

Adopt a *WildThing*

Sponsorship Level: Adopt a WildCare education ambassador yourself, or give a gift to that special person in your life for only \$100. Choose your own adventure with a natural connection. Email Info@WildCareInc.org or call 812. 323-1313/ Education Mail Box.

Advocate Level: Groups often like to do fundraisers in honor of the ambassador with proceeds that go beyond the sponsorship level to support our work. New wild orphans will be arriving this spring. It costs an average of \$65 per animal to give them a second chance.

Both levels receive

- 8X10 color photograph of their ambassador
- Certificate suitable for framing
- Endearing letter from ambassador
- Live animal program for 25 people or less within 15 miles of Center



Ball Python Ambassador Baku is not native to Indiana. He lives with a Guardian who takes care not to put him in with the older ball python Kali. Our ball pythons give us a wonderful opportunity to talk about the roll of snakes in our woodlands. Baku was hatched around March 2007.



Striped Skunk Ambassador Stinker is chowing down on a ripe persimmon in this photo, but things weren't always this good. He was in an orphaned litter and failing to thrive when a blood test revealed a thyroid condition requiring daily supplements of kelp.



Ball Python Ambassador Kali is a mature exotic that is native to South Africa. She was abandoned when renters moved in the spring of 2006, but soon found a Guardian at WildCare.



Broad-Winged Hawk Ambassador Hawkeye came in from Brown County July 2004 after he had been hit by a car. He is blind in one eye and doesn't see well out of the other. There has also been some brain damage, which makes him more comfortable with captivity. They are typically quite secretive and migrate each September to South America.



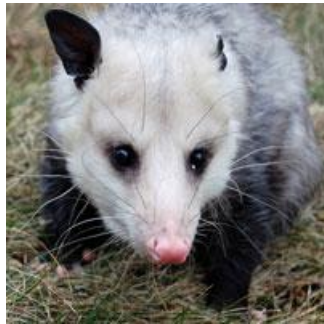
Arctic Fox Ambassador Skylar is an example of the sad side effect of the legal trade in wild animals. His ancestors were wild but captive and as the offspring Skylar was sold to a young woman who couldn't legally take him to another state. Rather than risk losing him, she turned him over to WildCare's Fox Team Leader.



Eurasian Barn Owl Ambassador Valentino is simply here without a green card. His parents were smuggled into the country and then confiscated at the border. Now it was illegal to release them and illegal to return them. Luckily, the World Bird Sanctuary gave them a permanent home and "Val" was one of their offspring. This barn owl is indistinguishable in the field from our state endangered barn owl.



American Crow Ambassador DaVinci was found on the ground by the chemistry building at Indiana University in the spring of 2003. His eyes were still blue indicating his nestling status, and although his mother was trying to feed him, it was only a matter of time before a loose dog or cat would claim him. He has a bad foot and a bad wing, but there is nothing else wrong with him, and he delights everyone with his antics.



Virginia Opossum Ambassador Jack was not even able to pull himself to the edge of the small Eagle Pointe parking lot in May of 2009 when he was found. Our vet said he had a pelvic injury from being hit by a car. Gradually he has regained strength in his legs but his rear legs and left side are too weak for him to be released. Although he reacts badly to the sound of passing cars during supervised outings, he has adapted well to captivity



Common Raccoon Ambassador Rascal

was found screaming on a lawn one morning in the spring of 2009. After waiting a couple hours for mom to turn up, the Finder brought him to WildCare where it was determined first by the team leader and then confirmed by a vet that he was blind. Because he was in all other ways very healthy, he was kept to be an ambassador for all raccoons. Here he is unwrapping an ear of corn, a trait that sometimes gets his wild cousins in trouble with farmers