



Great Basin Wildlife Rescue

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June Spotlights



Dr. Tara Y. Erickson, DVM

Dr. Erickson of Park Animal Hospital has been aiding Dr. Park in providing exceptional veterinary care to Great Basin Wildlife Rescue for the past year.

She earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Animal Science from Michigan State University. She then went on to graduate from Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine in May of 2011. Among other things, Dr. Erickson has provided valuable veterinary services with our injured female golden eagle.



Dr. Vaughn Park, DVM

Dr. Vaughn Park has been providing excellent veterinary care for Great Basin Wildlife Rescue for the last 10 years. His experience is invaluable in helping diagnose and treat injured wildlife.

Dr. Park has been running the Park Animal Hospital (formerly the Alpine Animal Hospital) in Provo, Utah for over 20 years.

He received his Bachelors of Science degree from the University of Utah in 1975 and his doctorate from Colorado State University in 1980. He is currently serving on the Utah Veterinary Medical License Board. He served as the Utah Veterinary Medical Association president in 2003. He has also served as the UVMA Legislative Committee Chairman from 2004-2007. He was honored in 2006 as the UVMA Veterinarian of the Year.

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Answers from Connery

How do birds stay cool in the summer?

Respiration Rate: Birds have a higher respiration rate that allows for more heat dissipation.

Bare Skin: Birds have bare skin all over their body (legs, face, under the wings) that helps dissipate the heat. They will also spread their wings or shake their feathers to cool their bodies.

Bill Size: Birds can increase the blood flow to their bills to help release heat. The bigger the bill/beak the more heat that can be released

Panting: Birds can open their bills/beaks and pant like a dog to help dissipate heat.

Activity Level: On hot days, birds are less active during the hottest part of the day and are instead more active in the morning and evening.



Seeking shade & bathing: Birds can stay in shady places during the heat of the day or will bathe in water to cool off.

Soaring: Birds of prey soar at higher altitudes where the air temperature is cooler.

Migration: Many birds will migrate to cooler elevations or latitudes to avoid the hot weather altogether.



If you have a question about birds you would like answered in our next newsletter, email Connery at gbwildliferescue@gmail.com



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Education Programs

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BECOME A MEMBER- We are excited to announce our new memberships. Packages start as low as \$25 a year- that's only \$2 a month! We also have memberships at the \$50 and \$100 level. We offer great incentives such as posters, t-shirts, and a personal photo with the educational bird of your choice.

Your tax-deductible donation will help make a difference in the lives of injured or orphaned wildlife. As a 501c3 non-profit organization, we depend on people like you to help us save wildlife. Great Basin volunteers also travel across Utah to offer educational programs at schools, expos and ceremonies in support of education, conservation, and rehabilitation.

By joining today, you'll be supporting an urgent effort to protect Utah by keeping wildlife populations healthy and by helping to educate people of the beauty and importance of wildlife.

Thank you for helping Great Basin Wildlife Rescue to protect Utah's environment and all the creatures that share our world. To become a member, please visit our website at www.greatbasinwildlife.net or [click here](#).

Great Basin Wildlife Rescue provides excellent education programs to the public. We travel throughout Utah County with our education birds and provide presentations to schools, fairs, expos, Eagle Scout courts of honor and many more!

If you are interested in having us attend your school or event, please contact us for pricing and scheduling information.

Like us on Facebook or visit our website at www.greatbasinwildlife.net to receive more information about our upcoming events.

If you encounter sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife, please contact Great Basin Wildlife Rescue, local Division of Wildlife or Fish & Game Agency.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead