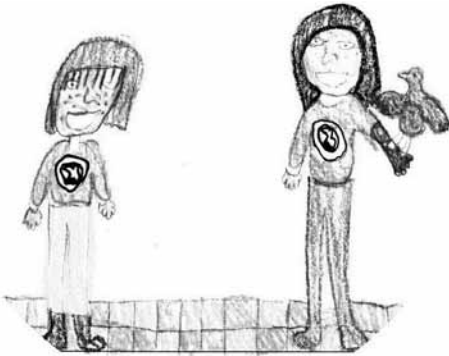




Once Upon a Wildlife . . .



Thank you letter from 4th grade student Ramone Giddings at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School. PHH Motgage Grant for the Willingboro School District.

Throughout the month of February, Cedar Run's education staff visited 2,128 elementary students in the Pennsauken School District, funded by Manny and Ruthie Cohen, with Woodford Cedar Run's Refuge on Wheels programs. This year the students enjoyed brand new programs developed by the education staff. Once Upon a Wildlife was presented to Pre-K, Kindergarten, and first grades. Facts & Fables was presented to second, third, and fourth grades. Additionally, we also were asked by the PTA at Demasi Elementary in Marlton to present the same programs for Read Across America week in the beginning of March. Both programs introduced the students to three different classifications of animals (mammals, reptiles, and birds). The Facts & Fables program also works to dispel myths and fables students may have heard or read about, including some specific myths about the animals they met. The last segment of the Facts & Fables program was an activity that had the students create their own myth/legend about why the Owl has big eyes or Why the Hawk has a red

tail, depending on which animal was visiting the students that day. Needless to say, the programs were a success, and the staff at Cedar Run would like to share a few of these stories with you.

M&R Cohen Grant

Facts & Fables stories created by Pennsauken Students:

How the Hawk Got a Red Tail. It was winter and snowing. Ice was forming. Hawk was in a tree, where he froze and fell from the tree. Bear found him and took hawk to his cousin Parrot's cabin down the road. Once in the cabin, Bear saw an old electric heater that looked like a cage. Bear placed hawk on the heater to warm him up. But Hawk's tail ended up on the heater and burned his tail, turning it red. – Delair School (2nd & 4th)

How the Hawk Got a Red Tail. The hawk was flying, and knocked over a jar of paint on the table. When he went down to check it out, he covered his tail with red paint. – Longfellow School (2nd, 3rd, & 4th)

How the Owl Got Big, Round Eyes. Once upon a time there was an owl that lived in the woods. Owl didn't sleep- he was too busy gorging on food. He was eating all kinds of mice (brown ones, white ones) and snakes. He ate until his belly was full. He kept eating until his eyes grew big. – Central School (4th)

How the Owl Got Big, Round Eyes. Owl was blind. While flying, he smashed into a window, and his eyes became bruised and swollen. As his eyes healed, he could see again, but as a result of his injury, his eyes remained big. – Carson

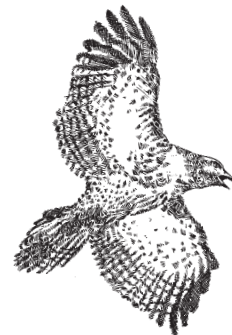
Elementary (3rd & 4th)

How the Owl Got Big, Round Eyes. Once upon a time there was an owl in a nest. He left the nest to eat. He saw a big ball, with a flying duck bouncing on it! Owl's eyes opened in surprise, and they were stuck that way forever. – Carson Elementary (2nd)

How the Hawk Got a Red Tail. Hawk was an expert painter who loved to paint the color red. One day while painting, Hawk turned around and knocked over the can of paint. He ended up coating his tail in the spilt paint. – Ben Franklin (2nd)

How the Hawk Got a Red Tail. Once upon a time Hawk was an expert painter. He was flying when he saw interesting red paint. He got out his notebook, using his talons in the book to paint. Red Robin was bouncing from tree to tree, and bumped the paint. The paint spilled over, and hawk's tail was coated in the spilled red paint. – Ben Franklin (4th)

How the Hawk Got a Red Tail. Hawk was an expert painter, who used his talons to paint. He also used them to hang onto his lunch. He had a squirrel for lunch, but needed to get the paint off the shelf. So Hawk let go of the squirrel so he could get the paint. The squirrel jumped onto the shelf and knocked



Cedar Run Refuge

Mission

Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge protects the environment through wildlife rehabilitation, environmental education and habitat preservation

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Wildlife . . .

