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Dear WildCare Family,

It has been both an honor and a delight to have served WildCare as your Executive Director. I will forever be grateful for my time with WildCare. As many of you may already know, I have accepted a position as Executive Director of the Humane Society of Utah, but I will continue to be involved with WildCare as a newly-elected board member and special advisor. I’m truly excited to continue my work with WildCare in a volunteer leadership role.

WildCare has a solid financial foundation of stability on which to build, thanks to an amazing and talented staff working in concert with a wonderful legion of volunteers. The Board of Directors has put together a sound senior leadership transition plan to ensure continuity within WildCare as we search for WildCare’s next leader. Ellyn Weisel, our current Director of Development, has accepted the position of Interim Executive Director.

The future of WildCare looks promising. We are exploring several potential areas of expansion. First, we are excited to announce that a resort in Sausalito is considering remodeling a building at their expense to create a satellite education facility for WildCare in southern Marin. As for our main campus, we have identified a potential new location on seven acres of land not far from our current location. A new location will allow us to dramatically upgrade our Education Programs and Wildlife Hospital, building a state-of-the-art facility with modern and size-appropriate caging for both our patients and our ambassador animals. We look forward to educating the next generation of environmental stewards.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to our WildCare family of supporters, donors, volunteers, and staff for giving me the opportunity to be the Executive Director of this remarkable organization. I leave this role with fond memories and with relationships that will last a lifetime. I feel confident that WildCare is well-positioned to continue to be a leading organization in nature education, advocacy, and wildlife medicine.

Sincerely,

Vaughn R. Maurice, WildCare Board Member and Special Advisor

WildCare advocates for wildlife for a sustainable world.

In Memory of
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does that baby need help?
the 5 Cs

Spring and summer are Baby Season for wildlife. The big rush of orphaned animals needing our care starts in April, but in California we can see baby animals born as early as January and as late as November. But not all baby animals you find actually need help. How can you tell? Use the 5 Cs! If the baby is cold, crying, coming toward you (approaching people), has been caught by a cat or a dog, or is covered in blood/dirt/insects, that baby absolutely needs help! Always call WildCare’s Living with Wildlife Hotline at 415-456-7283 for help and advice.

be a first responder

Become a WildCare First Responder and join our team of committed monthly donors! We created First Responders for supporters who are deeply dedicated to ensuring every animal who comes to us is healed and returned to the wild. It’s also the easiest and most efficient way to support WildCare. Your contribution of any amount is securely deducted each month, which saves on administrative costs and directs more of each dollar to saving wildlife. Learn more and sign up at discoverwildcare.org/first-responders.

the myth of not touching baby wildlife

Did you grow up hearing that touching a baby bird would make his mother reject him? Most people did, but this is absolutely not true! Most wild animals are excellent mothers, and they commit tremendous resources to caring for their young. Mom might notice that her baby smells funny after you’ve touched him, but she won’t reject him because of it. If you find a baby animal, remember the 5 Cs, refer to our helpful “Found a Baby Animal?” chart on page 23 of this magazine, and call WildCare’s Hotline at 415-456-7283 for guidance.

enter wildcare’s photo contest

If you’re skilled (or lucky!) enough to get “the” shot of a wild animal in California, enter it in WildCare’s Living with Wildlife Photography Contest! This is a great opportunity for amateur photographers to share your great photos with our wide audience of nature lovers. Our Best in Show photo wins $500. Deadline for entries is September 27. Learn more at discoverwildcare.org/photo.
plate glass turkey

By all accounts it sounds like an explosion when a bird this big breaks through a plate glass window!

This bird is a healthy, full-grown male Wild Turkey. Something startled him into flight, and he crashed through a family’s window, landing in a bedroom.

The family was at home when it happened, so they locked the bird inside the room and called Marin Humane to capture him for transport to WildCare.

The bird’s arrival at WildCare caused quite a stir! His head and neck were riddled with lacerations and embedded glass and he was bleeding profusely. The room he left behind was also a bloody mess.

We sedated him, sutured his many wounds closed with dissolving suture material, and gave him long-lasting antibiotics and pain medications.

Turkeys are large, strong birds that are very high-stress and difficult to keep in captivity, so fortunately we were able to release this bird back to his home territory the next day.

spring storms bring squirrels

This newborn squirrel tumbled from a tree in the high winds that accompanied one of the massive “Atmospheric River” storms that rolled across our region in February and March of this year, dumping unprecedented amounts of rain.

He arrived at WildCare bruised and chilled, and sadly, two of his siblings didn’t survive their ordeal. But this baby squirrel recovered with the diligent care of one of our Squirrel Foster Care experts.

This hearty little orphan spent his first few weeks solo, as it took some time for WildCare to admit more baby squirrels of his age and species (he’s an Eastern Fox Squirrel). He was placed with another group of orphaned baby fox squirrels, where he will grow up to learn adult squirrel skills and return to the wild once he’s ready.

