildlife in Nebraska. When asked about the partnership, Pam Wiese, Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing at NHS said:

We love our partnership with NWR! Our mission focuses on companion animals, so we don't have resources to put toward the care and rehabilitation of wildlife. NWRI provides an invaluable service to the community. It's

heartening to know that we are offering the very best chance we can for injured, displaced, or "orphaned" wildlife by transferring them to NWRI. The staff and volunteers are experts at helping wildlife rehabilitate, but still remain wild. Several of our departments including PR, Dispatch and

Animal Control utilize the NWRI website (and staff for that matter) to provide information to callers and visitors who have questions about living with wildlife.

At NWRI, we are grateful every day for this amazing partnership and for the professionalism

and enthusiasm NHS employees have for helping all animals. Here's to many more years of helping wildlife together!

Did You Know?

On any given day, NWRI's wildlife transporter can pick up 1 to 100 wild animals from NHS.

Of the 400 bats NWRI receives each year, more than 300 come from NHS!

Working Together to Save One Beaver



Little beaver on moving day

Last fall, we received a call from our friends at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota asking if we could help rehabilitate a young beaver they'd received. Although they are a top-notch facility, they don't have the space to care for the baby beaver for the *two years* it will take before she can be released back into the wild. They knew that we have successfully raised several beavers in the past and hoped we could help with this one. We knew immediately that we wanted to help — if we didn't, it was likely she would end up in a zoo or other captive situation. After receiving approval from the states of Nebraska and Minnesota, NWRI volunteers drove to Minneapolis to pick her up. She is now residing happily in her "beaver palace" in the woods, and will be released back into the wild in Minnesota in 2016.



Hanging out in the beaver palace

Volunteer Spotlight—Wildlife Transporters

Every day, NWRI depends on a small army of volunteers and interns to keep the organization running. From answering the more than 10,000 inquiries we receive each year to caring for animals, from running the Wildlife Center to providing public education, we couldn't do it without each and every one of these dedicated partners.

One very important group of volunteers are the NHS Transporters. These volunteers each dedicate one afternoon every week to collecting all of the wildlife from the Nebraska Humane Society and taking it to the appropriate place for care. In the summer, this means taking all of the wildlife to the Wildlife Center in Louisville. In the off-season, it means taking animals to different locations, depending on which wildlife rehabilitator can best care for those animals. Whether their weekly commitment ends up being one hour or three, they are always there to help wildlife receive the best care as quickly as possible.

Four of the volunteers who fill this position have all been transporting for at least two years (and one more than 5!).

Heather Ingraham started with NWRI in March of 2012. She

came on board after she had an injured cardinal in her vard. She called NWRI and was so impressed with the help she received, she knew she wanted to be a part of the organization. Heather notes that she has "always loved animals but I chose a career that is not in an animal field. By volunteering with NWRI, I get to enjoy my career and also fulfill my passion for animals." Heather is married and has three dogs. She is the diamond buver for Borsheims and also



Heather with a snapping turtle collected from NHS

volunteers at the Henry Doorly Zoo. She enjoys birding and wildlife photography and also volunteers with NWRI as a Wildlife Center volunteer and takes care of bats, birds, and rabbits in her home.

Scott Hansen has been with NWRI since 2013. He started



out as a Wildlife Center volunteer and has expanded his volunteer help to include transporting, cage building, helping with fundraising events, and almost anything else we ask of him! He got involved with NWRI because he has always had a strong connection with nature and wildlife and strongly believes in organizations like NWRI. He understands how much we rely on volunteers just like him to ensure the best care for our animals.

Scott on vacation with an African lion cub Scott notes that "transporting is a position critical to the function of NWRI because there are so many people out there who care and

want to help the wildlife. Being able to just drop off an animal at the familiar location of NHS makes things so much more convenient for all parties involved and ensures that the animals will get proper care in a timely manner. The job of a transporter is to be that delivery middle man between the public and NWRI caregivers. Although it seems transporting sometimes like a small role, any amount of time one can dedicate goes a long way in helping the animals as well as other volunteers." Scott is married and has three stepchildren, two grandchildren, and another on the way!

Thank you to Heather and Scott, and our other transporters, Maggie Colwell and Heather Johnson, for collectively making sure that thousands of animals receive the help they need each year. We couldn't do it without you!

Want to Volunteer?

Interested in volunteering to help Nebraska's wildlife? It's easy!

Step One: Complete and submit a new volunteer application. You can find it on our Web site at www.nebraskawildliferehab.org. Just click on Get Involved > Volunteering and click on the Volunteer Application link.

Step Two: Attend a new volunteer orientation. Dates for orientations are e-mailed to all new applicants and are listed in our regular eNewsletter. If you don't already receive it, sign-up for our eNewsletter today from our home page.

