

Patient Charts

Patient Number: _____ 4659 _____ **Species:** _____ Gold Crown Sparrow _____

Male or Female? _____ Male _____ **Age:** _____ Adult _____

Where was animal found: San Rafael

Symptoms or Injuries upon arrival to WildCare: This bird was hopping around and unable to fly, as he had garden netting tangled around his neck and shoulders. After closer examination, it appeared that someone had partially cut him loose of the netting, but let him go with some netting still attached.

Treatment Received: Removal of the remaining garden netting and observation.

Released or Reunited? Released!

Other Notes: Garden netting can be harmful to wildlife, and WildCare recommended against using netting in your garden.

Patient Number: _____ 1722 _____ **Species:** _____ Bobcat _____

Male or Female? _____ Male _____ **Age:** Juvenile (young bobcats are called kits)

Where was animal found: On the side of the road in San Geronimo; finder first called the Humane Society.

Symptoms or Injuries upon arrival to WildCare: This kit appeared to have been hit by a car, and arrived at WildCare cold and unconscious, suffering from shock, hypothermia, bloodloss, broken ribs and toes, and eye/head trauma.

Treatment Received: Radiograph, fluids, pain medication, rest, and other supportive care; transported to Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue when he regained strength to continue to recuperate in a larger outdoor enclosure.

Released or Reunited? Released into his home territory to be reunited with his mother!

Other Patient Notes: Weighed seven pounds. WildCare sees a spike in patients that have been hit by cars in the spring because of the changes in daylight. Also bobcats around this age begin to seek their own territories.

Patient Number: _____ 1716 _____ **Species:** ___ Eastern Grey Squirrel _____

Male or Female? _____ Female _____ **Age:** _____ Adult _____

Where was animal found: Stuck inside a "squirrel proof" bird feeder in a yard in San Rafael

Symptoms or Injuries upon arrival to WildCare: Scared, exhausted and stuck in the cage around a bird feeder.

Treatment Received: Removed from feeder and treated for dehydration and hypothermia. Monitored her for signs of pressure necrosis (sores that sometimes develop in areas where their body is pinned between bars).

Released or Reunited? Released back into the home owner's yard!

Other Patient Notes: We ask that if people ever find a wild animal that has been stuck in a similar contraption, that they bring the animal in for examination because pressure necrosis sometimes does not appear for up to a week, and can require treatment for survival.

Patient Number: _____ #438 _____ **Species:** ___ Virginia Opossum _____

Male or Female? _____ Male _____ **Age:** Juvenile _____

Where was animal found: Had fallen off of his mother's back and was caught by a cat, before being discovered by a Marin homeowner.

Symptoms or Injuries upon arrival to WildCare: Underweight, dehydrated, and had been exposed to bacteria that is found in cat saliva.

Treatment Received: Antibiotics, tube/dish feeding, and was placed in foster care with five other baby opossums.

Released or Reunited? Released with his group of five other opossums!

Other Patient Notes: Baby opossums do not suck on a nipple like other baby mammals, and often have to be tube fed. All animals that are caught by cats require antibiotics in order to prevent the effects of the bacteria found in their mouths.

Patient Number: _____ #0014 _____ **Species:** _____ Glaucous-winged Gull _____

Male or Female? _____ male _____ **Age:** _____ adult _____

Where was animal found: The San Francisco Yacht Club (had been there for 5 days).

Symptoms or Injuries upon arrival to WildCare: Hungry, unsteady on feet, possible spinal injury, digestive problems (had swallowed a whole crab).

Treatment Received: Radiographs to identify the crab and ensure that it was dissolving, fluids, supportive care, and physical therapy.

Released or Reunited? Released!

Other Patient Notes: The gull rescuer was able to help release the gull after he made a full recovery!

Patient Number: _____ #1283 _____ **Species:** _____ Mallard Duck _____

Male or Female? _____ Female _____ **Age:** Juvenile (duckling) _____

Where was animal found: Lake Merritt, in Oakland. The duckling was unable to follow mom and siblings.

Symptoms or Injuries upon arrival to WildCare: Duckling's webbed toe was caught by a mussel attached to the rocks. Duckling was also cold and exhausted.

Treatment Received: Warmed duckling, bathed and cleaned her foot, and treated the duckling's foot which had one of the toes severed off by the mussel. Joined a group of orphaned mallards to rest and recuperate while the skin grew back over the severed toe, so the duckling could move normally.

Released or Reunited? Released with the group of mallard ducklings on Lake Merritt!

Other Patient Notes: none

Patient Number: _____ #1597 _____ **Species:** _____ Western Gray Squirrel _____

Male or Female? _____ male _____ **Age:** Juvenile (eyes were still closed)

Where was animal found: _____ San Jose, CA (in a homeowners front yard) _____

Symptoms or Injuries upon arrival to WildCare: Cold, dehydrated, covered in fleas, broken/damaged tooth, and suffering puncture wounds (most likely from a cat). He was treated at the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley, and then transferred to WildCare.

Treatment Received: Antibiotics, formula, and broken tooth was monitored as it grew out, and was then trimmed to match the other teeth. He was transferred to WildCare in order to join another growing western gray squirrel.

Released or Reunited? Released in San Jose!

Other Patient Notes: none

Patient Number: _____ #0013 _____ **Species:** _____ Vagrant Shrew _____

Male or Female? _____ Male _____ **Age:** Adult _____

Where was animal found: San Anselmo, CA

Symptoms or Injuries upon arrival to WildCare: This shrew had been caught by a house cat, and was suffering from puncture wounds, which often times can abscess and be fatal for the animal, due to harmful bacteria in cat saliva.

Treatment Received: Put on antibiotics and provided with lots of food, because shrews have a very high metabolism.

Released or Reunited? Released!

Other Patient Notes: This hungry shrew ate every insect that we put into his cage, including mealworms, earthworms, beetles, and even some maggots from a rotting apple.

Patient Number: _____1558_____ **Species:** _____Raccoon_____

Male or Female? _____Unknown_____ **Age:** Juvenile

Where was animal found: Inside a compost bin in Novato.

Symptoms or Injuries upon arrival to WildCare: Underweight, dehydrated, dirty, and too young to be on his/her own (no sign of mom).

Treatment Received: Hydration, food, rest. Joined 5 other orphan raccoons, also receiving care.

Released or Reunited? Released along with the other juvenile raccoons.

Other Patient Notes: The raccoon had been trapped for several days. This sort of situation can happen when young ones venture out to find food with mom, and fall behind. We recommend that people try and secure the lids to trash bins and compost, or if this is not an option, place a 2x4 in the bin to ensure that they can escape.