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over the red paint, which dripped onto Hawk' tail. – Ben Franklin (3rd)

How the Hawk Got a Red Tail.

Hawk became an astronaut. Hawk blasted into space and landed on Mars. Mars is red and is made of rusty iron. There was no life on Mars so the hawk thought. He found Red Aliens on Mars which he mistook for mice. Being hungry, he ate the mice. Besides indigestion, the hawk's tail turned red! "Danger, don't eat the aliens!" thought hawk. "Aliens are full of red dye!!!" – Central School (2nd)

How the Hawk Got a Red Tail.

Hawk grew up, and went to school so he could be an astronaut. His mission as an astronaut was to paint Mars. He took packs of Red dye with him. He rode ON the rocket (he was given special privileges as a flying hawk) on its way to Mars, while singing Fly Like an Eagle. The rocket brushed by the sun, creating Hawk's dark back. Hawk landed on Mars, where he used his talons to paint. He tripped over a rock, knocking over the dye. Hawk's tail landed in the red dye, turning it red. – Central School (4th)

How the Owl Got Big Round Eyes. Once Bear and Fox were playing baseball with a lemon as Owl watched. Bear overthrew the ball into the road. A car then went by and ran over the lemon, squirting

juice into Owl's eyes, causing them to grow big and round. – Fine School (2nd, 3rd, & 4th)

How the Owl Got Big Round Eyes. Owl saw something shiny on a woman; he strained his eyes to see it. Then he flew off to get a closer look. Owl scared the woman, who sprayed him with pepper spray. Owl then crashed into a tree. His eyes became big from the crash and the pepper spray. – Roosevelt (2nd, 3rd, & 4th)

Read Across America

How the Hawk Got Red Tail. Hawk studied to become an astronaut. One of his first missions into space was to go to the sun and record the temperature there. Hawk's tail brushed the sun, turning it red. – Demasi Elementary (2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th "Read Across America" week.)

How the Owl Got Big Eyes. Once upon a time, there was an owl. He was strange – he couldn't see with one eye. One day he was surprised by a car, and his good eye became big so he could see better. Later, he sneezed with his eyes open, causing his bad eye to become as large as his good eye. Ever since then – the owl has big eyes. - Ridgeway Middle (6th grade @ camp ockanickon)

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What's new? Our logo patches and bumper stickers are an inexpensive way for you to help promote your favorite refuge. We have carved



stone animal pendants for kids and adults alike, as well as wildlife inspired stationery. Kids love our animal themed pocket toys!
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Being A Responsible Pet Owner

By Luanne Weekes

Saturday of the July 4th weekend, a staff member and her family were leaving out the back gate of WOODFORD Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge after working on the new wetland. Amongst the usual piles of trash and dumped household goods along Jackson road she noticed, back in the woods, what appeared to be a large cedar box. Tempted to ignore it, as it had been a long, hot day, she also knew that the wildlife hospital was bursting at the seams--the box might make a good temporary shelter. Backing down the road, the family was stunned by what they found.

Well into the woods they found not one, but two cages--the cedar box, an almost new rabbit hutch, and a much smaller wire cage. Still not registering what they saw but starting to feel something was amiss, they analyzed the scene. Water drippers still in place. Food bowls empty or turned over. A few scattered toys and two doors wide open. These weren't just abandoned cages. These were abandoned cages that had been dumped with pets still inside.

Anger and disbelief immobilized them for a few moments, but the reality was they really needed that hutch. It was wrestled back through the woods and into the open hatch of the car. Expecting the pets to be long gone, they nevertheless scanned the surrounding shrubs--and there she was, the discarded family pet.