Step Three: Once you've decided how you'd like to help, attend the training(s) for your new volunteer position(s) and get started!

Volunteer Opportunities:

Wildlife Center Volunteer • Humane Society Transporter

Supply & Donation Pick-Up

Each volunteer opportunity has different training requirements and time commitments. Join us for a new volunteer orientation and find out what it's all about!

Wildlife Stories—2014



This baby badger was found last spring at the age of approximately three weeks-old in central Nebraska near an irrigation pivot. Knowing that he was clearly either orphaned or lost, two caring people picked him up and fed him for several days before an NWRI staff member could meet them out west and take him into care. Known alternatively as "Badgie" or "Barrett," he was the first baby badger NWRI has received in more than 10 years and made a lasting impression on all who had the honor of meeting him. After more than a month on a bottle and several months learning how to hunt, he was released on private property in Butler county in late summer. He was quite ferocious by release time, exactly the way any badger should be! Check out videos of him on our YouTube channel.







This green heron nestling was found out of its nest along with a deceased nestmate in July 2014. From the situation, it was clear that something had happened to their mother and they were no longer being fed. This lucky guy was rescued by some kind people and picked up by an NWRI volunteer. After several months of care (and lots of fish) from volunteers Anne and Zoe, he was able to fly and hunt on his own, and was released back into the wild at wetlands in the Bellevue area. He was also the first green heron NWRI had received in more than a decade!



Left: This female bobcat kitten was found in rural Nebraska, orphaned after her mother was killed. She was brought to us and paired with a second kitten later in the summer for rehabilitation and release.

Right:

Many of you know that it is illegal to rehabilitate deer in the state of Nebraska, but that doesn't mean we can't help! People often find fawns laying quietly in the grass where their mothers leave them for hours at a time while they forage for food. Does return periodically to check on their fawns, but well-meaning people often pick up these fawns, thinking they are abandoned. This fawn was taken from the wild and dropped of at the Nebraska Humane Society. To keep it from being euthanized, NWRI volunteer, Amy, took the fawn back to the address where she was originally found, and she and her mom were reunited less than an hour later. A great success!



Wildlife Stories—2014 (continued)



This great blue heron was found wrapped in fishing line at a lake in the Ashland, NE area. At left, you can see that the heron was so tangled that it was no longer able to walk or fly. Below, NWRI's director and the public rescuer work to untangle the heron from yards of discarded fishing line. Also below, the heron is examined by a veterinarian to ensure there is no lasting damage. After a week of rehabilitative care, this great blue heron was released back to its home lake. A video of the release is on our YouTube channel!











Left: In November, 14 Woodhouse toads were taken by NHS from someone who had been collecting them in the wild and who had subsequently neglected them. They were extremely malnourished and living in unsanitary conditions. After their rescue, we were able to fatten them up, and they were overwintered until their release this spring!

Right: This beautiful pelican was found in October on Beaver Lake with a badly damaged foot and unable to fly due to illness. After surgery on his foot and several months of care, he was released back into the wild. A video of his release is also on YouTube!

Below: NWRI receives hundreds of birds each year, from tiny nestlings to injured adults. Here are a few we received in 2014. *Counterclockwise from left*—Fledgling blue jay, cedar waxwing, nestling cardinals, pied-billed grebe









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Helping Hands For Wildlife

Our community helps us save wildlife everyday in a myriad of ways. From fundraisers to grants, cage building to cleaning, we couldn't do it without all of the people, organizations, and businesses who step forward to help us each year. We thank them, and you, for helping NWRI succeed and grow!

NWRI Receives Grant from the Omaha Venture Group



Joe Hefflinger awards our director, Laura Stastny, with the OVG Grant

Last May, NWRI was given a \$4,500 grant to fund a part-time intern supervisor position by the Omaha Venture Group. This grant was designed to build non-profit capacity and fund small projects that can make a big impact on a non-profit. We were incredibly fortunate to have the funds to hire two talented former interns to help our new interns last summer. This grant helped us build capacity and raise the funds from other sources to hire intern supervisors again this year.

AALAS Builds Cages for NWRI

Last summer, Nebraska AALAS (American Association for Laboratory Animal Science) volunteers collaborated on an event to construct outdoor housing for rescued wildlife. Over a dozen volunteers from NWRI, UNMC, Merck, and Zoetis spent a Saturday morning and afternoon (and Sunday morning for a few of the volunteers) helping to build three 8'x8' wilding cages for NWRI. These wilding cages serve as transitional housing between indoor housing for young orphans and being released at the appropriate age and health back to their natural habitat. So far, AALAS's cages have served many raccoons, opossums, and one very big badger! We are so grateful for all of their hard work!

