



California Wildlife Center

2018 Annual Report

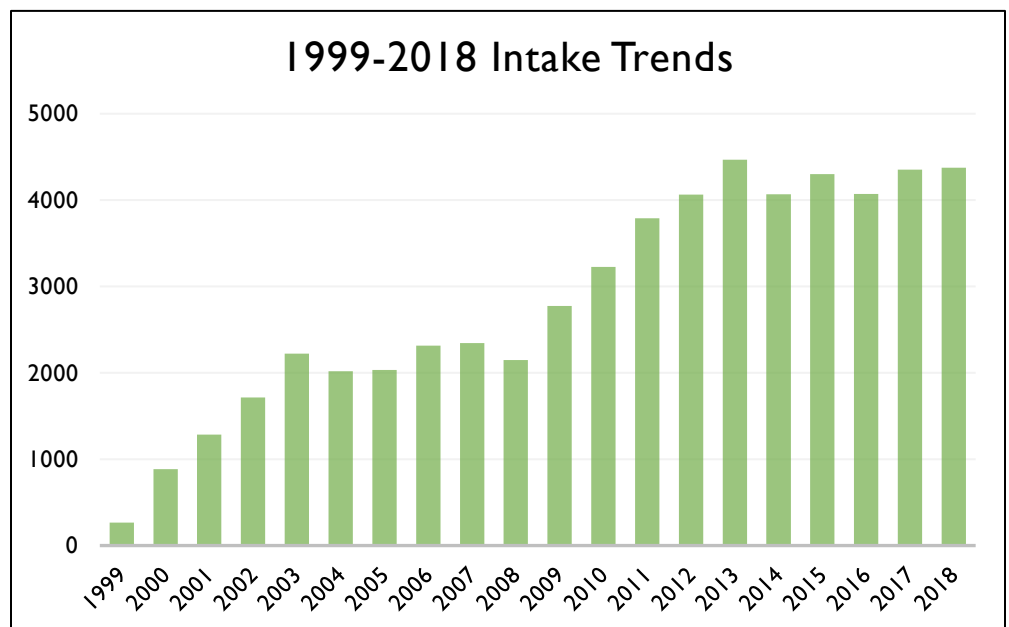
In 2018 California Wildlife Center celebrated its 20th year serving Southern California's native animals. By providing emergency care, medical intervention and rehabilitation to ill, injured, and orphaned wildlife, CWC has become a crucial resource to Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. During those years CWC has treated over 56,000 patients at its state-of-the-art veterinary and recovery site.

California Wildlife Center is the only facility in Los Angeles County authorized to care for deer fawns, coyote pups, and orphaned songbirds. CWC is also the only organization permitted to rescue Marine Mammals in the City of Malibu. CWC received over 30,000 calls about wildlife from members of the public in 2018 and continues to offer all services free-of-charge.

Patient Intakes

California Wildlife Center served 4,374 patients in 2018, with a 3% increase in birds and land mammals from the previous year. Treated animals included 3,175 birds, 1,027 land mammals, 144 marine mammals, 27 reptiles, and one butterfly. See page 5 for a complete list of rescues by species. Mourning Doves topped the tally at 439 animals treated followed by Mallard ducklings at 394. Some of the rarer intakes at CWC were a White-tailed Kite, Ross's Goose, and a threatened Snowy Plover.

CWC received wildlife from a total of 156 cities and neighborhoods in Southern California. See page 6 for a complete list of rescues by city.



White-tailed Kite



Ross's Goose



Snowy Plover

2018 Successes

Multiple facility improvements completed in 2018 increased capacity. Eagle Scouts constructed three outside hand-feeding aviaries for fledgling songbirds that have resulted in reduced rehabilitation time. Board of Supervisors Sheila Kuehl (Los Angeles County Third District)'s office funded new wall caging for the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), doubling its capacity for critical patients. These cages reduce human interaction with easily stressed animals. Staff and volunteers also remodeled the Orphan Care Unit by installing a larger sink, painting, and reorganizing in order to use the space more efficiently.

