

We would not be able to do the work that we do if it were not for the foundations that have generously given to us. To name a few which gave recently, the Noah Foundation, the Red Lion Foundation, The Martha Morse Foundation, the Butler Foundation. A full list of granting foundations will be listed in our Christmas newsletter. Thank you to all!



Great Horned owl chick is cared for at Elaine Connors Wildcare



Orphaned baby squirrel finds care at Elaine Connors Wildcare.



Rehabilitated Canada gosling is returned to his pond.

Meet Emily



Welcome to Emily Burbank.



Photo of Emily with Hunter, our Broad-winged hawk.

Hi everyone! My name is Emily Burbank and I am an intern for Elaine Connors Wildcare this summer! A little bit about me; I am from Hingham, MA. but have also spent a lot of time growing up in Sugar Hill, NH. I have recently left Burlington, VT where I studied animal sciences at the University of Vermont and moved to Scotland to work on getting a degree in veterinary medicine and surgery at the University of Glasgow. As much as I love to travel and experience different parts of the world, I am excited to be at home and to take on this new adventure and work with NH wildlife. Wildlife rehab and species conservation has always been an interest of mine, so I look forward to learning about New England's native species and caring for these animals while giving back to our environment. As I wrap up, I would like to take this time to humbly thank the Martha Morse Foundation for funding this opportunity for me. Their generosity and kindness has allowed me to explore my wildlife related passions and has given me the chance to learn a lot of valuable information and skills that will help me down the line in my veterinary career. Thank you and I look forward to working with both the wildlife and the rehab community!

Russ Shillaber continues on at Elaine Conners Wildcare!



Readers may have seen a story in our Christmas newsletter about the loss of Russ Shillaber, our board member, mentor, attorney and long time friend. Russ was the guiding light of our organization since its inception in 1991. Every Christmas, Elaine Conners Wildcare held our annual meeting at Russ's law office in Rochester. We met around the conference table, making decisions, approving budgets and planning for the upcoming year. As I was passing through Rochester in late April, I noticed that the building which housed Russ's law office was for sale by Peter H. Russell and Associates.

I took the information and called Mr. Russell the following morning. I explained who I was and the affiliation that Russ, and the law office, had with us for over three decades. I asked Mr. Russell if it was possible that the board table in the conference room be donated to our organization for our conference room. We thank him for contacting the new owners and permission was generously given for the table to be gifted to us. We can now continue our annual meetings on the first Friday of every December, around the original conference table from Russ's office.

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This juvenile bobcat was rehabilitated at ECW and released back to the wild.

Story below!

This ten month old bobcat was admitted to us on March 3, 2023, starving, dehydrated and near death. Weighing approximately 5-6 pounds, he was underweight by half of what he should have been for a yearling at that time of year. Saving him was going to be difficult and he was started on a prescription diet prescribed by Dr. Caffrey of Fryeburg Veterinary Hospital. In addition to starvation, this bobcat was treated on March 21 and April 16 for intestinal parasites, which most assuredly added to his struggle to survive in the wild. Caught in a hen house, the rescuer brought him to us for care.

When yearlings come in to Elaine Conners Wildcare in mid-winter, they usually weigh in the vicinity of 12 pounds. We keep them until May, releasing them at the 20+- pound mark. Bobcats are at the upper tier of their range, which runs from Florida to northern New England. Unlike the lynx which has longer legs and is more equipped to deal with the deep snows of New Hampshire and Maine, the bobcat is a much smaller cat, usually the size of a house cat and ranging in weight depending on age and sex.

From admittance on March 3 to release on May 5, this cat grew in health and attitude, being released on May 5 by Patrick Tate, Fur Bearer Biologist for New Hampshire Fish and Game. The cat topped the scale at 14 pounds, 11.5 ounces, almost three times the weight he was when he was admitted.

We want to thank those who generously gave to his care in dollars and donated food. It meant the purchase of prescription food and necessary drugs for the two months he was in rehabilitation, medical care, housing, and being released as a healthy yearling. In particular, we want to thank Mr. A Bingle for his gift certificate to Four Your Paws Only where we purchased raw diet for the bobcat and to Primal Pet Foods, Inc., distributors for supplying raw diet for cats.

We hope this young bobcat is thriving after being returned to the wild!