


2024

ANNUAL REPORT

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California Wildlife Center 2024 Annual Report

A message from Jenn Guess, Executive Director

Dear Supporters, Partners, and Friends,

As we reflect on the past year at California Wildlife Center, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering dedication of our volunteers, staff, and generous supporters. Your commitment has enabled us to rescue, rehabilitate, and release thousands of injured and orphaned wild animals, ensuring they have a second chance to thrive in their natural habitats.

In 2024, we provided care to over 3,800 animals. From the smallest hummingbird to the largest elephant seal, each success story reflects our shared commitment to wildlife rehabilitation. Despite the challenges posed by the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza outbreak affecting wild birds worldwide and the multiple wildfires that threatened our facility, we remain steadfast. Our doors remain open, and we stand ready to assist wild animals in need.

Beyond direct animal care, our education and outreach programs have reached over 50,000 individuals, fostering greater awareness and appreciation for the wildlife that surrounds us. We have strengthened partnerships with local schools, community groups, and national organizations, advocating for habitat protection and responsible coexistence with native species.

None of these achievements would be possible without your support. Whether through donations, volunteering, or spreading awareness, your contributions make a tangible difference. As we look ahead, we remain committed to expanding our impact, enhancing our capabilities, and advancing conservation initiatives that protect the wild creatures we cherish.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. We invite you to stay connected and continue advocating for wildlife. Together, we can ensure a brighter future for the animals that depend on us.

With appreciation,



Jenn Guess, Executive Director

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California Sea Lion



Our Mission

California Wildlife Center (CWC) takes responsibility for the protection of native wildlife through rehabilitation, education, and conservation. It is dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of native California species, who otherwise would be left to suffer from the effects of human encroachment, habitat destruction and environmental damage.

Our core work is the rescue and rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned native wildlife, supported by state-of-the-art animal care and rehabilitation facilities, a cadre of professionally trained staff, dedicated volunteers and an engaged community.

Executive Director: Jenn Guess
Veterinarian: Guthrum Purdin, DVM
Hospital Manager: Kristen Kanatzar
Marine Program Manager: Heather Henderson
Stranding Coordinator: Alexis Sierra, RVTg
Sr. Wildlife Technician: Brittany Moser, RVT
Wildlife Technician: Alex Willis
Wildlife Technician: Lorena Becerra
Wildlife Technician: Felix Stuck
Development Coordinator: Tayler Lackey
Administrative Coordinator: Cori Carlson
Education & Outreach Manager: Cambria Wells
Volunteer Coordinator: Jasmine Regalado
Wildlife Transporter: Brett Wildergren

