



2012 Review & Plans for 2013



Spring is almost upon us, this season being our busiest time of the year, with many of the admissions being orphans in need of intensive care and feeding. So we thought that during this lull we would bring you up to date with a little review of the patients of 2012 and share with you our exciting plans for 2013 with the opportunity for you to take part.

During the course of 2012 we admitted and treated a total of 176 patients! This would not have been possible without the generosity of our supporters – THANK YOU!

Admissions included:

8 Fallow & 1 Roe deer/fawn, 10 Wood pigeons/squabs, 5 Tawny owls & 2 Barn owl chicks, Sparrow hawk, 21 Foxes/cubs, 8 Doves/fledgelings, 58 Hedgehogs/hoglets, 6 Squirrel kits, Rabbit & 5 Babies, a Badger, Song thrush, 11 Robins, Gosling, 2 Mistle Thrush, 5 Sparrows/fledglings, 4 Crows, 2 Dunnock/fledglings, Chaffinch, Green finch, 6 Blue tits, a Kestrel chick, 2 Magpie, 3 Blackbird / fledgling, 3 Wood peckers, Jackdaw, Pheasant and a common toad!

Mainly admitted due to being orphaned but others were injured by cars, fishing line, dogs or fencing. Deer becoming entangled within fencing resulting in ligature injuries as well as being victims of RTA's, and dog attacks. Our first fawn last year was Rosie who was attacked by a dog, grabbed by the neck and as a result unable to lift her head for a couple of weeks due to the swelling and bruising.

Most of the other deer were due to fencing, resulting in horrific ligature wounds which don't become apparent for up to 10 days after the event. Unfortunately a lot of those we had in last year were put to sleep as their wounds were too deep or involved more than one leg.

One, spent a long time with us and our vet was marvellous, she had to have her leg amputated, but had a lot of other underlying problems and just when we thought she had made a full recovery, she collapsed and died. This was very heart breaking for us and Alex, our vet, who had been there for us the whole time. The good news is that Rosie and three others from Folly Wildlife Rescue will soon be on their way onto the forest.

We admitted many orphans, the highest number of these being hoglets, such as the little fellow at the top of the page, including 15 on one day! Many of the spring and summer hoglets were released last year although but we currently have 15 autumn orphans overwintering with us. These will be released as soon as the climate warms up and we are out of the danger of snow and possible flooding.

Looking ahead to 2013

New Deer Paddock!

We have some exciting plans we would like to share with you and need to enlist your help in making these become reality! As you will no doubt be aware from past newsletters, the last two years has seen an increase in the number of fawns we have admitted and are in desperate need to expand and improve our deer paddocks. One of our supporters has very generously offered the use of their land as a release area. This is a wonderful opportunity and we know that we have our work cut out for us clearing the site prior to enclosing the area with specialised protective fencing to ensure that the fawns will not escape before they are ready for release.

As you will see from the image below we are looking to erect high tensile strength plastic netting which can be installed over rough terrain and easily battened to timber posts. So we will be looking for voluntary manpower and the funds to purchase the fencing are yet to be raised!

We estimate that we need 200metres of 1.8m high netting which comes in 100m rolls and 20 posts. For this alone we need to raise £800 before the end of April simultaneously of raising funds for food for the incoming orphans in early March!

Any help you can give us would very much be appreciated, maybe you know a supplier that might like to sponsor the pen or donate some of the posts/fencing.

Our contact details are at the end of this letter.



If you are able to make a donation to help us provide essential facilities for the deer which we re-habilitate, please send your donation to:

**'Wildlife A&E' at Unity Cottage, High Cross,
Rotherfield, East Sussex. TN6 3PX.**

Please make your cheque payable to **Wildlife A&E**.
Or you can pay funds directly into our account at the
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**

With Thanks

'Out & About' - Events for Springtime fundraising!

Saturday 23rd March, 7.00-730pm- Quiz Night at the British Wildlife Centre, Lingfield (www.britishwildlifecentre.co.uk) snacks provided but please bring your own drink. Please contact us for application form.

Sunday 5th May – Lingfield Marathon

(for information: www.lingfield-marathon.org)

Sunday 19th May – Merrist Wood Summer Show – 11am-5pm

(for directions and further information www.merristwood.ac.uk)



And finally! A little thought for our amphibian friends. During late February and early March we will be visiting known toad crossings to look out for toads attempting to cross the roads and giving them a helping hand with their migration to ponds for spawning. They emerge in the evening, often after it has been raining, so armed with buckets and torches we will head down to some of the sites where we know they will need assistance to make it to the other side, scoop them up and take them safely to their destination side of the road for spawning.

Every year of their lives toads will migrate back to their ancestral breeding ponds following the same route as before and it's shocking to see just how many become the victims of traffic on the roads. In certain places they may get into further difficulty by falling into drains as they hop along the kerbs to their destination.

If you wish to become involved contact the amphibian and reptile group for your area. Sussex, Surrey & Kent Reptile and Amphibian groups are shown in the box on the right-hand side.



Toads on Roads!

Amphibian & Reptile Groups
in your area

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www.sussexarg.org.uk

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www.surrey-arg.org.uk

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www.kentarg.org.uk



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