



January 2012 Newsletter



Autumn Orphans!

Although with the onset of Autumn we do not see such an influx of orphans as we do at the start of Spring, this year has brought a few more late babies due to the warm temperatures. Autumn does however bring some of the late babies, often a second litter of the year to animals such as squirrels and hedgehogs in particular, but we have had a third lot of squirrels, and young pigeon squabs as well.



Ant & Dec our little squirrel twins from Dormans Park

Our first baby squirrels of autumn came along late September on the same day from three different places! Another sailed in on 1st October, followed by the two pictured here on the left which were found in mid-November in the middle of a road in Dormans Park, Lingfield, having fallen from a tree. They is also a picture above as they tuck into a bowl of nuts, sweetcorn and cereal!

This little pair of hedgehogs on the right, both came from Eastbourne, weighing only 92g, a week apart. As hedgehogs need to be a minimum of 600g to be able to hibernate and survive the winter, it was vital that these little babies came in to care. Here they are digging into a special high protein diet of Hills a/d mixed with Esbilac, which is a



Rosie & Jim

milk replacer used for rearing young mammals when their mother is no longer with them. We never give cow's milk to any of our orphans as this is extremely dangerous and can kill them

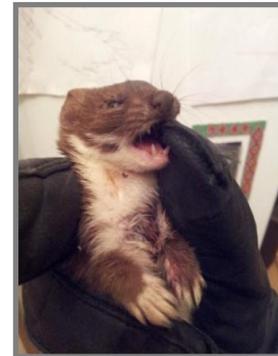


The little fellow on the left is typical of the size of our hog orphans.

Unfortunately one young hog we were called out to rescue we weren't able to save due to horrendous injuries it had sustained after becoming trapped in pea netting. Sadly this is a common occurrence. Any netting should be kept well clear from the ground to allow any animal to safely pass beneath and not become entangled to die slowly and painfully.

We were also called out 3 times in November to a garden in Hangleton, Hove where a concerned member of the public had spotted some small hedgehogs in her garden. These babies came into us at weighing around 200g so were far too small to be able to hibernate. The first one came in on 1st November, a little girl which we named 'Pumpkin', the second a week later was a little boy named 'Guy', and then the third, a little girl found on Remembrance Sunday, which we named 'Poppy'. All three of these soon put on weight and went out to our foster carers, Nyree & Colin, when they were all well over 600g, to hibernate till the spring when they will be released back where they came from.

One more unusual patient we treated last month was a stoat which came in after being caught by a cat. He had a horrendous injury to his chest and arm. He was treated with antibiotics and his wounds cleaned as best we could. He was very feisty, as you can see in the picture, and he looked like he was doing really well, but unfortunately died in his sleep the second night. We usually find if they survive the first 48hrs they stand a good chance of surviving.



Marvin



At the beginning of November we had a call from a vet in Beckenham, to say that they had a small deer in their care which had been found by police on the side of the road, it had been attacked by dogs and they thought it was a young Muntjac. When we arrived to collect it, we found it was, in fact, a male roe deer about a year old. He had nasty wounds to both sides of his neck and was still in shock. We got him back to Chris and Sylvia's gave him fluid replacement, a heat lamp and left

him for the night. The next day we had a chance to get a closer look at his wounds, which on the surface didn't look too bad. He wasn't keen on eating so had to be hand fed for a few days, we think this was because his neck was too painful to put his head to

the ground. 10 days after his arrival we were able to put him in the paddock with the 7 other fawns currently in our care for company. He was doing well, getting stronger and we thought we had got him through the worst when we noticed he didn't look his happy self, he had dropped a bit of weight and wasn't eating as well as he had been. It was then we found that he had developed an abscess which subsequently burst, so we brought him back in and got him back on antibiotics. A couple of days later his face became puffy, our vet diagnosed a protein deficiency, which is not good, we had to get as much protein in him as we could. So that night we made a protein smoothy for him from milk replacement and alfalfa grass, which he thoroughly enjoyed. At that point, we really thought we had a chance of getting him through this. But, the next day the swelling had got worse and he had not eaten anything over night. I tried to syringe feed him, but sadly, he wouldn't take anything so he had obviously decided he had fought long enough and had given up. It was then that I had to make the decision that we all dread and hate to make, but we always have to do what is best for the animal, so sadly Marvin was put to sleep.