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a Legacy for California Wildlife

Use our easy form to create your will and leave a lasting legacy for wildlife!

wildwills.org/wildcare
**skunk with a jar on his head**

Ah, the sweet smell of strawberry jam. If you’re a hungry skunk, that scent would be very hard to resist!

This skunk must have tried to reach the last remnants of jam at the bottom of the jar, and when his tongue couldn’t quite reach, he just kept pushing. He ended up with the glass jar firmly stuck over his head and neck.

Neighbors saw this skunk stumbling around with the jar on his head, and they knew it was only a matter of time before he staggered into oncoming traffic or suffocated. They banded together to capture the skunk, who was so exhausted and stressed he didn’t even spray.

Once he was in the Wildlife Hospital, Medical Staff used a syringe of water-based lubricant to saturate the skunk’s neck at the mouth of the jar. With one staff member holding him, the other very carefully maneuvered the jar off the head.

It didn’t come off easily! There is no wonder the skunk wasn’t able to remove the jar himself, given how difficult it was for Medical Staff to get it off.

Finally, with a soft “pop” the jar came free. The skunk took a deep breath and started sniffing—it must have been a very odd experience for this very olfaction-reliant animal to have smelled nothing but the inside of the jar for so many hours!

An exam fortunately found that, aside from being slightly dehydrated, the skunk had no other injuries from his experience. He was kept overnight for observation and was given a warm bed and a good meal, which he devoured.

This handsome, healthy adult skunk was released back to his home territory the next day with his rescuers on hand to cheer him on.

**is that fawn orphaned?**

In the case of this Black-tailed Deer fawn, the answer was yes. A man walked up to a Marin County Parks ranger with this fawn in his arms. The ranger was surprised and concerned, knowing that many fawns are “rescued” when they don’t actually need assistance. At WildCare, we consider these fawns “kidnapped” and return them to their mother’s care as soon as possible.

There was a language barrier—the rescuer didn’t speak English and the ranger didn’t speak Spanish—but the man holding the fawn was able to convey that the tiny fawn, her umbilicus still attached, had been walking around on her wobbly legs and crying, which indicated she needed help.

He was absolutely correct. This spotted fawn had the empty belly, dry mouth, and poor hydration that indicated she hadn’t been fed for a while. Something must have happened to her mother, leaving this fawn an orphan.

She is growing up in foster care at our sister center, Fawn Rescue, and she will be released in the fall.
wildcare’s school programs

Do you wish your children could have more environmental education opportunities in the classroom? Help us spread the word about WildCare’s exciting nature education programs—at school, at our site, or out in nature!

wildlife ambassadors
There is nothing more memorable than having LIVE wild animals visit the classroom! Students will have the opportunity to meet three of WildCare’s rescued, non-releasable wild animals during this unforgettable presentation.

nature hikes
Immerse students in nature with our exciting discovery hikes led by WildCare’s Terwilliger Nature Guides. Students will use their senses to examine animal tracks, investigate scat, and spot wildlife, all while expanding their knowledge and appreciation of local flora and fauna. Hike locations include Muir Woods, Ring Mountain, and Miwok Meadows.

nature van
We bring the wild into the classroom with a visit from our Nature Van full of taxidermy, skeletons, and biofacts! This program provides an interactive opportunity to be hands-on with animals you wouldn’t otherwise be able to experience up close.

center tours
Meet our live Wildlife Ambassadors during an engaging guided tour of the non-releasable birds, reptiles, and mammals housed in WildCare’s courtyard and museum. Explore the adaptations of each species, learn why each animal ambassador needed rescuing, and discover ways we can help protect their species in the wild. Every tour includes TWO special animal encounters with our Wildlife Ambassadors!

Scheduling for the 2019-2020 school year has already begun, and the dates are filling quickly! Scholarships are available. For more information, please visit discoverwildcare.org/education.

Photos by Tory Davis
Learn about newts and salamanders, hawks and owls, plants and fungi, and other extraordinary things in nature, and share your knowledge with schoolchildren on fun, exploratory nature hikes!

New Terwilliger Nature Guides receive intensive natural history and interpretive training before hitting the trail with schoolchildren to help WildCare’s efforts to connect kids to nature.

The orientation for our 2019 Terwilliger Nature Guide Training will be held September 14, 2019.

Visit discoverwildcare.org/guides for more information and to register for the orientation.

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the nature guide quiz

WildCare’s Terwilliger Nature Guides have a lot of knowledge about the natural world, and they love to share.

Here are some fun facts every Nature Guide should know. How many can you answer correctly? Answers to the Nature Guide quiz can be found at the bottom of this page.

1. Which bird has a long tongue and a red cap?
2. How much farther can a hawk see than a human?
3. Who has an amazing sense of smell, a prehensile tail, and can raise up to 13 babies?
4. How far can skunks spray?
5. Squirrels are rodents with fluffy tails as long as their bodies. What do they use their tails for?
6. Most snakes lay leathery eggs but some, like Rosy Boas, are ovoviviparous. What does that mean?
7. How did the Bobcat get its name?

