

October 2015 Newsletter

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

This seagull came to us with spinal damage, he couldn't walk and couldn't move his wings much at all, they were hanging unevenly too. We gave him some medication and homeopathics, rest, food and physio in the bath every day. He started off just bobbing in the water not doing much and now he is swimming around, preening and stretching his wings right out, he even tries to take off sometimes! This little guy has come such a long way and will be ready for release very soon!



Baby bird season has begun! We had a young thrush come in just last week, and a few days later came this little duckling.

The poor wee thing was only about 1 day old and had waddled up to a couple walking on the beach, there were no other ducklings or mother duck in sight so they brought the little one to us. It is now doing well, warm and eating and has gone to a foster home until it's old enough to go back out into the big wide world!

Lucky for this little fella, just a day later we had 5 more ducklings come in about the same age. They are now all in the foster home together, which is important for ducklings as they imprint easily.

Adopt A Pet Programme

Although we have had to reduce our operations in Tauranga for our Community Cat Project, we will continue to help where we can, especially where cats or kittens would be otherwise dumped or mistreated.

Our first litter of kittens came in this season at only 3 days old as they had no mum. They are currently with one of our wonderful and very dedicated foster parents and will be ready to be rehomed in 9 weeks after being vet checked, de-sexed, vaccinated and microchipped.

Bay of Plenty Community Cat Project

Two weeks ago, together with the Rotorua SPCA, we presented our strategy to address the region's stray / un-owned cat problem to councils, DOC, Gareth and Jessie Morgan from the Morgan Foundation, the BOP president of the NZ Vet Association and most SPCA's in the BOP. We were met with great support with all parties in the room excited about our plans.



Our project is two-fold involving education and driving legislative changes to promote responsible cat ownership and to introduce operations to reduce the un-owned cat population across the BOP. It is a big project and until legislative changes occur there will be only so much that we can do to make a difference but we are hoping that our efforts will help to reduce the threat of cats to wildlife, improve cat welfare and support our community to address this issue collaboratively.

Volunteers Needed!

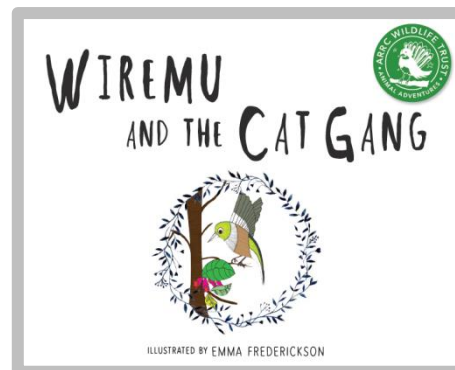
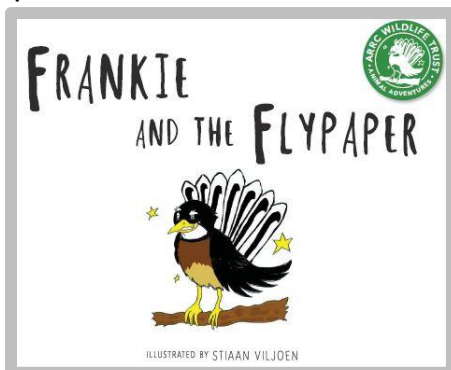
We are so thankful to have a good number of fabulous foster parents for young birds and kittens as we couldn't do what we do without them! But sadly there are just so many birds and kitties that need our help come the busy spring and summer months that we are looking for more volunteers to join our team, especially when we hit peak season around December-January. So if you are interested in fostering for us, please get in touch!

And to everyone who is already on our database to foster we would just love to say a HUGE thank you in advance!



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