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### THERE'S A NEW DUCK IN TOWN!

*Eastham, MA - Thursday May 1st.* Quackers, Wild Care's resident "foster duck" has a new friend. Late in March, Wild Care, a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation center in Eastham, received a domestic mallard cross bred duck, whom they have dubbed "Daffy". He was found by the side of the road in Forestdale, and it is surmised that he was a victim of a vehicle collision. His upper mandible was cracked, he had superficial abrasions on his feet, and he was weak and dehydrated. Wild Care calls him a "he" since he is showing all the signs of being a boy - curly tail, a green head and he hasn't laid any eggs.

Since Daffy appears to be a domestic, he will be groomed to be a foster duck for ducklings that come in to the rescue center. "We at Wild Care have high hopes that Daffy will prove to be a great second-in-command to Quackers, who has shown himself to be a wonderful friend to newly arrived fowl and sea birds," says Jennifer Taylor, Wild Care's Animal Care Coordinator. When Wild Care has more than one set of orphaned babies, each of the foster uncles can lead the little ones in all ways "duck."

WILD CARE's wildlife rehabilitators treat birds, mammals and reptiles brought to the center, with the goal of releasing them back into the wild when they are capable of independent survival. Through public education, WILD CARE works to prevent wildlife casualties and to engage the community in conservation through volunteerism. Since our founding, WILD CARE has accepted over 25,000 wild creatures, representing over 275 species of native birds, mammals and reptiles. If you encounter injured, orphaned or ill wildlife, please call the WILD CARE of Cape Cod helpline at 508-240-2255. Visit WILD CARE's website at [www.wildcarecapecod.org](http://www.wildcarecapecod.org) to make a donation.

*They will thank us simply by their presence*