On a happier note, we had some good fundraising events during the run up to Christmas, where we were able to raise in excess of £300



One of the events we attended was the Lingfield Christmas shopping night on the 9th December. Luckily the rain held off, so apart from being rather chilly, it was a great night and we managed to raise £180. Thank you to everyone who came to see us and meet Ozzy the owl, who was a huge hit as always, and loved all the attention she was getting!

*Some of the team (from left to right) at Lingfield.
Louise Johnson with Stritch (on loan from the British Wildlife Centre), Sue Archer and Debbie Johnson with Ozzy*

We also had our skills put to the test on the way home from this event. We came across a young Fallow deer wandering in a very dark, unlit rural section of the road. Luckily the animal was unhurt but was struggling to find its way back into the woods and safety. We were able to successfully stop all the traffic in both directions, and gently managed to herd the young deer back to where it had come from. This was a lovely end to the evening. If you ever come across a similar situation, please ensure you do not put yourself in danger trying to help an animal. If you are unsure of what to do, please contact us for advice and assistance.

Baby Deer Update

At the beginning of December our fallow deer fawns took their first steps out of the enclosure and into the garden, which is the next stage of reintroduction to the wild. It was a wonderful sight to see them out in the open, knowing what they had all been through, and once they got their courage they were flying around the garden at warp speed, even Delilah on her 3 legs!!!



The 7 of them have settled into a close-knit herd and will hopefully stay together for as long as they need. They still have a few months to go before they start foraging further afield, so while they are still around we will be putting regular updates and photos on the website and, if you haven't seen them already, there are a couple of videos of them running around the garden on facebook.

New Merchandise!

Here are a few of the new items we have been able to add to our merchandise please contact us for ordering details and P&P costs.



Hedgehog cushion
£4.50 for cover only
or £8 complete



Paperweights £5-£7
5 designs to choose from:
Fox/Squirrel/Deer/
Hedgehog/Owl



Owl Doorstop £4
Can be made in
any colour choice



These lovely cuddly plush hedgehogs are available for £3.50 each. They are available to buy direct from us, or you can purchase them on our ebay page

Don't forget, you can still help us to raise much needed funds by recycling your old mobile phones and print cartridges at www.recycle4charity.co.uk. Register your details and then select Wildlife A&E (C28271) in the choose beneficiary drop down menu. All money raise through this scheme will come to us.



We are now looking ahead to 2012 and fundraising. We are available to attend any fetes that you may be planning, or if you would like us to come along and give a talk at any event, and get the chance to meet Ozzy our mascot, posing here on the left, please contact us on 07709574665 or you can email us at wildlifeaande@gmail.com.

You can keep up to date with anything that has been going on through our facebook page, which will also keep you posted on any events we have coming up.

If we have helped you with an injured animal or you would like to support us and help us carry on our work, donations can be sent to:-

Debbie Johnson, Unity Cottage, High Cross, Rotherfield, Crowborough, East Sussex. TN6 3PX. Cheques should be made payable to Wildlife A & E.

Or you can pay funds directly into our bank account:-

Bank:-	Co-operative Bank
Account Name:-	Wildlife A & E
Sort Code:-	08-92-99
Account Number:-	65447255

Alternatively you can donate by text. Just text WLA33 and then the amount you wish to donate to 70070

We rely on donations to help us fund our work. We receive no government support or funding, all the money we raise is from donations, or fundraising events. Any help you can give, or funds you can spare help to keep our work going and is very gratefully received. If you are able to donate anything, from your life savings to a tin of dog food, you can be rest assured that every penny and every tin will go directly to help the animals in our care.

On behalf of all the animals we have managed to rehabilitate and release during our first year

THANK YOU

Since March 2011 we have taken in 92 casualties. We have successfully rehabilitated, reared and released 71 of these

Please continue to support us and the work we do throughout 2012 because without your support we cannot continue to help our orphaned, injured and abandoned wildlife.



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