

Heartbreak to Hope:

Rudy's Story



Each day, Project Wildlife is on the front lines in the effort to preserve precious wild animals like Rudy, a young raccoon whose family was run over and left for dead. Each animal that comes to Project Wildlife has a story and Rudy's is just one of the many extraordinary stories of survival to come out of Project Wildlife's Rehabilitation Program in 2011.

Driving to work that morning, John never expected to witness an act of deliberate cruelty against a family of helpless creatures. After rounding a bend, he was horrified to see a truck aim for and run over a mother raccoon, and then return to kill her babies! The magnitude of the cruelty John witnessed brought him to tears, as it would any animal lover. However, his sadness quickly turned to joy when he saw that one baby, later nicknamed Rudy, had survived.

As the helpless raccoon cried for his mother, John rescued him from certain death and brought him to Project Wildlife's Triage Center where caring staff and volunteers were there to provide food, medicine and a warm, safe place to sleep.

Rudy's life was forever changed on that morning, but he has grown healthy and strong under the care of Project Wildlife's rehabilitators and is now ready to be released for his second chance at a life in the wild.

