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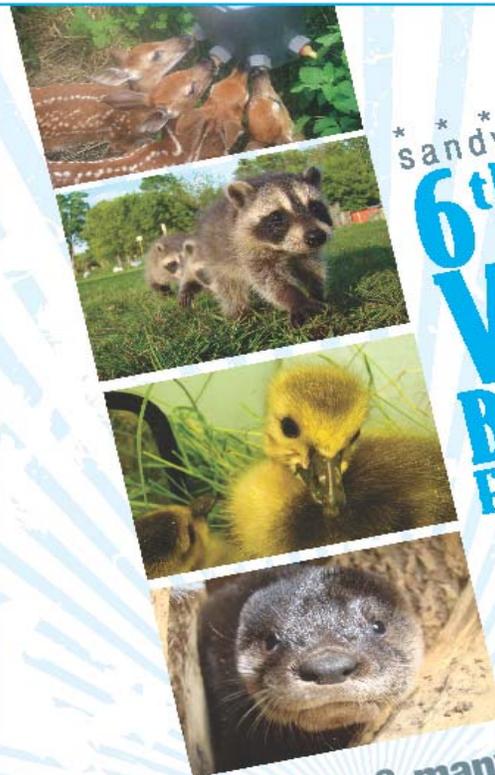
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sandy pines wildlife centre's  
**6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
WILDLIFE  
BABY SHOWER  
FUNDRAISER**

**Sunday May 1st, 2011  
10am- 4pm**

**the day's events will include:**

- Silent Auction
- Games & Prizes
- Demonstrations by the Snakeman
- A Wild Canteen of delectable goodies
- Pony rides and baby farm animals
- Tarot Card readings
- Face painting for kids
- Neonate care demonstrations
- Live music by various local musicians
- A Wildlife Boutique where you can purchase a variety of items in support of SPWC!
- Several informative booths, which will provide an excellent learning experience for both kids and adults!
- Meet and greet SPWC's amazing group of volunteers, as well as related organizations such as Quinte Humane Society

**Spring Is Here & many  
little wildlife babies are  
on their way to SPWC!**  
That's the reason we are celebrating with a fundraiser!  
Please come out and support SPWC and the hundreds of  
orphaned wildlife they will be caring for this spring!

**shower wish list**

- duct tape, paper towels, puppy food,
- jars of beef or chicken broth, baby food, toilet paper,
- tarps, bungee cords, unsalted almonds, walnuts, pecans,
- sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, raisins, dried cranberries

**→ free admission**

**\*\* for the safety of all animals involved,  
please leave your own pets at home \*\***  
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# Director's Editorial

***Spring has arrived*** and new orphaned and injured wild ones are here already. Every year the busy season gets busier; it starts earlier and ends later. Most winters now are busy times too. We averaged 40 patients to be cared for on a daily basis this year. It is hard to turn people away when there is no alternative for the animal or bird they are bringing us, but we have run out of room. When I first started this rehab centre twenty years ago, I never in my wildest dreams imagined we would one day be taking in 1,600 or more wild ones a year. Obviously the need is there and we are trying to meet that need.

Those of you who have been here know that we have worked out of a converted garden shed for fifteen years with as many as eight people working elbow to elbow caring for our patients in a 12 ft. by 14 ft. room. The electrical system is so outdated that if we use the microwave oven to heat formula and put on an extra light, we blow a fuse. We have had to house patients in the barn in the winter, which overloads the system there so that the power went out and the pipes froze.

**Here is our solution.** First of all we must renovate our existing building area and upgrade the electrical wiring so that we can accommodate more patients safely. The budget for updating the existing building is about \$20,000. This clinic will be invaluable for isolating patients, and food storage and preparation for years to come.

Our long term goal, attainable in five years hopefully, is to build a new facility. We have the room in the front field adjacent to the road, and a volunteer architect is already working with us to draw up plans. We have received a building permit and theoretically could start this spring. Besides the new clinic there will be a parking lot, a washroom, and an educational area that can be used as a waiting room. All of these will be wheel chair accessible. We'll have a separate entrance off

***Our solution to meet the great demand of incoming wildlife is to build a new rehabilitation clinic.***



*Photo courtesy of The Napanee Beaver*

*(continued...)*

the road, and will need to drill a well, install a new septic tank and bring in a new hydro supply, and then build the clinic itself. The architect asked for my criteria for this building. Firstly, it had to be simple and the cost kept to \$250,000. Secondly, I wanted it built in my lifetime! We have a volunteer structural engineer who is working on planning the foundations. We would love to hear from mechanical and electrical engineers to do some planning for us too.

*Spring has arrived and new orphaned and injured wild ones are here already!*

We are approaching some corporate donors and applying for grants in the hope to get some funding for a new staff person and renovations for the clinic. I sincerely thank each and everyone who is able to make a donation because without you the new clinic will not get off the ground.

*Sue Meech*

Sue Meech, Founder & President



*Our volunteer architect's depiction of the new clinic*

## About Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre



The Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre has been in operation since 1994. Our goal is to help all injured and orphaned wildlife and to release them back into their natural habitats. We also give advice and assistance to property owners who are having problems with their wild animal neighbours, and can offer humane alternatives to solve these conflicts. We work closely with veterinarians and Humane Societies across Ontario.

We are licensed provincially by the Ministry of Natural Resources and federally by the Canadian Wildlife Services to provide care and shelter for birds, mammals, and reptiles. To ensure the well-being of our patients, we are unable to offer tours of the Centre.

