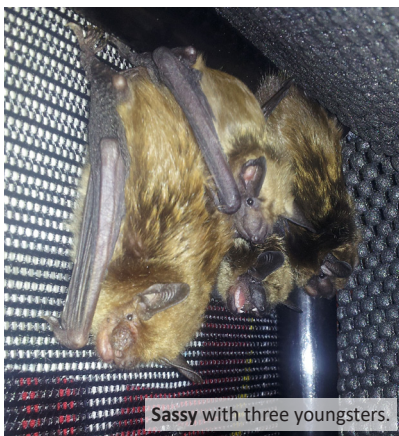




Delilah was a very special **Hoary bat** patient who taught all of us just how gentle a bat can be. **Lisa Hills** writes:

Watching you care for and feed Delilah entranced my whole family, aged 7 through 50. As you fed her, you taught us about what dangers bats face in the wild and how we can help them. We all walked away wanting to help bats. My 10-year-old is now a bat champion because of what you taught him. Thanks for instilling a life-long love of taking care of animals.

Wild Things opens so many people's eyes about how bats are loveable and admirable, such as a female bat beating the odds to survive her own injuries and then adopting and caring for an orphan. -M.C



Sassy the Big brown bat opened MY eyes to bats. She was a model patient, mother, welcoming committee for new patients, and adoptive mama to orphans. Getting to know this remarkable little bat was a big reason I decided to specialize in helping her kind.

WTS has been happy to support other rehabilitators who do not have the benefit of nonprofit fundraising. **Linda Bowen** is a licensed rehabilitator in Connecticut with an in-depth knowledge of waterfowl and bats. She never hesitates to share great insights and scientific papers with us, and helps put together this newsletter every year. Thank you Linda! She writes:

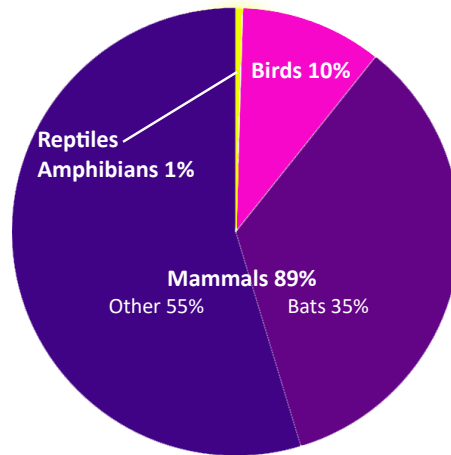
*This juvenile **Great Blue Heron** was found near the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut by a hiker. It was weak from an overload of parasites and was having difficulty flying. WTS opened their pocket-*



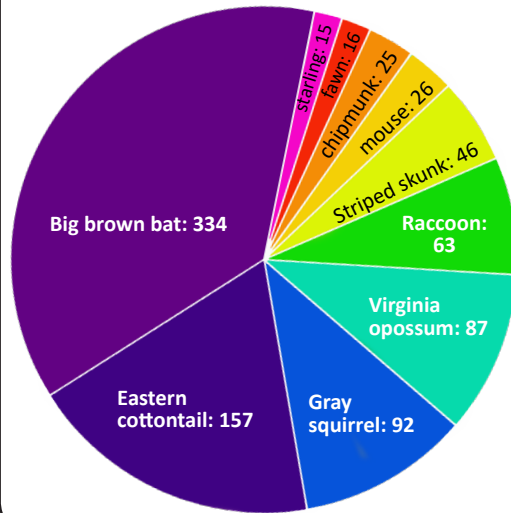
Recovering **Great Blue Heron** youngster.

books to buy fish for him during his stay in rehab to regain his strength. Thank goodness that WTS was there to save the day. During this time of giving, your donation to Wild Things Sanctuary doesn't just help WTS. The generosity of this wonderful nonprofit organization helps animals in trouble, no matter where they are.

Wild Things by Class: 2008–2018



Top 10 Species: 2008–2018



A young **Mourning Dove** learns how to eat seeds.

*I learned about Wild Things 10 years ago when my young daughter and I found an injured **Mourning Dove** in our front yard. It was such a relief to find Wild Things because I don't know what we could have done otherwise—can you imagine, finding an injured animal and having no way to help it? Wild Things contributes to a passionate community—a place where injured wildlife in need can have a second chance at being released back into the wild, and a place that helps us understand, connect with, and help the animals that share our yards and neighborhoods. This is a kinder world because of people willing to care. Wild Things is a welcoming place where even the most unwellcome of wildlife--bats—can find refuge, and where all sorts of humans who bring them in can feel supported and that they are making a difference. -Miyoko Chu*

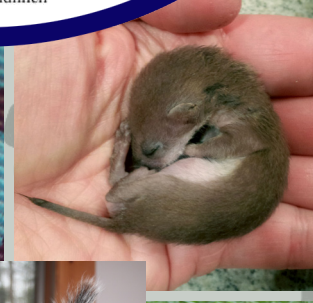
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A word cloud represents all the species we've cared for—the relative size of each name indicating the proportion of total patients. Supporters may recognize some of the patients (anti-clockwise from top left): the tiny skunks, Dodger & Twist the raccoon brothers, a lost Great Horned Owl chick, McCarthy the Eastern Screech-Owl, a gray fox kit, baby meadow jumping mice, Tiny Guy the tiny squirrel who grew big, Silver Blaze the naughty bunny, a little snapping turtle, Patrick the mouse, a Rock Pigeon squab, two squirrels recovering from pox, Merlin the baby short-tailed weasel, Stella Bella the baby squirrel with a kind of Down's Syndrome, opossums, Chippy the chipmunk, a cottontail after recovering from metabolic bone disease as a baby, Daisy the baby groundhog, and Tre & Quattro the Big brown bat brothers snuggling with friends.



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