

Adopt a WildThing

Sponsorship Level: Adopt a WildCare education ambassador yourself, or give a gift to that special person in your life for only \$150. 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
- Scheduled one-time photo shoot of the ambassador adopted



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.



Great horned Owl Ambassador

Regulus was acquired in December of 2009 from WildCare rehabilitation program. He had been hit by a car and the one ruptured eye would not heal. His balance issue with depth perceptions makes him non-releasable. Named for

the brightest star in the constellation Leo, it means 'prince' in Latin and is the root for "regal," which he is.



**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.



**Woma Python
Ambassador Yindi**
was named thus because her bright yellow head and warm disposition remind us of the Australian Aboriginal name "yindi" which means "the sun." She exhibits caudal luring with her worm-like tail when she hunts.



**Corn Snake
Ambassador Phoenix**
is a constrictor found throughout the southeastern and central United States. Her attractive pattern is often mistaken for the venomous copperhead, but in captivity this snake is a popular pet. It is a species of rat snake that feeds on

mice found in corn cribs, hence the name.



**Eastern Box Turtle
Ambassador Tortuga**
Tortuga was probably hit by a car near Low Gap Road in the fall of 2009. A Purdue PhD student studying the box turtle home ranges found her and held her shell together until they could get to Bloomington. Although her shell has

repaired, the trauma and resulting neurological damage has affected the use of her back legs, which prevents her return to the wild.



**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 Skylaris**
an example of the sad side effect of the legal trade in wild animals. Her ancestors were wild but captive and as the offspring Skylar was sold to a young woman who couldn't legally take her to another state. Rather than risk losing her, she turned

her over to WildCare's Fox Team Leader.



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.



Eastern Cottontail Ambassador Pipkin came into the Center with a partially-healed compound fracture on one of his hind legs. Even though he is mobile, the hind leg drags when he stretches out and he cannot jump well, so he will never be a good release

candidate. Pipkin is the name of a rabbit character from *Watership Down*. Make the same changes to the PDF handout.



Red-tailed Hawk Kenna Ambassador is non-releasable due to a wing injury that did not heal well enough for her to gain more altitude than ten feet. She was found behind a Bloomington business in April of 2011