Hungry, dehydrated, tick infested and scared, but nonetheless trusting enough

to allow approach, the abandoned bunny was saved from a certain death, either by starvation or predation--domestic rabbits abandoned in the wild typically live under 24 hours. Despite further search, the occupant of the smaller cage (probably a hamster or gerbil) was never found.

Why are we sharing this story? Although WOODFORD Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge does not take in domestic animals, we do care about their welfare. Please, do not abandon a family pet. Do your homework before adopting an animal. Make sure your children are old enough to assume the long term responsibility of caring for a new pet. Will they become bored easily? Perhaps you should wait a couple more years. Is the animal a good "fit" for your family? Where will it stay when you travel? Will it outlive you? For the sake of that future family member, be honest with yourself and take your time before reaching a decision.

If you do find yourself in the situation in which you need to relinquish your pet, please find an organization dedicated to finding a caring home for pets in need. As well, remember that most of these organizations run on a donation only basis.

Animals deserve the same compassion and respect humans do. By making wise choices, you are taking the first step in achieving a rich, loving bond with a wonderful creature. There really is nothing like it.

HOMERs Fly!



Photo by Judy Scott

Well our fledglings now have room to fly. In early June the HOMERs (handsome older men enjoying retirement) completed a new enclosure for baby birds to learn to fly in. The HOMERs is made up of local friends who formed the group to help out in the community.

Coming from diverse backgrounds, they bring considerable knowledge to any project they work on.

For about six weeks every Monday the gentlemen came and put their considerable experience and varied talents to work. The result is a beautiful double aviary with mesh lining, natural perches and even tree trunks for the woodpeckers! The aviary will enable orphaned birds we are raising the room to fly around in a safe outside enclosure before they are released. The double enclosure will enable us to condition different types of birds at the same time. The HOMERs put a lot of effort into the project and the final result is wonderful. Thank you from the sparrows to the northern flickers. Please contact the Refuge at 856-983-3329-x1 if you are part of a group interested in helping out with a service project.



Cartoon by Al Celenza

This is a list of possible pet placement facilities.

Please do your research to find a facility that suits your needs. We do not endorse nor are we connected in any way with these organizations. This list is provided on an information only basis.

Animal Welfare Association
awanj.org

Animal Adoption Center
856-435-9116
www.animaladoption.com

Animal Orphanage
856-627-6657
TheAnimalOrphanage@yahoo.com

Animal Welfare Federation of NJ
www.awfnj.org

Atlantic County SPCA
home.comcast.net/~acspca

BIRDS

Fresh Start Bird Rescue
610-440-0114
www.orgsites.com/pa/freshstart

RABBITS

Rabbit Rescue, Inc.
908-238-0814
adopt@SafeHavenRR.org
New Jersey House Rabbit Society
732-583-0278
njrabbits@hotmail.com

REPTILES, FERRETS and IGUANAS

Scales and Tails
www.scalesandtails.org

TURTLES and TORTOISES

Turtle Homes
516-945-4098
Lori@turtlehomes.org
American Tortoise Rescue
1-800-938-3553
www.tortoise.com

Many Thanks to Our Sponsors

Wild Wild West Saloon

A good time was had by all who attended our 7th annual fundraising Gala. Special thanks go to the following organizations who helped make the event possible, Cutry Construction, The McIntyre Group-Insurance Brokers, Excelerant Inc, Davis Enterprises/Sandi Unger, Hurley & Laughlin Attorneys, Commerce Bank, South Jersey Magazine, Benecard Services, Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, Harriett's Oil, Sovereign Bank Capital Markets, Merrill Lynch Global Private Group, The Bertsch Team at Prudential Fox, New Jersey American Water, B.T. Edgar & Sons, F&J Flavorings, Medford Financial, Old School Sports, American Discount Fence, Hoyt Family Dentistry, Harmony Landscaping, Auestek, Viking Yacht, and Infinity Title.