The Marine Mammal Department constructed a new, free-standing diet preparation kitchen with the help of a grant from the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation. The 77-square-foot structure is 83% larger than the former kitchen. It includes a refrigerator, a single sink, a triple sink, and food preparation tables. Spring 2018 was also the first season utilizing the rebuilt Marine Mammal Rehabilitation Facility which resulted in a 95% release rate for Northern Elephant Seals, an organizational record and well above industry average.

Veterinarian Dr. Stephany Lewis updated the medical protocols with the most recent information and research. Animal Care staff simplified and rewrote all policies to make them coherent, concise, and easier to follow in order to improve treatment. Staff expanded the use of the veterinary database in an effort to go paperless and enhance efficiency inside the clinic. For the first time, CWC onboarded admissions interns who interacted with the public. They donated 953 hours and expedited the patient intake process. All these changes yielded an increased release rate for challenging species.

California Wildlife Center also hosted its inaugural "Afternoon Under the Oaks" for Conservation Circle members where they received a behind-the-scenes tour of the Center and were able to see first-hand the work being done.



CWC broke records for Northern Elephant Seal release percentages

2018 Challenges



Woolsey Fire approaching CWC

The most notable challenge was the complete evacuation of California Wildlife Center during the Woolsey Fire in November which came within a mile of the facility and ultimately burned almost 100,000 acres. Staff was able to quickly move all animals to safety in the middle of the night.

For over a week CWC continued to treat patients at an off-site location until the evacuation orders were lifted. Upon return, CWC staff and volunteers spent two days deep cleaning every enclosure and care room before reopening.

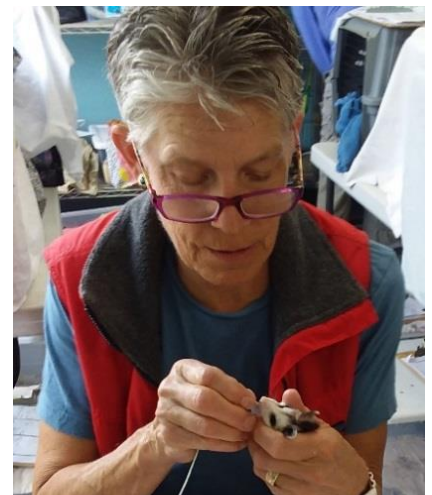
Volunteers

In 2018, 260 volunteers donated more than 28,000 hours, equaling a personnel cost savings of \$371,000. They contributed their time to the ICU, Orphan Care Unit, Marine Mammals, Administration and Outreach.

Each volunteer is required to attend a two-hour continuing education seminar in animal conservation or related topic. In 2018, outside experts taught about Avian Orthopedics, Gardening for Wildlife, Corvids, Rehabilitating Raptors, and Ocean Protection.

Education

CWC participated in 14 public outreach events in 2018 including the inaugural California Wildlife Day. CWC invited Cheremoya Avenue Elementary School's fourth grade classes to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to learn about natural history. Partnering with the National Park Service, the students



A volunteer tube-feeds one of the 196 Opossum joeys received in 2018.

participated in nature walks, owl pellet dissections, and bird house painting. They returned to school with a greater understanding and appreciation for the wildlife around them.

California Wildlife Center sees many patients who have been entangled in garbage. In an effort to educate the public on this issue as well as improve habitat around Malibu Creek State Park, CWC hosted a trash clean-up day in April. Volunteers collected over 700 pounds of garbage from a 1.5 mile stretch of Las Virgenes Road. In September, CWC was also one of the site captains at Leo Carrillo State Beach for International Coastal Cleanup Day, the largest volunteer event in the world.



One of 24 externs in 2018 examining an American Crow

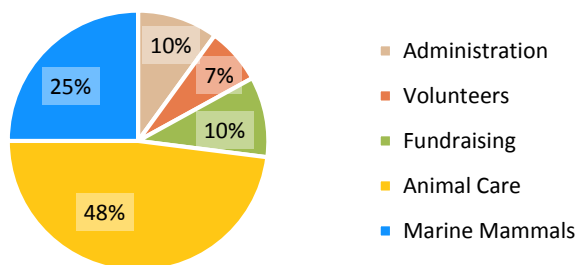


4th grade students dissect Owl pellets on California Wildlife Day

The wildlife internships, marine mammal internships and veterinary medicine externships continued to be highly sought after by applicants all over the country. CWC is also now a clinical rotation location for Western University Veterinary Students to gain experience in wildlife medicine and surgery.