### A Great New Logo and Other Updates

Local graphic designer and artist James Downe ([www.jamesdowne.ca](http://www.jamesdowne.ca)) has kindly volunteered his services to create a logo which we are proud to introduce as the new image of SPWC.

The new logo below merges both of our pre-existing ones to create a much more cohesive symbol of the ongoing work done at Sandy Pines. It combines the images of wildlife animals that we care for with the letters that represent our organization. Many thanks to James for contributing his time and talent to this project.



The SPWC Board of Directors has also been reshuffled. Newly appointed to the Board are Ashley Wightman (Treasurer), Barb Dauksch (Secretary), Faye Wan (Director at Large) and Dawn Mihailovic (Director at Large). We thank Leah Birmingham and Dave Sigman for their service over the past several years.

### TEENS GONE WILD!

A new teen group is now being organized to help fundraise for our new wildlife clinic.

**“For teens,  
run by teens”**

Do your own events, learn about wildlife, get involved! For information on how to join, contact Faye at:

**fundraising  
@sandypines  
wildlife.org**

## Thanks To Our Sponsors...

Our fundraising events are successful in part due to the helpful contributions of organizations that lend their financial support. A big thank you to all of our generous sponsors below!

Lafarge	Global Pet Foods
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Avanta Salon & Spa	Ontario Power Generation
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Burke Printing	Starlet Boutique
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One of our talented teen volunteers Michelle has created a great YouTube video showcasing the work that SPWC does and some of the animals involved. Check it out at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), and search for “Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre~Donate Now”

## Special Donor: Individual fund created with the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area

A retired Kingston psychologist has started a Wildlife Rehabilitation Fund. Dr. Diane Arthur recently made a large donation to the Community Foundation for Kingston and Area, which will administer the fund and portion out the money. Dr. Arthur said her association with Sandy Pines goes back a decade to a time she found a baby squirrel firmly attached to her leg. She raised the baby as best she could but had to take it to Sandy Pines when it developed what she believed to be mange. As it turned out her diagnosis was wrong but "that was the start of my connection" with the Centre, she said. There was no particular reason why she decided to start the wildlife fund now, although she knew we needed to build a new clinic.

Donations are held in permanent endowments and income earned on them is used to make grants to local projects. Sandy Pines will receive only the fund's yearly interest, about \$1,000. Thank you to this special donor! To donate to this fund, please contact us at 613-354-0264.

We are  
committed to  
helping  
wildlife 365  
days of the  
year.

## Albatross Update



We are sorry to report that the Yellow-nosed Albatross who captured the hearts of many people did not survive. He made it as far as the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary near Tampa, Florida, but then

developed an osteomyelitis (a bone infection) from being land locked. These pelagic birds spend most of their lives in flight and usually only land to breed.

He taught us a lot and although the odds for his recovery were a long shot, we gave him every chance possible. He had a strong will to survive and made his mark as the first Albatross in Ontario. His final resting place is the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.

**The Annual Art & Jewellery Sale** was a huge success this year, thanks to Faye Wan, Barb Dauksch, and Jean Barkley who spent all last winter evaluating and preparing the donated art and jewellery. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event the best ever, and to these businesses that help every year:

- **Revolving Door**, Kingston: Event sponsor
- **Randall at Charm Diamond Centre**, Cataraqui Town Centre, Kingston: Jewellery appraisal and cleaning
- **Frontenac Mall**, Kingston: Ongoing facility and advertising support

**Lets face it, getting your pet's nails trimmed isn't only for your pet**



Pet Panache has invited a RVT from Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre to trim your pet's nails & help raise funds for our local wildlife.

**Take care of your pet's needs & support a great cause**

where: **Pet Panache**  
21 Dundas St East, Napanee

when: **1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Every Month**  
next session **April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

cost: **\$10 cash/pet**

time: **5:30 - 6:30 pm**



# Red-Throated Loons Visit the Centre

We received a call late last November from the Ministry of Natural Resources in Bancroft, Ontario. They had just received an injured loon and were willing to bring it in to us. On its arrival a few hours later, there were in fact two red-throated loons. Apparently a sudden blizzard had caused a major white-out, which led me to suspect crash landings. Sure enough, their feet were grazed as they tried to land on a road, which had looked like a river to them.

The loons were of good weight with no other inju-

ries and their waterproofing was excellent. This meant that they were good to be released. Their feet would heal much quicker on the water than on dry land, so we treated the wounds with a sealing spray. After a short swim in a tub to refresh them, they were packed up again. The officer returned the loons to the nearest open water in the area where they were found. He later phoned to say that there had been two other loons found, so he picked up those too.

Loons' legs are set so far back on their long bodies

that they cannot walk, and need a quarter mile "runway" of lake in order to take off. Once they try to land on a wet road, mistaking it for a river, they are unable to fly away again.

The birds (below) are in winter plumage so we cannot see the red throat which is present during the breeding season. They are about half the size of the common loon and just as vicious with those beaks! They nest in the Arctic and migrate to North America's coasts for winter.

The loons rest after their difficult landing in a blizzard





SANDY PINES WILDLIFE CENTRE

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**Please help us help the wildlife of Ontario!**

All of our revenue depends on your generous donations. We receive no funding from the government. You may donate by cheque or on our website with the "Canada Helps" button.

Receipts will be issued for donations of \$20.00 or more. Please make your cheques payable to the Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre.



For more information on volunteering, sponsoring, or donating, please visit [www.sandypineswildlife.org](http://www.sandypineswildlife.org), or complete this form and mail to 8749 County Rd 2, Napanee, ON K7R3L1, or call us at (613) 354-0264.

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