"Goose Peace" winning 1st place photo in the "Thru Our Lenses" photo contest by Jacob Miller age category 11-12.

Serenade for Wildlife

An afternoon of light classical music was enjoyed by many at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church, which benefited the Refuge. Outstanding performances were given by Erica Tursi, Roberta Tursi, Philo Lee, Brian Chang, William Stokking, Nancy Stokking, Jonathan Bieler, Norma Meyer and Marka Kasker-Simmons. Many thanks to our event sponsors, BCIT Culinary Arts, BCIT Print Shop, Gallo's Bakery, Lake Pine

Delicatessen and Catering, Murphy's Marketplace, Zallie's ShopRite, Lord Of Light Church, Joseph Fong, Lenihan Jeep Oldsmobile, The Knitting Room, Wayne Knight O.D. Stokes Vision Center, A Lotta Music, New Jersey School of Music, A.J. Werner General Contracting, Philharmonic of Southern New Jersey and Bradley & Stow Funeral Home.

Wine & Wildlife

Cool breezes, delightful wines, delicious food and snakes! What more could you ask for? A lovely evening of wine, music and wildlife marked our 4th annual festival. We would like to thank our sponsors and donors, Everland, Shourds and Associates, Canal's Wines Unlimited, Environmental Resolutions Inc, BBC Worldwide, Bradley & Stow Funeral Home, Harford Gardens, JC Kronenberger Fine Jewelry, Travarelli Builders, Lakes Office Supply, Creative Genius Art Gallery & Studio, Michael McNelly, Don Kanzler, Sugar Sand Ramblers, Pinelands Flute Ensemble and Tony Lawrence.

Domestic Cat Predation on Native Wildlife

By Linda Cherkassky

Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge is distinct from many other wildlife rehabilitation centers. Set upon 184 acres of Pinelands, this facility is in a unique position to educate the public and to foster awareness about various conservation issues.

Fragmentation and loss of habitat are the primary challenges native wildlife must face. Folks are becoming increasingly cognizant of the importance in reducing sprawl and preserving open space. However, many are ignorant of the fact that cat predation is a significant cause of mortality for wildlife, already compromised by other factors. In New Jersey, predation is the second largest killer of birds as noted by the

New Jersey Audubon Society.

The domestic cat, *Felis catus*, is an introduced, non-native predator species, not part of the ecosystem. Domesticated more than four thousand years ago, this descendant of the African and European wild cats has since become dependent upon humans for survival. But, we haven't been very good caretakers.

We have allowed domestic cats to wander freely and to breed uncontrollably. We have irresponsibly abandoned them to the streets as if they were some form of biological litter. There are literally millions and millions of cats. Native wildlife has not evolved alongside these prolific hunters and the consequences of this are staggering. Available scientific data indicate that domestic cats kill hundreds of millions of birds and more than one billion small mammals each year nationwide. The domestic cat also hunts reptiles and amphibians.

This is especially worrisome in ecologically sensitive areas like the Pine Barrens. Domestic cats do not distinguish between common species like the Northern Cardinal and those species that are threatened, endangered or rare. In the Pinelands National Reserve, thirty-nine species (30 birds, 5 reptiles, and 4 amphibians) are currently listed as Threatened or Endangered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Endangered and Nongame Species Program). There are also numerous species under the status of Special Concern. This term applies to species that warrant special attention because of some evidence of decline that could result in their becoming a Threatened species.

Part of Cedar Run's caseload consists of wild animals injured by cats. Only about 10% of those animals survive the ordeal and are able to be

DOMESTIC CAT *(continued from page 5)*

released back to the wild. Contrary to popular belief, well-fed cats are a danger to wildlife. They kill even if they are not hungry because the hunting instinct is separate from the urge to eat. Putting a bell on a cat is not an effective way to deter predation. Wildlife may not associate the sound of a bell with danger. Furthermore, these cats can learn to silently stalk their prey. Bells offer no protection for helpless nestlings and fledglings and newborn mammals still in the nest. Even declawed cats successfully injure or kill their prey.