Finance

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Expense

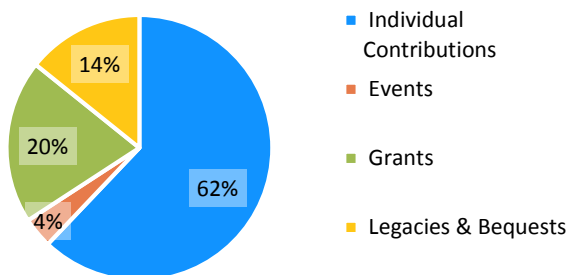


Expense

Patient care comprised 80% of 2018 expenditures: 48% in Animal Care, 25% in Marine Mammal, and 7% for Volunteers. These expenses included medication, food, veterinary equipment, facilities maintenance, construction, transport, wildlife staff, and volunteer supplies.

The remaining 20% was divided between Administration (10%) and Fundraising (10%).

California Wildlife Center
Income



Income

California Wildlife Center is a 501(C)3 nonprofit that receives no sustained government funding. CWC relies on contributions from members of the community to continue helping wildlife.

1,444 individuals and organizations contributed to 62% of the 2018 income. Grants from 30 foundations and corporations provided 20% of the revenue. Legacies and bequests made up 14% of funding with the last 4% comprised of event proceeds.

2019 Goals

- Build an auxiliary Mourning Dove enclosure
- Further increase the release rate for challenging immature songbird species
- Remodel existing large mammal enclosures to house Bobcats more comfortably
- Build a necropsy room specific for collecting samples from deceased wildlife to gain a better understanding of diseases facing native animals
- Develop and implement protocols for the rehabilitation of infant Coyotes and Bobcats
- Further develop emergency evacuation procedures
- Digitize most hospital documentation
- Improve cleaning and infectious disease policies to prevent transmission between patients.
- Offer continuing education and training for all staff members to enhance level of care.
- Acquire additional aquatic husbandry supplies to advance treatment for increasingly threatened Western Pond Turtles
- Increase the total number of volunteer hours to better assist staff

