

Help Save “Harry Potter’s” Owl

(NAPSA)—As fans of Harry Potter well know, Hedwig is an owl—a snowy owl. She is not just any owl, of course, as she carries messages for wizards.

Hedwig’s talents aside, snowy owls are special creatures in their own right, with gleaming yellow eyes, pure white feathers and razor-sharp talons. As their name implies, these owls are at home in cold weather climates such as Alaska and the Canadian Arctic, where their thick feathers keep them warm during the winter and provide camouflage from predators.

Unfortunately, snowy owls are threatened by the encroachment of humans in their territory, often colliding with automobiles or utility lines. Their habitat is also at risk from oil drilling. Currently, America’s greatest wildlife sanctuary, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, is under consideration for oil exploration. The impact of such drilling would harm snowy owls, as well as wolves, polar bears, countless migratory birds and other wildlife.

Although the oil industry is spending millions of dollars to open this pristine sanctuary, Defenders of Wildlife, a national conservation organization, is working to protect it and its wildlife. You can help with a tax-deductible donation. For \$25 (\$35 if outside the United States), you’ll receive a plush stuffed toy owl and a year’s subscription to *Defenders* magazine to keep you informed of the wide range of threats to wildlife and



their habitat.

You can learn more about snowy owls or make a contribution online by going to, www.saveowls.org.

You can also write to Defenders of Wildlife, 1101 Fourteenth Street, NW, Suite 1400, Washington, D.C., 20005-5605, and include a note saying your gift is to help save the snowy owl, or call 1-800-385-9712. Defenders of Wildlife also hopes that, like Hedwig, you will help by passing this message along to a friend.

Defenders of Wildlife is a leading nonprofit conservation organization recognized as one of the nation’s more progressive advocates for wildlife and its habitat. With almost 500,000 supporters, Defenders of Wildlife is an effective leader on endangered species issues.

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