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Answers:
1. The Acorn Woodpecker. These birds use their very long tongues to skewer insects they search out in holes in tree bark.
2. Hawks can see 10 times farther than we can.
3. The Virginia Opossum, North America’s only marsupial. Opossum babies do most of their development in mom’s pouch, or marsupium.
4. With a high degree of accuracy, skunks can spray as far as 10 feet thanks to muscles located next to their scent glands.
5. A squirrel’s tail is used for balance and for warmth while sleeping.
6. The eggs hatch internally and the babies emerge as live young.
7. “Bob” in English means “short” which refers to this cat’s short tail.
40 years ago, a growing number of people in Marin were becoming captivated by Elizabeth Terwilliger’s zest to teach about nature. Her teaching techniques evoked all the senses and made nature accessible to those who might otherwise have slept through biology class. Each year a new class of Nature Guides was trained to assist Mrs. T on the trail and to help her reach thousands of children.

Spending days together outdoors helping children fall in love with nature fostered a kinship and many life-long friendships among the Guides. Now, years later, former Nature Guides still get together annually for an autumn picnic to enjoy the company of those with whom they shared unforgettable experiences. As one former Guide said, “Not many of my friends were as excited about bugs, plants and animals as I was. Along the trail with other Guides I could share the excitement of discovery.”

Former Guides also share the satisfaction of knowing that informed children grow up to make responsible decisions about the natural environment. It is well documented that many of the children Nature Guides have taught are inspired to go on to promote environmental causes and science in both their personal and professional lives.

Now, thanks to WildCare’s annual training program, new generations of Nature Guides are sharing the messages and satisfactions of the Guides who went before them. Current and former Nature Guides both know that environmental education helps to preserve habitat, plants, and wildlife, and furthers WildCare’s mission.

Become a Terwilliger Nature Guide by registering at discoverwildcare.org/guides.
I intern salute: caitlin cox |

Caitlin started as a Birdroom volunteer in 2015. She was a Wildlife Hospital Intern during the summer of 2018, and she was hired to work as a Wildlife Assistant this summer.

What was/is your favorite part of your WildCare Internship?
I really loved so many aspects of it, but I think the best thing about the internship was getting to know the patients during their time in care. When I was only there once a week, I’d sort of see a snapshot of the animals at various stages of recovery, and then the next week there would be a brand new batch. There’s nothing more rewarding than seeing a patient almost every day from intake to release. It really lets you know that you’re making a difference.

If I had to pick a favorite moment, it was when I released my first successful group of mouse foster babies. I let the mice go, and I actually started crying on the way back to the car. I’ll have you know that I’m a very proud mouse mother.

What is your least favorite part?
I once agreed to release some skunks. The release went fine, but afterwards, I realized the car I was sharing with my parents smelled like skunk. My mom gave me the stink eye (pun definitely intended) for a solid three days after that, and I spent as much time as possible at WildCare in order to avoid another “you skunked the car” lecture. I also had to get the car professionally cleaned.

What are your plans after this internship?
I’d like to get a combined DVM-PhD degree, which is my life plan until quite literally age 30. After that, I want to apply what I learn to helping wildlife by studying rare and emerging diseases in wildlife populations as well as pathogen spillover from one species to another! I also want to look into ways to manage and treat those diseases.

There are lots of benefits to the internship! Here are two additional things that come to mind:
• Interacting with a different group of people every day definitely helped my people skills a bit!
• At this point, I’m better at handling angry raptors than sweet, nice dogs.
Dear Donors, Supporters, and Heroes,

"It's a sock..." When I heard those words, relief washed over me as I realized that I didn't have to go into rescue mode.

My husband is the ever-patient supporter of my constant concern for animals that may have been hit on our roads. I am always making him flip a u-turn or pull over to ensure an animal isn't suffering. This has led to more than a few challenging adventures, but it is one of my greatest joys to know that there is somewhere to take an injured animal—WildCare!

Our Wildlife Hospital will provide any injured wild animal the best possible care and an opportunity for a full recovery. This only happens because of the ongoing support and dedication of the WildCare staff, donors, and literally hundreds of volunteers who keep the hospital facility running 24/7/365.

It is not just our hospital treating over 3,500 animals a year that makes WildCare so special. Continuing to nurture genuine curiosity about the environment as well as the desire to understand and protect wildlife is at the heart of what WildCare does. Education is key, and WildCare does it well.

On behalf of the WildCare Board of Directors, I am sincerely grateful to the generous donors and supporters, along with our professional staff and the incredible volunteers throughout the organization. To each and every one of you, I am filled with gratitude for your commitment, in whatever form, to WildCare and the important work we do.

On the fateful day mentioned above I saw something in the road and insisted my husband go back to see what it was. We did a quick 3-point turn and he pulled up slowly to the lump in the road, opened his door, and looked down. He paused, took a deep breath and said, "Honey, it's a sock, it doesn't need our help." That was a great day. For those of you who care enough to check, my mantra is: May they ALL be socks, but, if not, WildCare is there. Hooray for all that WildCare does each day for the animals and people in the Bay Area and beyond.

Sincerely,

Kate Van Gytenbeek
President of the Board of Directors
## 2018 Annual Report

### Terwilliger Nature Education

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### WildCare Family Adventures/Aventuras Familiares Program

- **Participants**: 280
- **Low-Income**: 169
- **Spanish-Speaking**: 224
- **Free Transportation**: 143

### School Program Demographics

- **African American**: 7%
- **Asian**: 8%
- **Caucasian**: 34%
- **Hispanic**: 38%
- **Other**: 13%

### Center Visitors

- **Courtyard Ambassador Presentations**: 7,384
- **Volunteers**: 417
- **Rescuers**: 4,078
- **Walk-ins**: 1,278
- **Camp Parents**: 246

### Impact

- **35,045** people impacted
- **166** schools & organizations received WildCare programs
- **46%** of school program participants received scholarship assistance
- **19** resident ambassador animals

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summer/fall 2019 discoverwildcare.org wildcare
Starting in 2017, WildCare transferred to a new online database to track our Wildlife Hospital patients. The Wildlife Rehabilitation Medical Database (or WRMD) modernizes the tracking of WildCare’s patient care, reduces the use of paper, and provides updated statistics to the United States and California Departments of Fish and Wildlife.

wildlife hospital statistics

3,552 total animals in 2018

77% survival rate*

Birds
1,677
75.4% success rate*
144 different species treated

Mammals
992
80.7% success rate*
36 different species treated

Reptiles & amphibians
34
95.8% success rate*
14 different species treated

* after the first 24 hours in care

58 baby animals reunited with their mothers

Top reasons for wildlife hospital admission

12% fell from nest
8% caught by cat
6% nest destroyed
5% hit window
5% hit by car

308,350 Twitter followers
58 baby animals reunited with their mothers
Nearly 7,000 individuals, businesses, corporations, associations, and foundations provided funding to support WildCare, helping us raise more than $3,135,340 to make our work possible.

**Engagement**

- 13,045 Facebook followers
- 135,591 website visitors
- 308,350 Twitter followers
- 21,461 email recipients
- 28,670 printed newsletter readers received
- 2,810 Instagram followers

**Hungry Owl Project**

- 204 nesting boxes sold:
  - barn owl boxes: 114
  - screech owl boxes: 73
  - bluebird boxes: 17

**Owl Box Services**

- site consultations: 131
- owl box cleanings: 68
- owl boxes monitored: 70

**Volunteer Hours:** 600

**Living with Wildlife Hotline**

- 9,289 hotline calls answered
- 1,857 after-hours emergency calls answered
established the **WildCare Advocacy Committee**. The mission statement of the committee is “the WildCare Advocacy Committee works to protect wildlife from human impact.”

*letters to the editor*, a *San Francisco Chronicle* article regarding household pests suggested using poisons to manage unwanted wildlife. Our Letter to the Editor suggested identifying and removing attractants instead of using poisons: “When experiencing a problem with rodents and other wildlife, WildCare always encourages people to identify and remove what may be attracting unwanted attention from wildlife in the first place. Poisons should never be the go-to method for a wildlife problem.”

provided support for a local whistle-blower who reported removal (by a bird management company hired by the property manager) of active nests from trees in the courtyard of a shopping mall. Contacted the property management company and provided reasonable alternatives for that season, and practical preventative measures they could take to deter birds from nesting in the immediate area in the future.

**partnered with Yard Smart Marin** on their no rodenticides campaign: “Poison hurts more than rats - Stop. Think. Protect.”

**submitted comments** to the National Park Service on the **General Management Plan Amendment** for Point Reyes National Seashore regarding the Tule Elk management plan.

**signed on** to coalition letters:
- to Board of Supervisors **supporting Marin County’s Acquisition of the San Geronimo Golf Course** and conversion to a park and restoration of wildlife habitat.
- **opposing H.R. 6687** which would have given priority to commerical ranching at Point Reyes National Seashore.
- to food companies regarding pollinator protection/phasing out sale of products produced using toxic pesticides.

**WildCare Solutions**’ wildlife consultants are trained in humane and nonlethal exclusion best practices that encourage wildlife to leave problem areas of homes or businesses.

**active volunteers**

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**supported AB 2422 Natural Predator Protection Act**, statewide ban on rodenticides.

**supported AB 2697** which creates incentives for farmers to use fallow land to create wildlife habitat (mainly for waterfowl).

**sent anti-glue trap letter** to 21 hardware and garden stores asking them to voluntarily remove glue traps from their shelves.
More than 417 volunteers donated over 39,224 hours valued at $473,282.