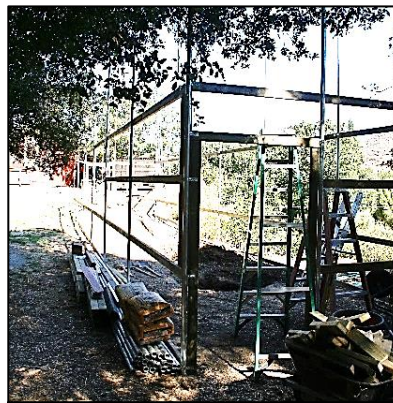


CWC cared for three bobcats in 2018

California Wildlife Center Celebrates 20 Years



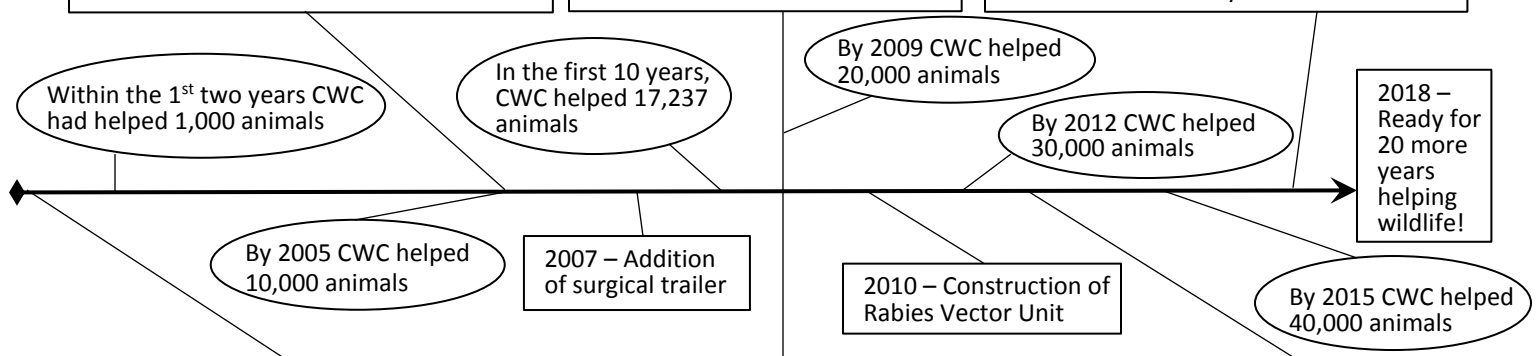
2005 – Grand opening of ICU



2009 – Construction of large aviaries



2017 – Renovation of Marine Mammal Rehabilitation Facility



1998 – CWC opens its doors



2009 – Construction of Coyote enclosure



2013 – Opening of Marine Mammal Rehabilitation Facility

Patients by Species for 2018

Acorn Woodpecker	20
Allen's Hummingbird	206
American Black Bear	1
American Bushtit	1
American Coot	22
American Crow	238
American Goldfinch	1
American Kestrel	11
American Robin	6
American Wigeon	2
Anna's Hummingbird	104
Ash-throated Flycatcher	2
Atlantic Canary	1
Band-tailed Pigeon	117
Barn owl	22
Bewick's Wren	7
Black Crowned Night Heron	3
Black Phoebe	26
Black-chinned Hummingbird	1
Black-crowned Night Heron	1
Black-headed Grosbeak	7
Blue Grosbeak	1
Bobcat	3
Bobwhite	1
Botta's Pocket Gopher	16
Bottlenosed Dolphin	1
Brandt's Cormorant	14
Brewer's Blackbird	2
Brown Pelican	21
Brown-headed Cowbird	2
Brush Rabbit	3
Bufflehead	2
Bullock's Oriole	3
Burrowing Owl	13
Bushtit	22
Butterfly, Monarch	1
California Ground Squirrel	73
California Gull	14
California Quail	12
California Scrub-Jay	23
California Sea Lion	72
California Striped Racer	3
California Towhee	41
Canada Goose	28
Canyon Wren	1
Cassin's Auklet	1
Cassin's Kingbird	3
Cedar Waxwing	5
Cliff Swallow	41
Common Loon	2
Common Murre	3
Common Poorwill	37
Common Raven	67
Cooper's Hawk	116
Costa's Hummingbird	1
Coyote	12
Dark-eyed Junco	22
Deer Mouse	8
Desert Cottontail	256
Domestic Goose	1

Double-crested Cormorant	12
Dusky-footed Woodrat	3
Eared Grebe	2
Eastern Fox Squirrel	390
Elegant Tern	1
Eurasian Collared Dove	9
European Starling	1
Fox Sparrow	1
Fulmar	1
Golden Eagle	1
Gopher Snake	2
Gray Fox	6
Gray Whale	1
Great Blue Heron	2
Great Egret	4
Great Horned Owl	36
Greater Roadrunner	3
Great-tailed Grackle	2
Green Heron	4
Guadalupe Fur Seal	3
Harbor Seal	2
Heermann's Gull	1
Hermit Thrush	13
Hooded Oriole	5
House Finch	273
House Sparrow	13
House Wren	5
Jackrabbit	1
Killdeer	2
Lazuli Bunting	1
Lesser Goldfinch	67
Lesser Nighthawk	1
Lewis's Woodpecker	1
Long-beaked Common Dolphin	2
Long-eared Owl	2
Mallard	402
Masked Booby	1
Merlin	3
Merriam's Chipmunk	1
Mourning Dove	441
Mule Deer	11
Northern Elephant Seal	59
Northern Flicker	4
Northern Fulmar	8
Northern Mockingbird	126
Northern Raccoon	26
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	3
Norway Rat	4
Nuttall's Woodpecker	5
Oak Titmouse	9
Orange-crowned Warbler	3
Osprey	1
Pacific Gopher Snake	2
Pacific Loon	1
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	13
Pelagic Cormorant	9
Peregrine Falcon	7
Phainopepla	4
Pied-billed Grebe	8
Pygmy Sperm Whale	1
Red Phalarope	1
Red-eared Slider	1



CWC treated 390 Eastern fox Squirrels in 2018 including three orphaned kits with broken legs.

Red-necked Phalarope	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	18
Red-tailed Hawk	80
Ring-necked Duck	1
Risso's Dolphin	1
Rock Pigeon	7
Ross's Goose	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1
Rufous Hummingbird	4
Sanderling	2
Say's Phoebe	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	6
Short-beaked Common Dolphin	1
Snowy Egret	4
Snowy Plover	1
Song Sparrow	9
Sooty Shearwater	1
Sora	5
Southern Alligator Lizard	3
Spotted Towhee	1
Striped Skunk	19
Surf Scoter	2
Swainson's Thrush	1
Townsend's Warbler	4
Tree Swallow	2
Turkey Vulture	2
Virginia Opossum	197
Warbling Vireo	2
Western Bluebird	12
Western Coachwhip	3
Western Fence Lizard	8
Western Grebe	32
Western Gull	67
Western Kingbird	3
Western Meadowlark	1
Western Pond Turtle	4
Western Screech Owl	14
Western Scrub-Jay	6
Western Tanager	4
Western Whiptail	1
Western Wood-pewee	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	2
White-crowned Sparrow	11
White-tailed Kite	1
White-throated Swift	19
Wigeon	1
Willet	1
Wilson's Warbler	4
Wrentit	1
Yellow Warbler	10
Yellow-rumped Warbler	15

Rescues by City for 2018

Acton	1	Goleta	2	Moorpark	46	Sierra Madre	9
Agoura	8	Gorman	1	Unknown	286	Silver Lake	13
Agoura Hills	128	Granada Hills	37	Newbury Park	61	Simi Valley	131
Alhambra	10	Hawthorne	2	Newhall	4	Solvang	1
Altadena	26	Hidden Hills	18	North Hills	17	Somis	6
Arcadia	20	Highland Park	6	North Hollywood	56	South Gate	1
Arleta	5	Hollywood	18	Northridge	67	South Pasadena	8
Bakersfield	1	Indio	1	Oak Park	22	Stevenson Ranch	1
Baldwin Park	5	Inglewood	3	Oak View	9	Studio City	71
Bel-Air	4	Kagel Canyon	1	Ojai	48	Sun Valley	24
Bell Canyon	1	Koreatown	1	Orange	1	Sunland	7
Beverly Hills	32	La Cañada Flintridge	22	Oxnard	7	Sylmar	25
Bluff Creek	1	La Crescenta	4	Pacific Palisades	38	Tarzana	40
Bradbury	1	La Mirada	1	Pacoima	14	Thousand Oaks	263
Brentwood	7	La Puente	1	Palmdale	9	Toluca Lake	5
Burbank	64	La Verne	1	Panorama City	14	Topanga	26
Calabasas	137	Laguna Woods	1	Pasadena	150	Torrance	3
Camarillo	21	Lake Balboa	17	Playa Del Rey	10	Tujunga	8
Canoga Park	30	Lake Casitas	1	Playa Vista	3	Tustin	1
Canyon Country	4	Lake Hughes	1	Port Hueneme	1	Universal City	4
Carpinteria	1	Lake Sherwood	1	Porter Ranch	8	Valencia	14
Carson	2	Lake View Terrace	1	Rancho Cucamonga	1	Valley Glen	10
Castaic	4	Lancaster	6	Rancho Palos Verde	1	Valley Village	16
Chatsworth	65	Lawndale	1	Redondo Beach	3	Van Nuys	91
City of Commerce	1	Lincoln Heights	5	Reseda	46	Venice	26
Compton	2	Littlerock	3	Riverside	1	Ventura	35
Cornell	1	Lompoc	1	Rolling Hills	1	Watts	1
Corona	1	Long Beach	3	Rowland Heights	1	West Covina	2
Culver City	17	Los Angeles	600	San Fernando	10	West Hills	61
Desert Hot Springs	1	Malibu	393	San Gabriel	2	West Hollywood	13
Duarte	1	Manhattan Beach	2	San Marino	2	West Los Angeles	7
Eagle Rock	2	Mar Vista	2	San Pasqual	1	Westchester	1
Echo Park	4	Marina Del Rey	12	San Pedro	2	Westlake Village	91
El Monte	1	Mission Hills	3	Santa Barbara	4	Westminster	1
El Segundo	3	Monrovia	16	Santa Clarita	25	Westwood	6
Encino	88	Monte Nido	4	Santa Monica	75	Whittier	1
Fillmore	1	Montebello	3	Santa Paula	1	Winnetka	28
Gardena	1	Montecito Heights	1	Santa Rosa	4	Woodland Hills	202
Glendale	69	Monterey Park	1	Saugus	2		
		Montrose	1	Sherman Oaks	99		

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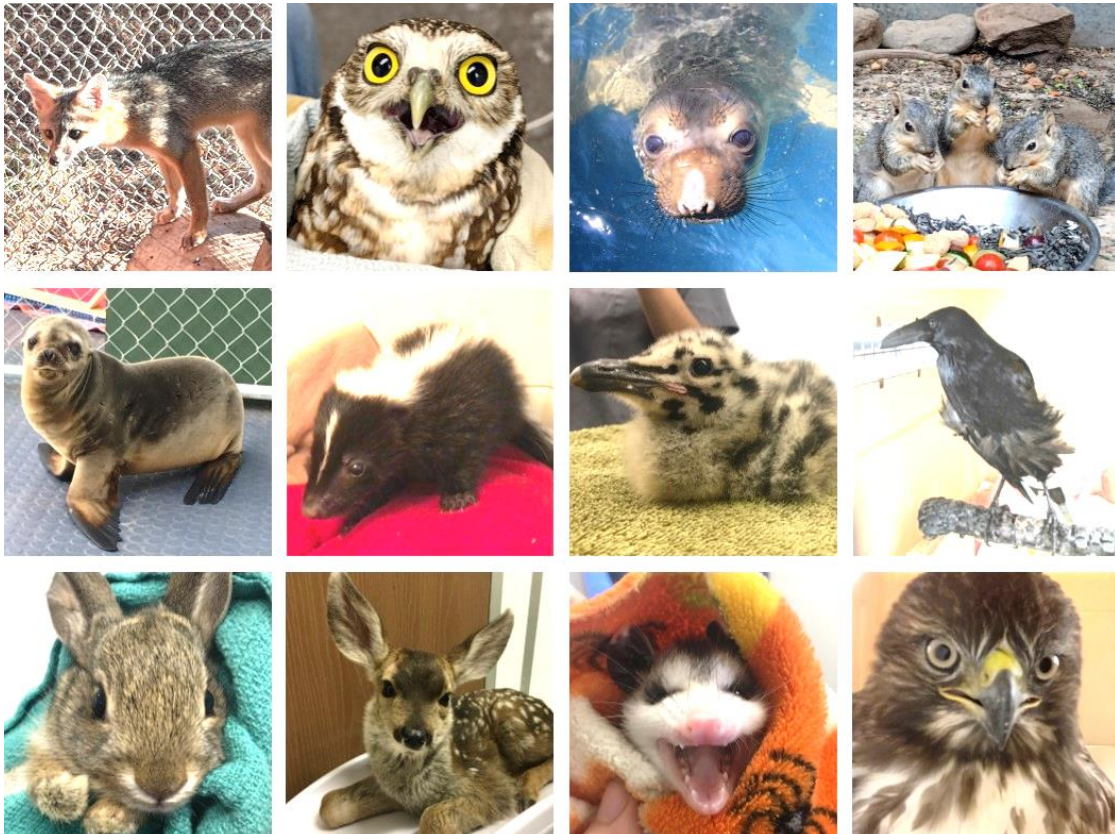


CWC treated a Golden Eagle who had been struck by a car in 2018



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