

Wildlife Care of Ventura County

A Wild Animal Rehabilitation and Release Organization

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KEEP IT WILD!

2009 TOTAL	1024
Rat	7
Oriole	1
Pigeon	90
Crow	140
Ringneck Dove	1
Skunk	6
Opossum	117
Raccoon	110
Bobcat	10
Raven	28
Coyote Hybrid	1
Coyote	18
Skunk	7
Kestrel	2
Hummingbird	32
Great Horned Owl	6
Vulture	1
Scrub Jay	5
White Ducks	2
Seagull	3
Coopers Hawk	12
Mallard Duck	18
Starling	3
Deer (Fawn)	3
Mourning Dove	89
Towhee	1
Ground Squirrel	12
Finch	28
Gold Finch	7
Golden Eagle	1
Red Tail Hawk	10
Phoebe	1
Mockingbird	29
Merlin	1
Anna's Hummingbird	30
Cotton Tail	4
Peacock	1
Grebe	3
White Domestic Duck	1
Swallow	4
Sparrow	54
Red Shoulder Hawk	5
Barn Owl	2
Box Turtle	1
Cormorant	1
Tree Squirrel	121
Hawk	1
Bird	3
Whip Poorwill	2
Hawk Sharpshin	2
Burrowing Owl	1
Bandtail Pigeon	8
Robin	2
Swift	1
Acorn Woodpecker	1
Parrot Half moon Conure	1
Rooster	1
Hamster	1
Quail	1



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We would like to share a few heart warming stories that have stuck with us over the years, about the loyalties and dedication of the animals.

Red Tail Hawk

A citizen brought in a Female Red Tail Hawk that they had found by the side of the road. She had an open wound in her wing, with a fractured bone protruding out. Which on exam was obviously and old fracture because the bone was very dry as was the tissue surrounding it.

Our vets concurred that the wound and the degradation of the tissue had to be at least 1 week old.

Which really made no sense because the birds weight was very good, she was at a healthy weight for a Red Tail. If she had been without food for 1 week she would have been very thin.

So we called the party back who brought the bird in and they said that when they picked her up off the freeway there was another Red Tail but smaller, on the wires above and remnants and fur of smaller animals on the ground....

She was apparently being fed while on the ground... by her mate.

Tree Squirrel

A Mother tree squirrel was crossing the street with one baby in her mouth, most likely relocating her nest, when she was hit by a car. It tumbled her off to the side of the road but the baby was left in the road, the mother worked her way back to the center of the road and picked the baby up taking him to the safety of the curb... She then died.

Juvenile Coyote

A 5-6 month old coyote was brought in and apparently he had been trapped in an area that he could not get out of, so animal control was called where they captured him. We ended up getting a perfectly healthy coyote that should of just been left alone, at least for the day and then after dark all gates opened and he would have gone about his business.

So we held him for evaluation a day or 2 and then after dark trucked him back to where he came from, found a suitable site, under the full moon, no less, situated the crate and opened the door ...but, instead of him taking off in a mad dash for freedom, he just plastered himself up against the back of the crate for at least 20 minutes, scared to death to move, which is basically normal coyote behavior in situations that they are not familiar with. And then, almost as if some one had flipped a switch, I became acutely aware of how piercingly quiet it had become. And then off in the distance I hear the most amazing chorus of yips and howls and with that he was off like a shot....

Recognition and gratitude is not only a human quality.

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**If you have found an
injured or orphaned wild animal:**

- Keep them warm, dark, and quiet
- Do not feed or offer the animal water
- Call a Rehabilitator



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THANK - YOU! FRIENDS OF WCVV FOR ALL YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Due to the economy, wildlife organizations are also feeling the pinch so we are trying to conserve funds, raise awareness and fund raise at minimal cost. In this edition of the newsletter we are cutting printing costs but would like to share our rescues from last year, which would not have been possible with out all of your help and to let everyone know we are doing some educating online, go to www.myspace.com/wcvc and take a look! Comments , questions and concerns are always welcome and will be addressed .

We are also looking for a webmaster who may be interested in updating our web page, please call 805-581-3911.

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