

Pelican Press

Winter 2022

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL NATIVE WILDLIFE CENTER



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A Squirrely Surprise

On January 19th, PHSS received a call regarding an injured adult Grey Squirrel that had fallen from a tree. On arrival at the clinic, our new patient showed classic indications of head trauma. However, our wildlife rehabilitators needed a closer look, requiring an x-ray to better understand the squirrel's condition.



Fortunately, the squirrel did not experience any fractures from the nearly fatal fall. However, our staff did detect something else highly unexpected...our new patient was going to be a mother! Close examination of the x-rays revealed three tiny squirrels inside the mother's womb!



Did you know: female Grey Squirrels have a gestation period of a month and a half, and can deliver up to 9 babies at a time!

PHSS Brings Learning to Life



PHSS is putting the cool in school! Our Environmental Education program is a fantastic way to make students of all ages feel empowered to make positive changes in the world around them, starting in our own backyards. Each of our lessons include a meet and greet with two of our ambassador animals, a fun game revolving around the lesson, and a take-home activity. Not only are our presentations fun and give students the resources they need to be successful environmental stewards, they may also help them be better students. According to many university studies and the National Environmental Education Foundation, programs like ours can help improve academic achievement, deepen personal well-being and heighten critical thinking skills. For more information on how our programs can enrich your classroom and how you can schedule one for your school, visit pelicanharbor.org/school-presentations or contact our Environmental Educator at Sam@PelicanHarbor.org

PHSS Patient Spotted in Georgia

Here at PHSS, we're very lucky to hold a federal banding permit which allows us to place a permanent metal band on each Brown Pelican we release.

These bands serve as a way for us (and other organizations) to track when and where our feathered friends are moving around. Previously, we would also affix what is called an "auxiliary band" along with the metal federal bands. These large bold numbers are more easily read from a distance and allow observers to report where and when they see a specific bird.

One such report recently came in from Georgia, when a fellow bird lover spotted an adult Brown Pelican marked with the sight band "16Y". Upon reporting the band online, she was surprised to see that it was banded and released here at Pelican Harbor back in 2006! Brown Pelicans can live up to 30 years in the wild, and we are thrilled to see that this little survivor is still going strong! If you ever come across a banded bird, you can report it at Reportband.gov to learn its history and help with avian research!





Road to Recovery



In early January, a Cooper's Hawk (Patient #21-4), was found in critical condition after being shot in the shoulder. X-Rays confirmed that the bullet had severely fractured the bird's right humerus, and it would need immediate care if it was to survive. Soon

after the hawk was stabilized, our veterinarian began the arduous yet delicate procedure of placing a metal pin in the bone to stabilize the fracture. Due to the nature of this case, both an internal pin and an external fixator were used to make sure that the bone healed in the proper position. Thankfully, we have two highly skilled veterinarians on staff who are experts in the field of wildlife veterinary medicine and were able to collaborate on this case to ensure the best possible outcome. This patient is not "out of the woods" yet, but weeks of care followed by slow and consistent physical therapy has put this hawk on the road to recovery!

Now Accepting Cryptocurrency Donations!



PHSS is always seeking seamless and innovative ways for donors to support its mission, which now includes cryptocurrency! With the addition of the first Bitcoin ETF and integration of crypto into everyday payments platforms such as PayPal and Venmo, cryptocurrency is becoming more and more integrated into people's lives. Similar to donating equities or other appreciating assets, there can also be significant tax advantages to donating cryptocurrency. Visit our donation page at www.pelicanharbor.org/crypto to learn more!



Speaker Series Webinar

Restoring the Future of Our Coral Reefs

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Seabirds on the Bay: Full Moon Cruise

Friday, March 18, 2022

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Crandon Park Marina



NEW Weekly Behind-the-Scenes Tours

Every Saturday

(weather permitting)

1:00-1:45 PM



We're Breaking Ground This Year!

We are proud to announce that we recently passed the halfway point of our Capital Campaign fundraising goal, bringing us one step closer to breaking ground this Autumn. Previously owned by Miami history icon Julia Tuttle, this new 2.6-acre property is truly an urban oasis. This expansion will increase our property size by 14x, providing plenty of room for flight cages and appropriately sized habitats for our various patients and education ambassador animals. Furthermore, our new wildlife hospital and nature center will be 7x larger than our current facility, allowing us to provide state-of-the-art individualized care for every one of our patients.



Goal:
\$12,000,000

Raised:
\$7,125,000



Pelican Harbor
SEABIRD STATION

Spreading Our Wings
THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR PHSS

More than just a wildlife hospital...



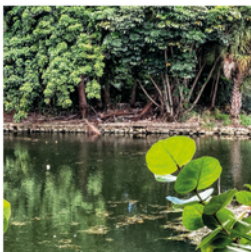
Manatee Viewing Area

From the education pavilion, you will be able to view the manatees that visit our lagoon each winter to breed and raise their calves



Tequesta Archeological Preserve

Excavated artifacts from the Tequesta Indians, who previously inhabited the site around 750-950 AD, will be on display in our education center



Nature Park

Open every day from 9-5, the property will serve as a public park and green space, with a riverwalk along 350 feet of living shoreline on the Little River



Sculpture Garden

This larger-than-life outdoor exhibit will feature four extinct species from South Florida, and is the work of artist Todd McGrain of the Lost Bird Project

Learn more about PHSS's capital campaign and become a part of history by sponsoring a room, habitat, aviary, or be recognized prominently on the major donor wall inside the lobby/atrium. Scan the QR code for more information!





Save the Date!

Pelican Run 5K

IT'S FOR THE BIRDS

We are excited to announce our 1st Annual Pelican Run 5k! This family friendly race will take place on Saturday, May 14th at Haulover Park.

Early Bird registration is now open at
www.pelicanharbor.org/pelican-5k