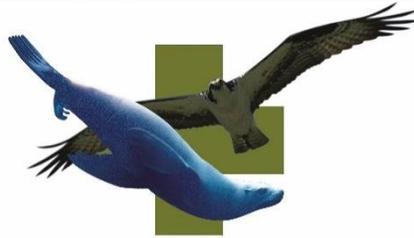


CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CENTER

2016 Annual Report



Since 1998, California Wildlife Center has provided veterinary care to injured and orphaned native wildlife throughout Southern California. In those 19 years, the number of animals in need of care and treatment has increased sixteen-fold. Services have expanded to meet that need and CWC constantly strives to improve the level of medical care and treatment.

California Wildlife Center features one of the most advanced and comprehensive wildlife rehabilitation facilities in Southern California and is partnered with eight infant animal care givers in its Home Care network. It is the only facility in Los Angeles County permitted to rehabilitate: Deer Fawns, Crows and Ravens, Coyote Pups, and native baby Songbirds. CWC is also the only organization with a Marine Mammal stranding permit* to rescue animals along a 35-mile stretch of Southern California coastline. With so few wildlife veterinary facilities available in this densely-populated area of 10.4 million people, CWC is a crucial no-charge, year-round resource for wildlife agencies and the general public. California Wildlife Center receives no sustained State or Federal funding and relies on donations from the public and support from organizations.



Nestling House Finches

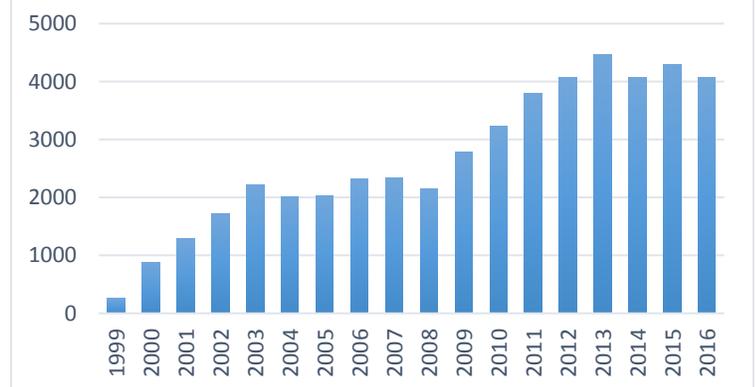
When injured or orphaned native animals arrive at California Wildlife Center they are given intake examinations by wildlife care staff. Each animal is provided with specialized medical treatments and/or procedures, up to and including surgical intervention by staff veterinarians. While receiving medical care, animals are housed in safe, quiet indoor caging areas and provided with food and enrichment designed to meet the specific nutritional and behavioral guidelines of each species. Once fully recovered, they are moved to outdoor rehabilitation enclosures for physical therapy in preparation for release.

Intake Trends

California Wildlife Center cared for a total of 4072 animals in 2016, including:

- 2789 Birds, including 1175 Songbirds, 718 Marine and Water Birds, 215 Hummingbirds, 169 Hawks, 45 Owls, and 23 Woodpeckers.
- 1058 Mammals, including 507 Squirrels, 262 Opossums, 134 Rabbits, 7 Foxes, 6 Deer, and 3 Bears.
- 207 Marine Animals, including 165 California Sea Lions, 38 Northern Elephant Seals, and 2 endangered Green Sea Turtles.
- 17 Terrestrial Reptiles, including 10 Lizards, 5 Snakes, and 2 Turtles.

1999-2016 Intake Trends



*CWC's Marine Mammal stranding response is conducted under a Stranding Agreement between the National Marine Fisheries Service and CWC and issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

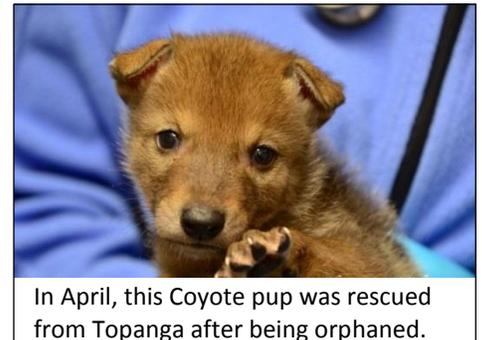
2016 Facilities Upgrades

- New roofs were added to the Marine Mammal pens to provide more protection for the Seal and Sea Lion patients from predators and provide them shade from the scorching Southern California sun.
- One Marine Mammal pen was enclosed to accommodate Sea Lions rescued in the winter months. CWC's location in the Santa Monica Mountains can get below freezing overnight. The enclosed pen includes a built-in heater to keep the animals warm.
- Drop ceilings were installed in six aviaries in order to prevent rodents from entering the enclosures. Frames were constructed with metal hardware cloth on one side and heavy duty petscreen on the other to prevent feather damage in the patients. The open parts of the roof were also covered with clear polycarbonate corrugated roofing panels. All of these improvements will increase patient release rates and decrease injuries.



