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Happy 10th Birthday WW!

Welcome to 2012! We are very excited to be celebrating the tenth anniversary of Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors, established in 2002 by Steve and Terri Irwin as a way to include and involve other caring people to support the protection of injured, threatened and endangered wildlife - from the individual animal to the entire species.

Our conservation projects now include Sumatran tigers, orangutans, Asian elephants, cheetahs, black rhinos, Tasmanian devils and whales. In 2008 we also opened Australia's largest, busiest and greenest wildlife hospital, which last year treated 7500 patients!

Keep up to date with our latest achievements on our website, Facebook and Twitter pages.



Farewell to Fleet the Koala

Fleet, our brave little mate who was shot with a slug gun last October, sadly passed away on Wednesday 7 January. After more than two months of treatment at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital suffering from seven pellets scattered throughout his body, the pellet lodged in the 7-year-old's skull/nasal cavity became severely infected. Despite strong antibiotic therapy and surgery to attempt its removal, Fleet was sadly unable to beat the infection.

Vets and nurses would like to thank Fleet's supporters and well wishers from around the world, and urge any person regarding Fleet's attack to please contact Crime Stoppers. Donations can be made online at www.everydayhero.com.au/event/koala



Backyard Wildlife Warrior - Tegan Lather

Congratulations to Tegan Lather, our highest individual fundraiser for Steve Irwin Day 2011! The passionate 12-year-old raised over \$11,000 for Steve Irwin Day through the Ask Animals Anything event held at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital. Tegan was also the highest fundraiser in the recent Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors Readathon, raising \$1120 after reading 23 books in one month!

And if that's not enough, Tegan was also nominated for and won the regional IGA Local Legends award for her efforts, winning \$1500 for the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital. She also made it to the finals of the Queensland awards - what a legend! A massive thank you to



Tegan and her family for their continued support.

Backyard Wildlife Warriors - Meridan State College

A big thank you to the awesome students at Meridan State College who raised money for Steve Irwin Day to purchase equipment for the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital!

Hoses, brooms, dustpans and brushes will go a long way to ensuring our koala enclosures are kept clean and tidy every day. Find out how your school can fundraise in 2012 on our website.



Think Globally, Act Locally - Green the Office!

The holiday season has been and gone, and before you know it school and work will be back into full swing. Kick off 2012 by making a resolution to have a tree-free office and learning environment! Look out for good quality second hand desks and bookshelves, or else ensure new furniture is FSC certified.

Set up a recycling bin, use 100% recycled paper, and set your printer's automatic settings to double-sided. Make notebooks from scrap paper, cover school books with old newspaper and magazine collages, and pack your own healthy lunch to cut down on packaging. You can help make a big difference in the littlest ways!



Cathy's Captions (Wildlife Warriors USA)

Happy New Year everyone, and happy 10th anniversary to Wildlife Warriors. It's amazing how time flies when you're busy fighting for wildlife! I'm so privileged to be a part of Wildlife Warriors, and I know that many of our donors feel the same way. I hear from donors all over the USA that are passionate about the work they are helping with by donating once or regularly, or even donate in their family and friends' names for birthdays and special occasions. Other Wildlife Warriors help out by volunteering, working with wildlife, and fighting to change legislation to protect species worldwide.

On this anniversary I want to take the time to thank each and every one of you who helps out with wildlife conservation, preservation and education worldwide. Every gift of money, time and hard work is making the world a better and safer place for our wildlife friends. Steve Irwin showed us that "one man can make a difference", and it's our turn to show him that we listened. Thanks to Steve and Terri Irwin we have the opportunity to make a huge difference in the lives of threatened species worldwide.



Meet the Team - Megan (AZWH Receptionist)

For as long as she can remember, Megan has always had a love of animals. From growing up on a farm, raising many different animals, to becoming a wildlife carer and rescuer with Moreton Bay Koala Rescue, she surrounds herself with animals.

After volunteering for several years at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital, in 2009 Megan was offered the position of Receptionist, and jumped at the chance to fulfill a lifelong dream to work within the animal industry.

Megan considers it a privilege to be involved in the care and rehabilitation of our wonderful native wildlife. Never taking anything for granted, she treasures each interaction and experience, and appreciates the dedication, passion and sharing of knowledge from everyone at the wildlife hospital.



Join the global wildlife force

By joining our monthly giving program you can become a Wildlife Warrior, joining thousands of others around the world working hard to preserve our natural environment. Sign up to become a regular giver for wildlife conservation! Donations start from as little as \$2.50 per week, and can go to your choice of any of our conservation projects. Download the membership form on our website, or call (07) 5436 2026.

Are you a backyard Wildlife Warrior?

Are you or someone you know making a difference in your community? Or perhaps you have a great Think Globally, Act Locally tip or environmental product? We want to hear about it! You could be featured in the next edition of *Warrior Times*. Send through your stories and pictures to info@wildlifewarriors.org.au

We hope you enjoyed this edition of *Warrior Times*! Thank you for your continued support - it's passionate people such as yourself who truly are making a world of difference.

Yours in conservation,

The Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors crew

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