Having a position statement that acknowledges the negative impact that free-roaming and feral cats have on native wildlife and biodiversity is a natural extension of our mission state-

ment. Free-roaming and feral cats, as well as feral cat colonies (managed or not), are inherently incompatible with wildlife conservation. Cedar Run has developed recommendations for how to protect our native wildlife and keep our beloved companion animals safe, as well as humane suggestions regarding the existence of feral cat colonies.

Education is the key to reducing pet overpopulation. We are proud to announce our support of the American Bird Conservancy's Cats Indoors! Campaign – the campaign for safer birds and cats. Look for additional information about this topic and more ways you can help our native wildlife on our website this summer.

Having pets can be a wonderful experience, but allowing them to roam poses risks to them and substantially hurts wildlife. To learn how to turn your outdoor cat into a content indoor pet visit the American Bird Conservancy at: <http://www.abcbirds.org/cats/outin.pdf>. Please refrain from letting cats outdoors and be assured that this decision will help protect our feathered, furry and feline friends.

Linda Cherkassky is a volunteer in the wildlife hospital and the proud owner of three formally feral cats.

Spotlight on Volunteers Dana Barney

The kindness of strangers! We have all heard that term, but here at the Refuge it is what we live by.

Cedar Run relies exclusively on donations of one form or another. Time is a major need around here, but is something people are willing to give. We use thousand of volunteer hours a year, from animal care to education programs to special events. People want to help and we have plenty for them to do. We are grateful for the kindness of strangers.

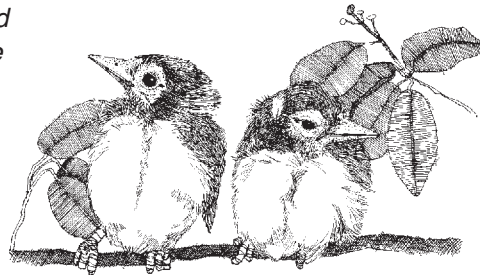
Volunteers may start out as strangers, but many of them end up as Cedar Run family. These people have given so much to help us with our mission to care for New Jersey's wildlife and Pinelands habitat. We would like to introduce some of our family members over the course of upcoming newsletters.

Dana Barney came to the refuge in 1998, after hearing about us from a neighbor. Dana was very passionate about the environment and excited about helping to care for injured wildlife that she started right away in our rehabilitation hospital.

She is still volunteering in the hospital today and is one of our most valuable volunteers. Dana's passion and excitement didn't stop with the rehab; she was interested in every aspect of the Refuge.

One day a week she helps care for our education birds of prey as a Raptor Specialist. She feeds, cleans and helps with their training by using a special glove to handle the birds like we would on a program. Not only

does Dana give of her time caring for the animals, she also helps with fundraising. Dana sits on two of our biggest event committees, Autumn with the Animals held in November and our Gala event held in March. A lot of time is required to make these events a success and Dana gives 100%. She has also helped with various educational programs, birthday parties and festivals. Dana has done much for Woodford Cedar Run since 1998 and we can not express enough our gratitude to her.



FAMILY PROGRAMS

Wonderful Wildlife Weekends

Included in admission

July/August: Fire in The Pines

Fire ecology...using fire to benefit nature.

Learn why fire is necessary for the preservation of the Pine Barrens and the difference between a controlled burn and a wildfire. Where do the animals go when they are confronted with a fire situation? The answer might surprise you!

September: Mother Nature's Pantry

What does she keep in her cupboard?

Visit the "grocery isles" at WOOD-FORD Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge and find out what we humans might find tasty. A great alternative to plastic wrapped factory food! Take some recipes home and try them out with the kids. Be warned, however, there may be a few surprises in store!



Time with our Naturalists

Fire in the Pines

July 16 talks @ 12:00pm & 2:00pm
Did you know that fire can sometimes help the Pines? Know the difference between a controlled burn and a wildfire? Meet one of our naturalists and discover the value of fire in the pines. Cost: Adults \$5.00

Children \$3.00 Members Free!