- A new exterior enclosure was constructed to temporarily house the more than 70 Ravens and 200 Crows that California Wildlife Center cares for every year while they recover from their injuries and/or prepare for release to the wild. The aviary provides multiple perches in both sun and shade, as well as ample flight room.
- A new enclosure was constructed to house juvenile Cliff Swallows that allows them to practice their aerial maneuvers and learn how to catch prey on the wing.
- The Marine Mammal office was moved from a converted shipping container into the main building. Their old office space was modified to house more animals.

- Upgrades were made to the large outdoor Coyote enclosure including new doors for the mews and underground fencing that discourages digging. These changes prevent the Coyote pups from damaging the enclosure or injuring themselves.
- With financial support from the S. Mark Taper Foundation and others, CWC was able to upgrade the circa 1952 electrical system. The project included replacing main and sub electrical panels, repairing old outlets, adding new outlets, and replacing the underground irrigation box.
- California Wildlife Center purchased two, 20.5 cubic foot Frigidaire upright freezers. These frost-free freezers include safety locks and Arcticlock™ walls to keep food frozen in case of power failure. These freezers permit the storage of additional food for the animal patients, allowing California Wildlife Center to purchase food in bulk and save on feed. This is especially necessary for obligate carnivores such as Bobcats and Birds of Prey, as their food is costly if purchased ad hoc.
- New handrails were installed along the stone steps leading to the upstairs administration offices. These steps are uneven and become very slippery when wet. The new hand rails make it safer for staff, volunteers, and guests of the center.
- An eight by six-foot storage shed was installed within easy reach of the Marine Mammal rehabilitation pens. This shed provides storage for slickers and equipment used by staff and volunteers when working with Marine Mammals.
- California Wildlife Center purchased a new rescue van with funding from a grant from the Ahmanson Foundation. The old van had been in use since 2009, driven almost 150,000 miles, and had rescued hundreds of imperiled Seals and

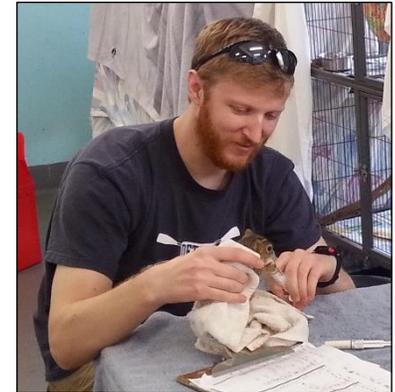


Sea Lions. Shortly before the arrival of the new van, it suffered irreparable mechanical failure. The new van, which features multiple customizations, can transport two Northern Elephant Seals or four California Sea Lions at a time.

Volunteer Contributions

California Wildlife Center recruited, trained and maintained a volunteer base of over 200 volunteers that contributed over 24,000 hours in 2016 to Animal Care, Marine Mammals, facilities maintenance, and public education.

Volunteers are integral to CWC. They assist with animal intakes, examinations, food preparation, feeding, facilities maintenance and more. Volunteers also help the local community to better understand wildlife by staffing education tables at various fairs and festivals in addition to public education events. In 2016, a full-time Volunteer and Outreach Manager was hired to grow the volunteer program and increase the reach of educational outreach events.



Baby Care Volunteers are tasked with feeding animals like this Fox Squirrel.

Education at CWC



A CWC extern examines a Great Horned Owl

Internship and Externships

CWC's internship and externship programs continue to grow and offer a unique opportunity for students to gain experience in the areas of wildlife rehabilitation, wildlife medicine, and Marine Mammal response and rehabilitation. In 2016, CWC had 25 interns in the Animal Care and Marine Mammal programs and 33 Wildlife Medicine externs and preceptors. (Preceptors are students who are in their 4th year clinic rotations or in post-DVM education.) CWC also hosted international students from as far away as Chile, Taiwan, and Brazil. This popular program offers prospective veterinary students hands-on experience with wildlife.

Training and Continuing Education

In order to ensure that the animals in CWC's care are receiving the best possible treatment, staff members attended training classes and conferences in 2016 to continue their education and improve their skills and experience. That knowledge is then passed on to volunteers through formal and informal training classes including: infant bird care, infant mammal care, species-specific care, critical care, and advanced animal handling. Volunteers also attend mandatory continuing education classes.

