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Procyon Wildlife braces for the next 'baby boom'

By Wendy Soloduik
Procyon Wildlife Veterinary and Rehabilitation Services, owned by Cynthia Post, DVM, in Tottenham is preparing for the next wave of animals to fill their ever increasing number of cages. In 2009, thanks to a base of over 80 "dedicated, amazing and spectacular" volunteers, Procyon had a wonderful season, helping more than 600 orphaned, sick or injured wild animals. This is a huge increase, since just the year before (2008), with only about a dozen volunteers, the Centre was able to take in just 50 animals for care. Volunteers, who participate in very aspect of the Centre, including animal care, building cages and fundraising, are the heartbeat of Procyon - the only wild animal rehabilitation centre from here to Bracebridge, and south to Toronto.

where they were found), some will stay for the winter and then be released in the spring. "Our job is to do what we can for these babies. Most are orphans who cannot fend for themselves, others have been injured on roadways or by other animals and some are ill. Once they are better, and some, sadly, do not recover, we want them to go back to their natural environment." Procyon Wildlife takes in raccoons, squirrel's, cotton tail rabbits, fawns, weasels, skunks and even porcupines. At any one time, all of the cages are full - and babies stay inside until they are old enough to be moved to the outdoor cages. They "climatize" to being outside again until their release date. All of the animals are vaccinated for rabbits. Procyon is once again looking for volunteers (look for a full page announcement in next week's edition of *The Times*). Volunteer orientation will take place on Saturday, February 20 at the Wildlife Centre, located at 7073 2nd

Line of New Tecumseth beginning at 1 p.m. "We look forward to meeting with new volunteers, as well as welcoming back quite a number of volunteers from last year," adds Post. New at Procyon this year - Procyon has formed an agreement with a group called 'TravelWorks' out of Germany that provides young europeans with volunteer and travel experiences. Procyon will have four of these volunteers working full time at the Centre. "We're really excited about that," says Post. "This means that our local volunteers will have the added experience of meeting new people from other countries, while getting assistance during their shifts here." In 2009, thanks to volunteers, four new squirrel cages were built, as well as a fawn enclosure, six new outdoor raccoon cages and an indoor mammal room. "This year, we have plans to build a five acre deer enclosure so we can keep our fawns until they are mature and ready to be re-released,"

adds Post, "this is very exciting." "I am eternally grateful to all the volunteers, who spent hours of their time working and taking care of the animals," concludes Post. "I also want to thank those who continued to give, despite the economy." Procyon Wildlife will be selling memberships this year through their volunteer base and on their new website - www.procyon-wildlife.com. These memberships will provide privileges that will help both the animals and the buyer. For more information on Procyon Wildlife please call the shelter direct number at 905 936-3184. Shelter stories from 2009: 'Max' the fawn - survived a traumatic head injury and has made a full recovery. 'Squirrel' - found almost

frozen to death, was resuscitated and then released 'Mortimer' the raccoon - although Mortimer did pass away, he will be remembered fondly by all of the volunteers. "Not all of our animals make it, but at least coming here is their *only* chance of survival. Either they're too sick, too injured or orphans. At least they will have a fighting chance if they can get here."

"I can't forget to thank all of the generous donors who gave us veterinary supplies, animal food and contributions when bringing in animals for care," says Post, "and because of this generosity we were able to care for more animals than ever. It was really busy, almost insane around here (laughs), but we couldn't have had the impact we did without all of the time, resources and money - and obvious love people have for animals." Although most of the 600 animals Procyon took in have been re-released (back into the geographical area



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2010 BUDGET PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

The Council of the Town of New Tecumseth will be holding a public session to obtain input into the 2010 budget preparation as it relates to setting priorities for delivery of municipal services. The Public Input Session is scheduled for the following date, time and place:

Thursday, January 14, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Administrative Centre,
10 Wellington Street East, Alliston.

A package of draft budget materials will be available on **Monday, January 11, 2010** for pick up by the public at the Administration Centre. As well, there will be packages in each of the Town's library branches and posted on the Town's website - www.town.newtecumseth.on.ca.
Mike MacEachern, Mayor

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