Kiwi Encounter: The National Bird of New Zealand

August 5 2:00pm

Learn all about this unique avian from the land of "The Long White Cloud". Anneke Hermans, New Zealand native and an intern at the Refuge will introduce this amazing bird and the efforts to help the endangered Kiwi through conservation and breeding programs. Cost: Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00 Members Free!

Refuge after Dark: Shooting Stars and Nocturnal Creatures

August 12 8:30pm-10:30pm

Ever wonder what its like at the refuge after dark? Come join our naturalist and explore the sights and sounds of the night time in the Pines. The annual Perseid meteor shower is at its peak this night so we may even spot a few shooting stars! Pre-registration required. Cost: Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00 Members Free!

Tastes of the Pines

September 9 talks @ 11:30 & 1:30

Do you know which plants are edible in the pines? Nature can supply food in some of the strangest ways. Meet one of our naturalists and explore the world of edible plants in the Pines. You may even get to taste a few!

Pre-registration required. Cost: Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00 Members Free!

Knee High Naturalists

Second Tuesday or Wednesday of each month

10:00-11:30 am

September 12 & 13: Tasty plants of the Pines

October 10 & 11: Skulls and Bones

Cost: \$10 child w/adult

Reservations Required

Create a special time for you and your 3-5 year old. Together you'll discover nature through age-appropriate games, stories, crafts and hikes. Come to one session or enroll in the whole series by calling (856) 983-3329 Ext. 1. Major credit cards accepted.

Flower Power

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Name _____ Phone: _____

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Adopt-A-Wild-One (please circle your choice)

\$150	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$35	\$25
Bald Eagle	Red-tailed Hawk	Screech Owl	Striped Skunk	Corn Snake	Box Turtle
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Barred Owl	White-tailed Deer	Fox	Mute Swan	Groundhog	Songbird
				Opossum	

Membership (please circle one)

\$1000	\$500	\$250	\$100	\$50	\$30	\$25
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Please mail form with check to: WCRWR, 4 Sawmill Road, Medford, NJ 08055. Thanks!

Save The Date

Autumn with the Animals

Saturday November 4th, 1-5 pm
Admission Fee \$5.00

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun in the outdoors. See our live birds of prey in the Hunters of the Sky show, enjoy children's games, crafts, rides, music and food. No reservations needed. Small additional charge for shows and rides.

Grandparents' Day

Sunday September 10th

Celebrate Grandparents' Day at the Refuge! During the month you can make special cards and crafts for your grandparents. Bring them to the refuge and show them your favorite animal. Every grandparent admission is free on September 9th and 10th when accompanied by a grandchild.

New name for the peregrine!

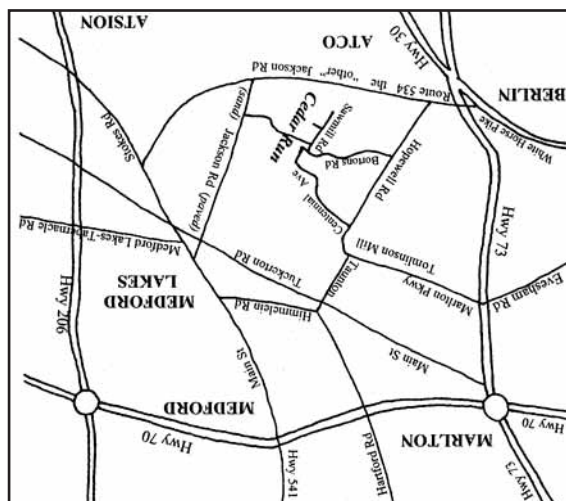
The peregrine falcon has been named "Halo". The winner of our contest was Michael Bray of Cinnaminson, NJ. He submitted

the name because it is one of his favorite video games. Michael was introduced to "Halo" by Terri Loy our Education Director. There were a lot of creative entries, thank you to everyone who submitted a name!



Photo by Jeanne Woodford

Lost? Call (856) 983-3329 for directions.



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Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge



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