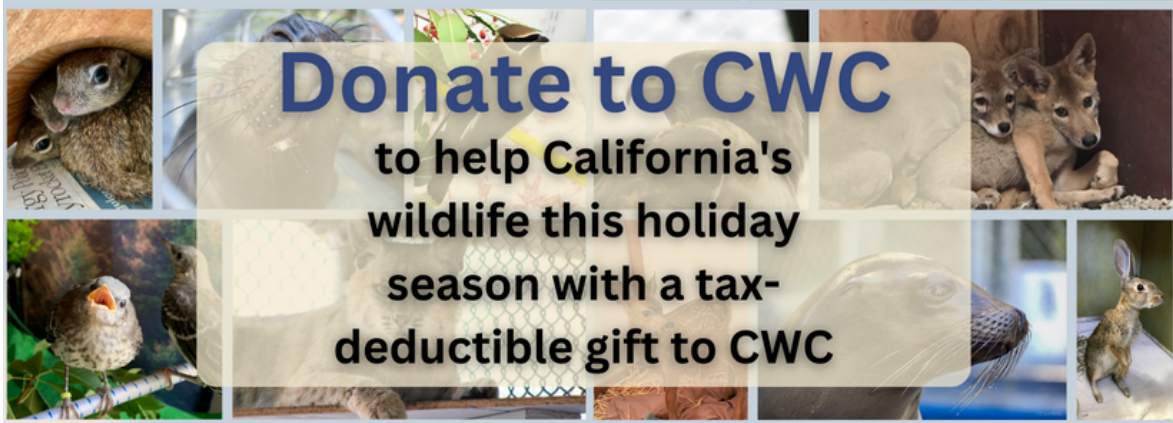




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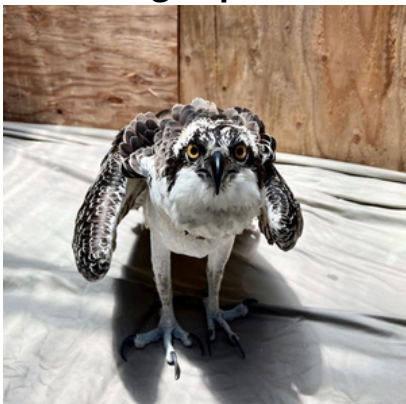
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The Four Most Popular Patients of the Week for 2022

This past year we have reached out via email more than 52 times to keep you updated on some of the patients we have helped in 2022. Your financial contributions give these animals a second chance at tomorrow. If you have been moved by the journey of any of our patients, consider making a tax-deductible donation today to help us continue our work in 2023.

The Diving Raptor



On August 5th we shared with you the story of a juvenile male Osprey who was admitted to CWC after being found on the side of the road, unable to fly. The patient had a broken right coracoid bone (near the base of the neck) and a significant amount of fresh blood in the mouth. We suspect that he sustained these injuries after being hit by a car. The Osprey slowly healed from his original trauma and was ready for release when he was spooked by a low flying drone. He unfortunately sustained a large head wound in the process and once again needed significant care.

Luckily, this Osprey was resilient and once again recovered. He was released back to his original location after being at CWC for almost three months.



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The First Elephant Seal of the 2022 Stranding Season



In the first week of May we highlighted the first Northern Elephant Seal of the season. The young male seal was found malnourished and dehydrated in Malibu at the beginning of March. He also experienced a few head wounds, including an infected whisker shaft. As deep diving foragers, elephant seal whiskers are extremely important to aid in locating prey in the dark ocean environment. The patient received antibiotics, in addition to other medications, and was on a strict nutritional regimen in order to gain weight.

After almost two months in care, the Northern Elephant Seal was released back into the wild.

Rat Traps Catch More Than Just Rats



Towards the end of August, we wrote about a juvenile male Striped Skunk who had his foot caught in a rat trap. There was significant damage to the left foot and one of the digits needed to be amputated. After the surgery the patient was persistently attempting to chew at the bandage on his front paw. To protect the injury, hospital staff created a custom head collar which prevented the skunk from causing more damage to the foot. He was prescribed pain medications and antibiotics. After a few weeks of daily care, he was ready to be transferred into an outdoor enclosure.

The skunk made a full recovery and was released back into the wild in September.



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A Great Horned Owl Flies Again



We brought you the story of a male Great Horned Owl on March 18th, who suffered from a broken left wing. The patient had also sustained additional injuries to the left side of his body, and we suspect that he had been hit by a car. A splint was applied to the left wing and the patient was administered pain medications, anti-inflammatories, and antibiotics. Over the next couple months, hospital staff and volunteers provided daily care for the owl. He was eventually transferred into a large outdoor aviary where he could build up flight muscles prior to his release.

In mid-April the Great Horned Owl was returned to the wild.

Each of these patients were rehabilitated and released back into the wild because of the hard work and dedication of our staff and volunteers. This life-saving work could not be done without the generous support of our donors. We'd like to thank every person who has contributed to CWC, giving thousands of animals each year a second chance at tomorrow.