Public Education

During 2016 CWC participated in a number of public events, educating over 1,000 people about safely coexisting with wildlife. These messages were echoed across social media, reaching over 1.6 million people both locally and world-wide. CWC staff also fielded over 30,000 phone calls from the general public regarding injured wildlife, nuisance wildlife, and general animal questions.

Research

California Wildlife Center participates in research programs with nationwide organizations relevant to the long term health and sustainability of local wildlife populations. CWC actively submits numerous animal carcasses for evaluation, diagnosis, and monitoring of possible infectious agents within the wild animal population. Though an animal may be too ill or injured to survive rehabilitation, they may act as sentinels to new and emerging diseases in the environment.

- West Nile Virus Exposure: expired animals including Birds of Prey, Crows and Ravens are submitted to Los Angeles County Veterinary Public Health to search for evidence of and determine the level of exposure to West Nile Virus. Humans are also susceptible to this disease which is transmitted through mosquitoes. CWC also provides surveillance of Rabies, Distemper, Bordetella, and Canine Parvo.

Research Continued

- Mange: when appropriate, expired animals are submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to be tested for Mange, as well as Trichomoniasis and Newcastle Disease.
- Acanthocephalans: expired Foxes and Coyotes are sent to researchers identifying the genetics of the Acanthocephalan GI parasite affecting the Channel Island Fox population.
- Aleutian Disease: expired Skunks are tested for Aleutian Skunk Disease. This disease affects other mustelids like Weasels and Ferrets, and may also be transmitted to other fur-bearing mammals and humans.
- Genetic Diversity: Cooper's Hawk feathers and expired Hummingbirds are sent to UC Davis for genetic diversity studies. CWC also contributes data on Red-Tailed Hawk fracture repair techniques and Rupto Chlamydiosis.
- Leptospirosis: CWC supplies data on this bacterial disease that is found in mammals (including Opossums, Raccoons, Rats, and Sea Lions) for a UCLA doctoral study.
- Rare and endangered species: expired endangered species are sent to US and California Departments of Fish and Wildlife and expired rare bird species are collected by the Natural History Museum.



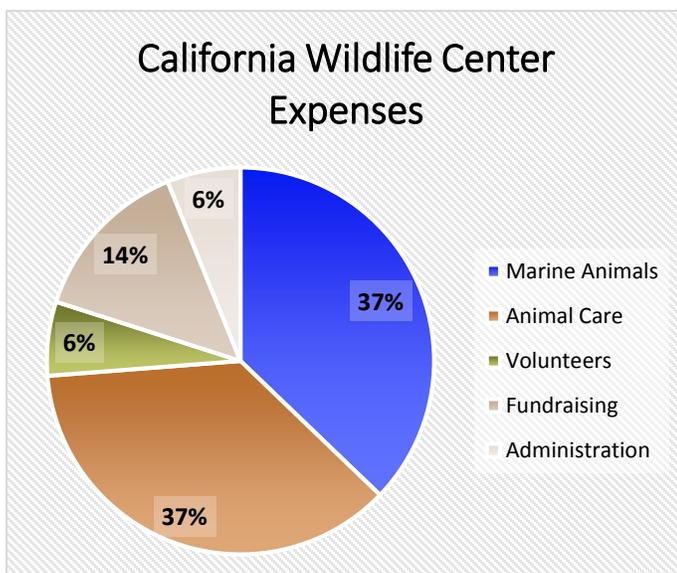
CWC treats and cares for oiled wildlife such as this Common Murre

Partnerships

California Wildlife Center collaborates with many local, state, and national organizations. In 2016, CWC was called upon to act in an evaluation, treatment and holding capacity on numerous occasions at the request of Department of Fish and Wildlife, National Parks Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife. CWC also served as an important partner with the Oiled Wildlife Care Network, treating animals affected by the Grove Oil Spill in Ventura in June 2016.

CWC is currently the only wildlife rehabilitation facility in the Los Angeles area with two veterinarians. They frequently provide free medical care and assessment to other local wildlife rehabilitation organizations including Coast & Canyon (Malibu), Squirrel Mender (Thousand Oaks), Camarillo Wildlife (Camarillo), Ventura County Wildlife Care (Simi Valley), Pasadena Humane Society, and International Bird Rescue in San Pedro, as needed.

