

## Our Animals

Earthplace is home to more than fifty animals. Most have injuries that prevent them from surviving on their own in the wild. Here are some of their stories:



### WAFFLES, OUR CUDDLY OPOSSUM

Poor Waffles has a spinal injury that prevents him from surviving on his own. He is the latest and welcome animal to join Animal Hall. Opossums have a very important roles in our ecosystem, including eating thousands of ticks each season!

### DASH, OUR AFRICAN PYGMY HEDGEHOG

Hedgehogs are one of the earliest known mammals and have changed very little in the last 15 million years. Dash was given to Earthplace when her owner could no longer care for her. She is nocturnal, which means she wakes up when most of us go to sleep!



### SONAR, THE BIG BROWN BAT

In 2007, Sonar was discovered in an auto repair shop in northern Connecticut with a fractured shoulder. Unfortunately this means Sonar can not be released back into the wild. Instead she has joined our Animal Hall Education Program teaching hundreds of visitors about the important role bats play in our ecosystem.



### CHATTY, THE MAJESTIC BALD EAGLE

This beautiful female arrived in 2005 from Alaska. She had damage to her feet and her left wing had to be amputated at the wrist due to injury. She recovered quickly from her surgery but she is unable to survive on her own in the wild.



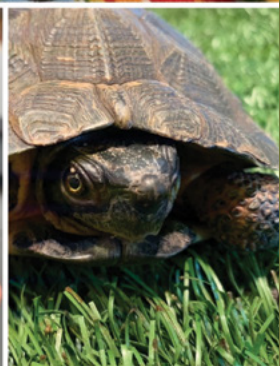
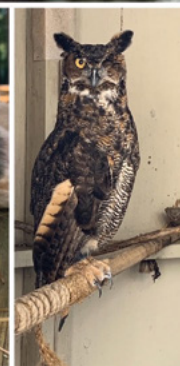
### WOODY, THE WOOD TURTLE

You may notice that Woody is missing part of his front leg, which prevents him digging and living in the wild. Wood turtles can be found mostly in open woodland, pastures and marshy meadows. His favorite meal is salad and crickets.



# The perfect gift!

**BE A BUDDY** and sponsor one of our animals today!



*Hitch, Dash, Waffles, Ladybird, Tornado, Woody, and friends need you!*



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# Why sponsor an animal?

IT'S THE PERFECT GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!

"Adopt" an animal without having to feed or clean up after them (we'll do that for you!).

Our animal ambassador play an important role in our Nature Education programs and educate children all over Connecticut.

## What's included in your animal sponsorship?



### SUPER BUDDY: \$500

- Matte framed photo and certificate
- Website and Annual Report acknowledgment
- Behind the scenes Animal Hall Tour and Animal Encounter for you and up to 10 friends
- Your name on the animal's enclosure



### BEST BUDDY: \$250

- Matte framed photo and certificate
- Website & Annual Report acknowledgment
- Behind the scenes Animal Hall Tour and Animal Encounter for you and up to 5 friends
- Your name on the animal's enclosure



### BIG BUDDY: \$150

- Matte framed photo and certificate
- Website and Annual Report acknowledgment
- Your name on the animal's enclosure



### BUDDY: \$50

- Matte framed photo and certificate
- Website and Annual Report acknowledgment

## What is the lasting impact of your gift?



### ENRICHMENT

We ensure our animals are stimulated by providing them with toys, puzzles, and other types of enrichment that enhance their well-being.



### DELICIOUS & NUTRITIOUS FOOD

We provide a varied diet of nuts, greens, grains, and protein; similar to what each animal would find in the wild.



### VETERINARY CARE

We have trained veterinary services on call to keep all of our animals healthy and provide them with needed medical care.

## Thank you for supporting our animal ambassadors!

### I would like to adopt:

- Super Buddy \$500
- Best Buddy \$250
- Big Buddy \$150
- Buddy \$50
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check, made payable to Earthplace.

(please write "Animal Sponsorship" in the memo)

Please charge my (circle one):

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