Joel Sartore Auctions Art for NWRI

Late last fall, National Geographic photographer, Joel Sartore, and his staff, set-up an online auction of photographs to benefit NWRI. Photographs that were auctioned included some Joel took of NWRI's wildlife, along with others he's taken as part of his Photo Ark

project. Thanks to Joel, NWRI received more than \$1,000 through this auction. To see more of Joel's work, visit his Web site at www.joelsartore.org. Thank you Joel!



Zoetis Donates Caging to Help Raccoons

Last fall, NWRI received 8 large stainless steel caging units from Zoetis. This spring, we will use these cages primarily to house juvenile raccoons before they can be weaned and placed in outdoor cages.



These cages provide our young raccoons with more space to play and explore, and make it much easier to clean up after them and disinfect their living space. We are so excited to put this donation to work!

Silverstone Group Teams Up For Wildlife

John Nelson presents NWRI volunteer and Silverstone employee, Jill Aldredge, and NWRI director Laura Stastny, with a check for more than \$1,500.00 after sponsoring NWRI as part of its March Madness celebration. We love Silverstone Group!





Educational Outreach Working to Create Future Stewards of Wildlife

Collective For Youth

NWRI is now nearing the end of its third year as a provider for Collective for Youth (CFY), an organization that oversees the provision of out-of-school time activities to 4,100 school students in 29 Omaha Public Schools. A collaboration of the Omaha Public Schools, the City of Omaha, the Sherwood Foundation, and many others, CFY works to ensure all children and youth to have expanded learning opportunities that ignite the imagination, grow the mind, and provide the foundation for success in school and life.

We are proud to provide hands-on environmental and wildlife education to 4 OPS middle schools, Norris, Marrs, Monroe, and King Science. Our educators work to connect science lessons from students' curriculum to engaging and active after-school sessions that spark students' interest in wildlife and the environment. It is our hope that through this program and mentorship, students will pursue their interests in the science and become the environmental leaders of tomorrow.





Internships for University Students

For the fourth year in a row, NWRI is offering 12-week summer internships for college students. These interns hail from universities throughout Nebraska and beyond, and learn valuable information and skills that will help them succeed in their studies in animal science, environmental studies, veterinary medicine, fisheries & wildlife, and many other fields. They also form the backbone of our summer staffing at

the Wildlife Center in Louisville, helping to educate the public, support volunteers, intake, triage, and care for wildlife, and support the organization through its busiest time of the year. NWRI's new staff of 8 interns and two intern supervisors will reopen the Wildlife Center full-time on May 17, 2015. If you happen to need our help this summer, chances are you'll talk to an intern!



High School Science Academy

NWRI is currently working with partners at the University of Nebraska-Omaha and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to launch the long-planned High School Science Academy in the fall of 2015. This academy will bring students from across the metro area together for indepth, topical studies in biological sciences and allow them to participate in university level laboratory and field work with college professors and other experts. This program will be offered to high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors without charge, and transportation to and from monthly lecture and field work sessions will be provided if needed. This will ensure that youth with an interest and aptitude in the sciences will be able to take advantage of the amazing opportunity to gain college-level skills and knowledge, and make connections with university faculty that will serve them well as they enter college after high school.

Planning For the Future

As all of our long-time supporters know, NWRI has grown by leaps and bounds over the past decade. From an organization that used to receive less than 1,500 animals for care each year to receiving more than 4,000 animals annually today, we have stretched our capacity as far as we can, and sometimes beyond! In addition to receiving more animals and calls than ever before, we have increased our public outreach as well to try to stop humanwildlife conflicts before they happen, and to educate people about our native wildlife and wild places.

The last decade has marked the solidification of our partnership with NHS, moving into our first-ever Wildlife Center (2010), the launch of our annual bat release in partnership with the Joslyn Art Museum, the start of our internship program from university students, and our involvement in the Collective for Youth program, through which we engage middle school students in hands-on environmental and wildlife education during the school year and into the summer. It has also seen rapid growth in the demand for other educational programs and professional services from NWRI. **Staff Salaries:** Although NWRI is primarily an allvolunteer organization, we do have a paid (part-time) director as well as intern supervisors and educators who receive grant-paid stipends for their work. It has become apparent that a full –time director and additional staff are still needed to coordinate and train the small army of volunteers we depend on each year, to supervise care of our wild animals and arrange for appropriate release sites, and to continue our public outreach to make Nebraska the best place it can be for wildlife.

Land: NWRI is now searching for land within 30-45 minutes of the Omaha metro area on which we can build our own specialized Wildlife Hospital and Rehabilitation Center. We are looking for 50-100 acres to carry our organization to the next level of professional care for wildlife.