500-999 hours
- Marianna Riser ** 737 hours
- Jessica Schmid 720 hours
- Jacqueline Lewis 708.5 hours
- Shelly Ross* 541.5 hours
- Vennie Yancy 527.5 hours
- Heather Gamborg* 509 hours

200-499 hours
- Alix Barbe 494.5 hours
- Melanie Piazza** 425 hours
- Sarah Aherton** 417 hours
- Margarita Montenegro 406 hours
- Nicole Anisgard Parra 403.5 hours
- Cassandra Miller* 401.5 hours
- Tracy Christensen* 396 hours
- Rachel Griffiths 387.75 hours
- Caitlin Cox 384.5 hours
- Natalie Clark 382.25 hours
- Kate Lynch** 377 hours
- Vanessa Glidden**** 347.5 hours
- Bob Lundstrom** 347 hours
- Lily Gee 336 hours
- Liz Thawley 326 hours
- Jamie Spanik* 318 hours
- Jessica Kwan 305.5 hours
- Lucy Burlingham**** 303 hours
- Robyn Newkirk 301 hours
- Steven Morreale* 301 hours
- Terry Bremer 300.85 hours
- Alex Godbe**** 300 hours
- Patricia Axsom** 286 hours
- Amy Choi 202 hours
- Jeremy Axelrod 192.5 hours
- Daisy Saavedra 191 hours
- Nina Fry 189.5 hours
- Kristina Rodriguez 189 hours
- Eve Wickman 189 hours
- Toni Pinsky 189 hours
- Chloe Sundara* 189 hours
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- Roberta Koss** 189 hours
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- Nancy West* 577 hours
- Amy Shipley** 560 hours
- Pat Pianko* 550 hours
- Michelle Cooper 550 hours

100-199 hours
- Joy Graustark* 190.5 hours
- Everett Tilden 188 hours
- Nicola Shank 180.5 hours
- Christine Holmes 179.5 hours
- Marilyn Dehnert*** 179.5 hours
- Susy Friedman*** 178.5 hours
- Debbie Fisher* 178 hours
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- Ralph Jacobson** 60.85 hours
- Marielle Friedman 60.5 hours
- Julia Skvaril 60 hours
- Anna Stewart 59.5 hours
- Ellyn Weisel 58 hours
- Liv Springer 58 hours
- Barbara Inwald 56.75 hours
- Taylor Bacon 56.5 hours
- Ellen Williams 56 hours
- Peter Colwell 56 hours
- Natasha Chandra 56 hours
- Katy Wearing 55.5 hours
- Luna Sanchez 55.5 hours
- Laurie Brown* 55.5 hours
- Kate Grezca* 55.5 hours
- Sarah Mardessich 55 hours
- Kiera Vasquez 54.5 hours
- Nick Bahrenguen 54 hours
- Elian Tucker 53.5 hours
- Evan Springer 53 hours
- Cyndy Patrick 53 hours
- Anne Llibin 52.5 hours
- Alicia Srinivas 52.5 hours
- Anais Smith 52.5 hours
- Jacqueline Bush 52.3 hours
- Manuela Piha** 52 hours
- Mariah Horan 51.25 hours
- Lauren Bacon 51 hours
- Theresa Panyawai 51 hours
- Kermit Kubitz 50.95 hours
- Evelina Kirkang 50.5 hours
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WildCare’s second annual Family Nature Day in honor of Elizabeth Terwilliger was a great success!

More than 150 people attended the event on April 20, 2019. This was a great opportunity to celebrate Earth Day and learn about our local wildlife “Mrs. T-style!” This year we were joined by Marin County Open Space, One Tam’s Roving Ranger, the Marine Mammal Center and Marin Humane which enthralled visitors with their “Our Wild Neighbors” presentation.

Elizabeth Terwilliger, known best as Mrs. T, was an inspiration for generations of Marin County residents. Her multi-sensory approach to teaching children about nature engendered a lifelong love of the natural world, and a desire to protect it, in the hearts of thousands.

The children that went on hikes with Mrs. T have grown up to be the environmental advocates overseeing the protection of Bay Area wild lands today. Marin County is a better place thanks to Mrs. T, and both her legacy and her creative and compelling teaching methods live on at WildCare. This event was inaugurated in her honor, and will be held every spring!

What happened at WildCare’s Family Nature Day? People of all ages took naturalist-led hikes on the Terwilliger Trail where they saw a Dusky Footed Woodrat nest, Canada Geese, crows mobbing a Red-tailed Hawk, House Finches, a Western Fence Lizard, four different species of butterflies, and other species.

Kids of all ages participated in an aquatic study with nets in Stafford Lake, discovering what lives just beneath the surface. Everyone enjoyed meeting WildCare’s non-releasable Wildlife Ambassadors, taking the Nature Scavenger Hunt Challenge and creating a frog life-cycle poster, it was a splendid day! See more photos from the event at discoverwildcare.org/familynatureday.