Finances



Expenses*

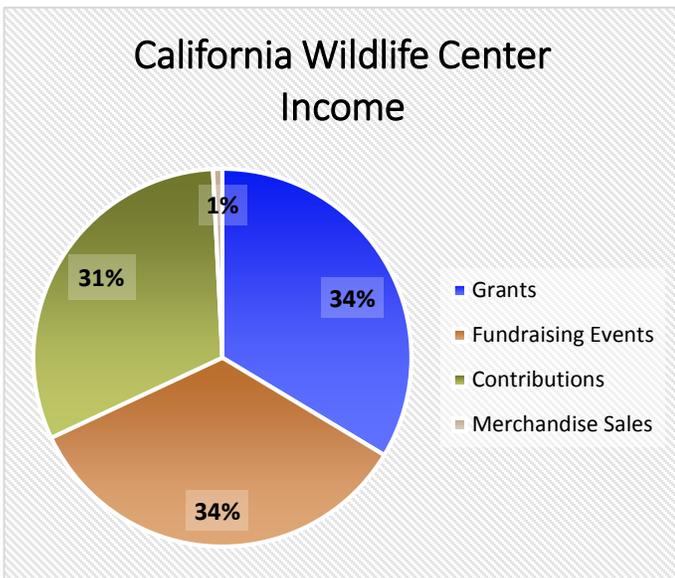
California Wildlife Center spends 74 percent of its annual \$1.4 million proposed budget directly on the care of animals; 37 percent in Marine Mammal and 37 percent in Animal Care. These expenses include: medication, food, supplies, medical services, facilities upgrades and construction, animal transport fees, and staff to provide direct care for the animals.

Six percent of CWC's budget is spent supporting the over 200 volunteers who donate their time.

Fourteen percent of the budget is spent on fundraising. This includes the cost of fundraising events.

Only six percent of the budget is spent on the administration of CWC. This includes oversight of the entire organization.

Finances Continued



Income

California Wildlife Center relies on contributions from members of the public and the community to enable CWC's work to continue. In 2016, California Wildlife Center operated at an 8% deficit, as contribution totals fell short of requisite costs.

34 percent of CWC's annual income comes from grants. 25 organizations granted funding to CWC in 2016 for special projects, programming, and general operating costs.

On September 25, 2016, CWC hosted The Wild Brunch, its annual fundraiser. This event generated 34 percent of CWC's income in 2016. This was the 16th successful Wild Brunch.

CWC receives 31 percent of its income from contributions from members of the public. In 2016, 1,113 individuals and organizations contributed to CWC.

One percent of CWC's income comes from merchandise sales. Members of the public may purchase shirts, hats, and plush animals when they bring an animal in need to CWC.

*Expense values based on CWC's 2016-17 Fiscal Year Budget. Income values based on CWC's 2016 income.

2017 Goals

- Rebuild aging Marine Mammal enclosure. The enclosure was originally built in 2013 with the intent of being used for four months. This will be the fifth year and stranding season utilizing the same basic sub structure, which is now in need of repair. The newer design will accommodate a rear hallway and side access for the emergency evacuation trailer and be built with the expectation of greater capacity and longevity.
- Redesign the Marine Mammal Kitchen. The small and cramped space will be improved upon with space saving counters and storage areas, and flooring with better drainage. This will provide for a cleaner and safer way to prepare feeds for our patients.
- Rebuild aging Opossum enclosures to make them taller, easier to access, and sturdier.
- Restructure a portion of existing animal care space to be used for housing a particularly vulnerable single song bird species, the House Finch.
- Develop new outside enclosure maintenance and enrichment plans to ensure outside patients get the best available care during their stay.
- Develop a more structured Animal Care internship program this summer that will create a better learning environment through the addition of greater responsibilities and performance evaluations.
- Train 18 Animal Care interns and five Marine Mammal interns.
- Train six seasonal staff members for the busy season.
- Implement more extensive trainings for Marine Mammal staff and volunteers. This will provide more uniformity in work flow as well as protocol, with the ultimate goal of having expert level animal caretakers.
- Improve response time to the 30,000 calls to the animal hospital by training additional staff and volunteers on fielding phone calls.
- Respond and collect samples on ALL dead stranded Marine Mammals with the help of the seasonal Pathology Technician. Most Marine Mammals will have full necropsies, but all should have basic samples taken. Data will be reported to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration databases for future studies from independent



Marine Mammal volunteers assist with rescues as well as the rehabilitation of animals

groups. Also, actual samples will be provided to Southwest Fisheries Science Center for banking and additional future studies.

- Open the Marine Mammal Rehabilitation Center by January 2nd. By taking in patients earlier in the year, CWC will have a greater capacity to care for more total animals throughout the year.

Conclusion

California Wildlife Center has provided rehabilitative care to over 48,000 animals since 1998. As human development and habitat encroachment persist, this number will only continue to grow. Donor and sponsor support enables CWC to successfully meet that need. Thank you!

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