Wildlife Hospital: Our friends at Slate Architecture have been working diligently to draw up plans for a full-scale Wildlife Hospital and Rehabilitation Center that will carry NWRI well into the future. his hospital will ensure immediate and professional medical attention for wildlife in

Demand for our services and expertise increases every day, and we are planning now to be ready to serve our community and any wildlife that needs our help in the state. To grow sustainably, NWRI is working to raise funds and support for the following:





need, and a central location for the rehabilitation of wildlife—from birth to release. Once we procure land and finalize our architectural plans, we will begin our capital campaign to begin this important project. Stay tuned for more information and the plans as soon as they become available!

As demand increases, we know that we will be called on to care for more babies like these each year. We will only be able to grow and build the facilities we need with your help!

Enriching the Lives of Wildlife

Ensuring that a baby wild animal learns the skills it needs to survive in the wild can be a challenge, particularly when we need to limit our interaction with the animals to avoid human habituation. Additionally, adult animals that need long-term care can get bored and lonely in rehab, which is detrimental in many ways to a speedy recovery (just like with humans!) but they certainly don't want human company to make their recoveries speed by. The answer to this complex problem often lies in simple enrichment items that encourage hunting and foraging, promote complex thinking, provide "company", or just make life less boring until their return to the wild. We use natural items such as logs, branches, digging boxes, insects and other forage to promote natural behaviors in all of our animals. We also use many household items to create foraging opportunities and encourage socialization and playtime. (continued on page 10)

Building Renovations at Ash Grove

Over Labor Day weekend, 2014, heavy rains and a mechanical failure caused a large back-up of rainwater that flooded the basement of our Wildlife Center with more than 5" of water. After the water was pumped out, the building required massive clean-up and mold and asbestos remediation, which was handled and paid for by our friends at Ash Grove. We were lucky that no animals were harmed in the incident, but we did lose many supplies, including towels and newspapers, food and enrichment items. We also made the decision to invest in a new basement floor at the Wildlife Centerone that would make clean-up easier and allow us to expand our basement nursery space. Check it out when you join us for our Open House in June and please drop off any towels and newspapers you can spare once the Wildlife Center reopens on May 18th!

Enriching the Lives of Wildlife

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Save the Dates

If you want "enrich" the lives of our wildlife, please consider donating some of the items listed below:

Hollowed-out logs Landscaping rocks Hay or Straw Mulberries or other berries still on the branches Apples, pears, and other locally grown fruit Vegetables from your garden (particularly spinach, kale, spring mix, corn and zucchini) Hand mirrors Fisher Price Toys (think old-style xylophone, piano, and other large, bright, toddler toys) Small tire swings Toilet paper and paper towel rolls Sisal rope Rubber mats Ice cube travs Tennis balls Bike reflectors Barrels & buckets Antlers Corn stalks Pine cones, moss, shells Duck weed and willow

Omaha Gives! - May 20,2015

New Volunteer Orientations—Next sessions will be scheduled in early June

Wildlife Center Volunteer Training—June

Stay tuned to our Web site and join our e-mail list for all upcoming training dates.

Open House & Family Day at the Wildlife Center Sunday, June 14, 2015

Focus on Nature—A Fundraiser For NWRI October 11, 2015

International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council Basic and Advanced Trainings—October 2015

More information on all of these events will be posted on our Web site!





Wildlife Wishlist

If you have items to donate, please let us know. We are always in need of the following items:

Incubators (human or veterinary) Stackable pull-out plastic storage drawers Rubbermaid containers of various sizes Hav & straw (square bales) Hot water bottles Electronic gram scales Plastic storage boxes Fencina Small animal cages Gauze Heating pads Receiving blankets Sweatshirts

Wishlist

Towels Flannel material Aquariums/reptile cages Disposable gloves Reptile lights Pet bedding Dry kitten/puppy food Bird seed Hamster/gerbil/rabbit food

Dry rice baby cereal

Pedialyte (all flavors)

T-shirts

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Do you like to shop? The animals of NWRI have their very own wishlist on Amazon! Just search for our wish list under Nebraska Wildlife Rehab, or go to this link:

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Just click on the Donate Now button to give today! *Thank you for your support!*

With so many noteworthy projects, like the Wildlife Center, education programs, and yet another baby season just around the corner, NWRI needs your support now more than ever! Whether it's volunteering your time, donating items from our wish list, giving a monetary gift, or even setting up a recurring monthly donation, there are more ways to support the wildlife of Nebraska than ever before. We couldn't do what we do without YOUR support! Thank you!

NWRI is deeply grateful to the following individuals, businesses and foundations for their contributions to our work in providing medical management and compassionate care for the injured, sick and orphaned wildlife. Thank you!

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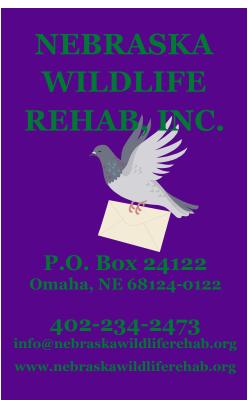
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