Thank you for making our 34th annual Dining for Wildlife a HUGE success!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our participating restaurants, our sponsors, and to YOU, our many diners!

Restaurants

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living with wildlife photography contest

2019 is the 13th year of WildCare’s Living with Wildlife Photography Contest!

What started as a small contest accepting photos just from the San Francisco Bay Area has grown into a statewide contest, accepting hundreds of photos taken throughout California.

This year we anticipate as many as 300 entries, all of which will illustrate the beauty of California and the amazing animals that share this gorgeous place with us.

The entry categories for this year’s Living with Wildlife Photography Contest will be the same as last year:
• California Wild Birds in their Natural Settings
• California Wild Animals (Other) in their Natural Settings
• General Nature (landscapes, plants, natural phenomena etc.)
• Living with Wildlife (California wild animals in human contexts and environments)

However, in 2019 we are introducing two new divisions, specifically designed to recruit young people to the joys of wildlife photography.

Our Junior California Wildlife division will accept entries in any of the above entry categories taken by kids ages 6—12.

Our Teen California Wildlife division will encourage young people ages 13—17 to get outdoors with their cameras and enter photos in any of the above categories.

The Junior and Teen divisions will be judged independently, and the winners of these divisions will win a very special behind-the-scenes tour at WildCare for up to four people.

Junior and Teen winners will also be eligible to win our Best in Show prize, which is $500.

Learn more, read the contest rules, and enter your best photos at discoverwildcare.org/photo.
hungry owls everywhere

It’s been a busy time for WildCare’s work on all things owls! Ian Elwood was promoted to Director of Hungry Owl Project, and brings 12 years of experience growing nonprofit programs focused on animal protection and the environment, plus the hands-on experience of working in the WildCare Solutions department since 2017. Since starting, Ian has increased sales and revenue dramatically, including selling 47 nesting boxes in one month—a new record! Check out our numbers in this issue’s annual report for more information on our recent successes.

We created a new Barn Owl box design and can now ship boxes anywhere in the United States. It includes all box pieces and hardware, and is assembled, painted, and installed by the customer. It’s more affordable too, so it makes providing Barn Owl habitat accessible to more people. We’ve also brought the installation of nesting boxes in-house rather than outsourcing, another way that we have increased efficiency to provide better service and help support WildCare’s bottom line.

We’re constantly updating the resources available on our website so that people who choose to build nesting boxes or purchase them elsewhere have all of the information they need to create a safe home for nesting owls and other birds. We recently updated our Barn Owl Box Manual and now recommend installing boxes on metal poles—a recent study shows that the old way of installing boxes on wood posts and/or trees has a lower success rate. Thinking about reinstalling a nesting box mounted on a tree or wood post? Good idea! Look on our website hungryowls.org for the new guidelines.

In 2019 we joined a Barn Owl Coalition with Humboldt State University and Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue. This partnership will allow us to access data like owl box occupancy rates, success rates for predator control, and continue to refine our practices to ensure we are using the most current techniques in nesting box design, monitoring, installation, and cleaning.

We’ve finished box cleaning season and will begin box monitoring season soon. If you’re interested in being a volunteer box monitor, contact info@hungryowls.org. If you’re interested in purchasing an owl box, please visit hungryowls.org and fill out the owl box request form so we will have all of the information we need to recommend the most appropriate nesting box for your location.

If you LOVE owls, get an owl nesting box.

With habitat loss diminishing the amount of safe, natural nesting sites available, hosting owls on your property can help owls a lot!

Learn more: hungryowls.org
Do you MATCH?

You can DOUBLE the value of your donation with an Employer Matching Gift!

Make your gift count TWICE!

Many companies offer matching gift programs. Let your employer know you’ve made a donation to WildCare, and they may match your gift with a donation of their own! Many programs match contributions dollar for dollar, and some will even double or triple the amount of your gift!

Volunteer hours may also be matched.

Does YOUR employer match donations?

Use our free online tool to find out if your employer will match your generous donation to WildCare:

discoverwildcare.org/double

salute to teri rockas

Teri Rockas first learned about WildCare when Mrs. T came to her daughter’s Girl Scout camporee event. Her daughter became a volunteer, and the family brought several injured birds to the Wildlife Hospital over the years, and enjoyed having squirrels released in their yard.

Teri knitted lots of nests for WildCare’s Baby Bird Nest Campaign, and she became a WildCare Birdroom, Clinic and transport volunteer in the spring of 2014.

Teri works for Kaiser Permanente (KP) in San Rafael which has a mission centered on serving local communities. KP encourages its employees to donate to local non-profits and, through emails, lets employees know that donations made during certain months may be matched dollar for dollar. Wanting to leverage the donation she made to WildCare, Teri intentionally made her contribution during this time when KP would match.

As part of the employee communication about KP matching contributions, there was mention of a drawing that would select the non-profit of a single contributing employee to receive $2,500. Feeling lucky, and knowing that nothing but good could come from it, Teri entered the drawing and WON!

Teri says, “Humans have great significance in our environment—volunteering and donating (even the bit I am able) allows my family opportunity to insure our impact is positive. Every moment I spend at WildCare, every dollar we contribute—I am given the opportunity/honor to learn, teach, and touch the lives of injured creatures.”
WildCare’s goal is to help people live well with wildlife, and knowing what is happening with wildlife populations on a seasonal basis is a great way to prevent negative wildlife-human interactions. This chart features a comprehensive look at seasonal wildlife events in the San Francisco Bay Area of Northern California. Note that these dates are different in different climates and latitudes, and that this chart provides guidelines, but there is considerable variation, even within our region.

Seasonal Wildlife Happenings

- **First squirrel babies admitted to WildCare**
- **First opossum babies admitted to WildCare**
- **First hummingbird babies admitted to WildCare**
- **First Jackrabbit babies admitted to WildCare**
- **First Robin babies admitted to WildCare**
- **First hawk & owl babies admitted to WildCare**
- **First raccoon & skunk babies admitted to WildCare**
- **First bat babies admitted to WildCare**
- **First ducklings, fawns & songbird babies admitted to WildCare**
- **First Mourning Dove babies admitted to WildCare**
- **First Western Pond Turtle babies admitted to WildCare**

**Migrating songbirds hit windows. Hang visual deterrents on the outside of large glass panes.**

**Seabirds beached due to winter storms**

**Inspect your home for potential wildlife dens. Close them up before baby season.**

**Don't trim trees or shrubs! Hidden nests probably contain helpless baby animals!**

**Western Pond Turtle mating season. Watch for turtles crossing the road.**

**Put ramps in your swimming pool so ducklings can get out.**

**Baby raptor reunite season.**

**Don’t kidnap fawns! Remember the 5 Cs: see page 23 for details.**

**If you see a dead opossum on the side of the road, check for a pouch and surviving babies!**

**Great Horned Owls nesting**

**Mallard ducks looking for nesting sites March through April.**

**Skunk mating season February through March**

**Raccoon mating season January through June—watch for increased activity.**

**Keep cats indoors to prevent injury to wildlife all year long!**
seasonal wildlife happenings

- Second brood of baby squirrels admitted to WildCare
- Rattlesnake season. Hot weather makes rattlesnakes more active. Hike with care!
- Crows are molting and will look scruffy for a few weeks.
- Juvenile raccoons looking for grubs start tearing up lawns. Try a Scarecrow Sprinkler!
- Skunk moms will be out during the day foraging for food for their growing young.
- Baby bat season. It is not humane to evict bat colonies during these months.
- Migrating songbirds hit windows. Hang visual deterrents on the outside of large glass panes.
- Use wildlife-safe Halloween decorations.
- Pick up fallen fruit to prevent unwanted wildlife visitors.
- Black-tailed Deer rut. Watch for multiple animals crossing roads.
- Seabirds beached due to winter storms.
- Safe to humanely evict bat colonies through April.
- Daylight savings time ends. Drive carefully and watch for wildlife.

July  August  September  October  November  December
new wildlife ambassadors

meet our american white pelican, marshall, named in loving memory of joan coil carvalho

This handsome American White Pelican was found trapped under the bumper of a truck! He had multiple broken bones and other injuries, from which he recovered in care with the wonderful staff and volunteers at International Bird Rescue (IBR) in Fairfield, California.

It was determined by IBR veterinary staff that Marshall had visual impairment in his left eye and permanent brain trauma that rendered him nonreleasable. However, his calm temperament makes him a perfect educational animal and we’re so happy to welcome him as a permanent resident in WildCare’s Courtyard.

Special thanks to Glenda Carvalho-Sell for naming Marshall in loving memory of her mother, Joan Coil Carvalho.

Unlike Brown Pelicans, American White Pelicans are not ocean-going birds. They breed in freshwater lakes and ponds, and can be found throughout most of the western and central United States.

say hello to farallon, our brandt’s cormorant!

Farallon was found near Monterey. She was unable to fly, and was unresponsive when she was approached by dogs.

She was brought to International Bird Rescue, where she was diagnosed with visual impairment and suspected traumatic brain injury that rendered her nonreleasable.

Farallon will live full-time at WildCare as an educational Wildlife Ambassador animal in our Courtyard.

Brandt’s Cormorants are found only in marine environments. They nest on cliffs, and they hunt for fish by diving from the surface of the water to chase their prey underwater.

The name Farallon won our online vote with 32% of the votes (Brandi, the second place name, had 29% of the votes.)

Special thanks to Judy Stone who submitted the name Farallon, to everyone else who submitted such excellent name choices, and to all of you who voted in our Cormorant Naming Contest!

Visit Marshall, Farallon, and WildCare’s other Wildlife Ambassadors at WildCare from 9am – 5pm, seven days a week!
Note that we feed our pool birds, including Marshall and Farallon, at 10am and 3pm every day.

Are you ready to go above and beyond to rescue wildlife?

First Responders

Thanks to our First Responders, our team of committed monthly donors, we are prepared to act immediately and provide care for every single animal that comes to WildCare’s Wildlife Hospital.

Sign up to make a monthly gift at discoverwildcare.org/firstresponders
I found a wild baby animal. Now What?

**Is the baby sick or hurt?** Use the 5 Cs to determine! Is she cold, crying, coming toward you (approaching people), caught by a cat or dog, or covered in blood/insects? Also, any baby that does not yet have fur or feathers (or only has down or fuzz) needs immediate assistance.

**Is the baby orphand?** It is extremely rare for a wild animal to abandon her young. Are you certain the mother is dead?

**Is the baby behaving normally?**
All wild mothers are afraid of people, but the maternal instinct is very strong, and they will not abandon their young even if the baby has been handled. If people or pets are near she will not approach her baby. Fawns and rabbits sleep or hide in the grass during the day. Mothers only return to nurse periodically, leaving older babies for as long as 12 hours. Babies know to remain still and quiet until their mother returns.

**Is the baby in danger?** Are cats, dogs, people, or cars creating a hazard?

**Does the baby need help?** Most mother mammals can carry their babies back to the nest or to an alternative nest. Birds and bats cannot carry their young.

**Is it safe for you to help the baby?** Never put yourself in physical danger. Bats, foxes, skunks, and raccoons can potentially carry rabies and bite. Never handle them with bare hands.

**Can you find the den/nest?** Is it intact? Is the baby warm to the touch?

**Get the baby back to the mother.** Call WildCare at 415-456-7283 for species- and age-specific guidelines on how to reunite/renest a baby. After the baby has been returned, watch from a distance, keeping pets and children away from the area so as not to frighten the mother. Is the mother visiting the baby? Does the baby seem ok?

**Leave the area.** Baby is okay.

**Bring the baby to WildCare**
Can you transport her immediately?

**To transport an injured or orphaned baby to WildCare**
1. Prepare a container. A shoebox with air holes in the lid, lined with a small towel, works for most babies.
2. Protect yourself. Be careful—even baby animals may scratch or bite and some may carry diseases or parasites like fleas and ticks. Never attempt to handle wildlife—no matter how vulnerable—with bare hands. And wash up afterwards!
3. Put the baby in the box. Cover the baby with a light cloth and gently put her in the shoebox.
4. Keep her warm. If the baby is cold, put one end of the shoebox on a heating pad set on low. A cold baby is in critical condition and needs immediate assistance. Overheating an animal is also dangerous.
5. If you can’t transport her immediately:
   - Call our hotline at 415-456-SAVE.
   - Keep the baby in a warm, dark, quiet place.
   - Do not give her food or water.
   - Do not handle her.
   - Keep children and pets away from her.
6. Transport the baby to WildCare. Keep her in the shoebox, keep the car quiet (radio off, etc.)
7. Complete WildCare’s intake form. Provide complete information on the circumstances of your rescue. Provide your personal information clearly in the event we need to contact you.

**Not in the San Francisco Bay Area?** Visit discoverwildcare.org/localcenter to find a wildlife center near you.
upcoming events

**WILDCARE, WINE & WILDLIFE RECEPTIONS**
June 12, July 18, August 20
FREE at WildCare 5:30 - 7pm
Meet our live animals!
discoverwildcare.org/wine

**TALONS: A FESTIVAL CELEBRATING BIRDS OF PREY**
Sunday, July 7, 11am - 3:30pm
Cavallo Point
Meet live hawks and owls!
Purchase tickets at
discoverwildcare.org/talons

**ANIMAL RUN FOR WILDCARE**
Sunday, July 21 race start 8am
Pt. Pinole, Richmond
Eco-friendly vegan foot race raising funds for WildCare.
discoverwildcare.org/animalrun

**WILDCARE AT MARIN COUNTRY MART**
June 29, July 27, August 24
10 - 11:30am
Marin Country Mart
Live Wildlife Ambassadors!

discoverwildcare.org/gala

**WILDCARE FAMIL Y ADVENTURES**
July 20 & August 17, 10am - 1pm
FREE Spanish/English nature hikes for the whole family!
RSVP required
discoverwildcare.org/family

**VOLUNTEER NATURE GUIDE ORIENTATION**
Saturday, September 14
11am - 12:30pm
discoverwildcare.org/natureguide

**WILDCARE’S LIVING WITH WILDLIFE PHOTO CONTEST**
Deadline for entries is Friday, September 27
discoverwildcare.org/photo

**WINE, WILLS & WILDCARE**
Date TBD
WildCare’s Museum
Enjoy a fun evening of wine, wildlife, and estate planning!
discoverwildcare.org/wills