Red-tailed Hawk

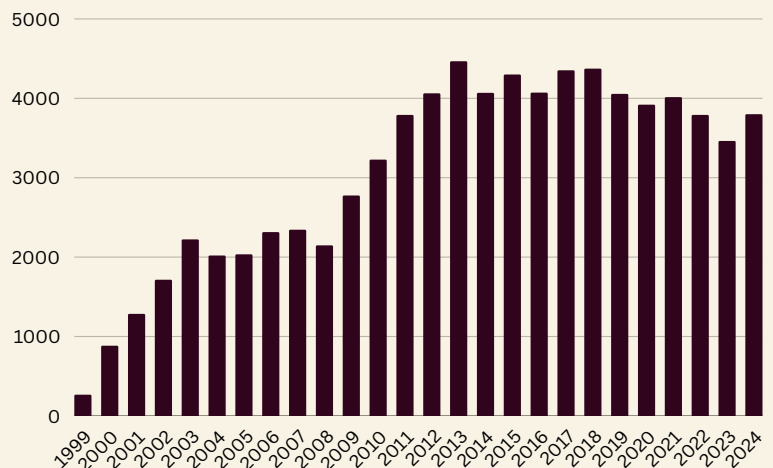


Our Team

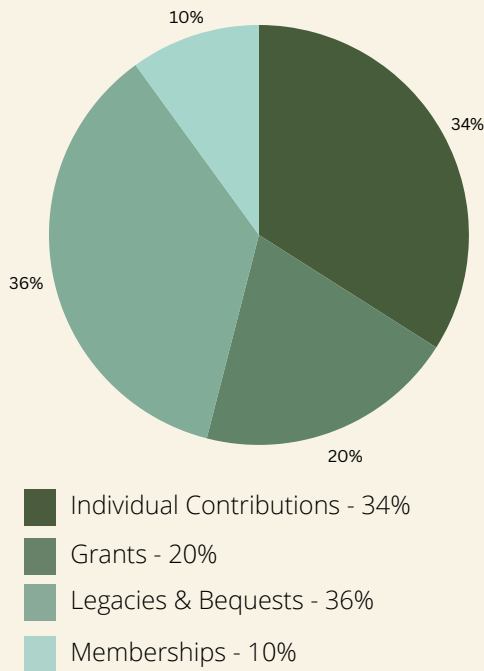
Virginia Opossum



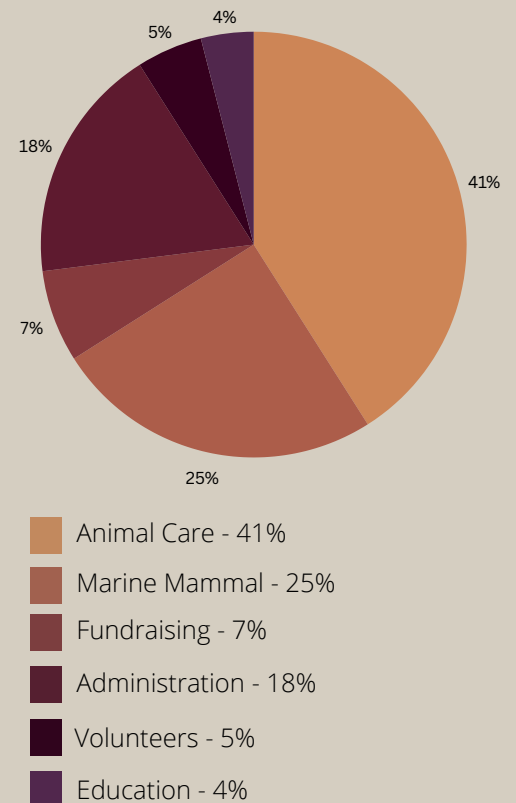
Patient Intakes



Income



Expenses



Notable Grants

California Wildlife Center is a 501(C)3 nonprofit that receives no sustained government funding, and we rely on contributions and grants from members of the community to serve our patients. Over the past year, we were fortunate to receive 20% of our income from grantors.

One notable grant was received from a family foundation for \$45,000. We also received \$14,000 from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Native California Wildlife Rehabilitation Voluntary Tax Contribution Grant Program. These monies were used to partially fund the wages for one of our Wildlife Technicians and our Veterinarian, roles that are paramount to our operations and success.

We were also thrilled to receive \$10,000 grants from both Edison and the County of Los Angeles, that worked to fund our Outreach and Education department. Equally notable was the \$10,000 granted from the City of Malibu, that went towards essential Marine Mammal program costs, like medication, food and transport.

Conservation Circle

California Wildlife Center's annual Conservation Circle Members are a select group of supporters who are dedicated to our mission and receive exclusive benefits, including sneak peeks into CWC's inner workings.

The program was launched in 2018 with 34 individuals, and has grown to over 90 people who collectively donated more than \$240,000 in 2024.

The commitment from our Conservation Circle Members is awe-inspiring, and we are extremely grateful for each member who is devoted to the sustainability of CWC's future.

Wren - \$1,000: Invitations to donor events

Rabbit - \$2,500: Same as Wren Membership, plus invitations to patient releases

Elephant Seal - \$5,000: Same as Rabbit Membership, plus a private tour of California Wildlife Center for up to four people

Hawk - \$10,000: Same as Elephant Seal Membership plus the opportunity to release a raptor

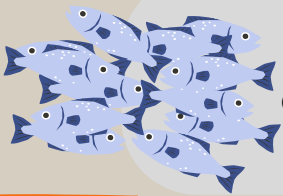
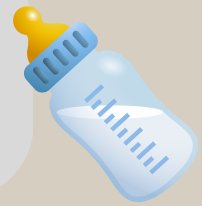
Your donations supported:



3,800 Patients
in 2024



566 pounds
of milk replacer made to feed orphaned
deer, squirrels, opossums, and skunks



20,004 Pounds
of fish purchased to feed starving
sea lions and elephant seals

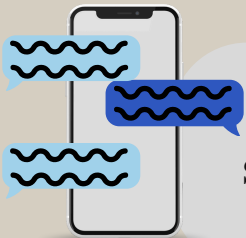


50+ Events
attended by CWC Education
and Outreach team

31,182 Hours
of volunteer
work donated



37,000+ Miles
traveled by CWC staff to rescue, transport,
and care for wildlife



150,000+ Texts
sent to help people with wildlife
questions and emergencies

150 species & 170 Cities
Served across Los Angeles
and Ventura Counties



Species Served in 2024

Acorn Woodpecker
Allen's Hummingbird
Alligator Lizard
American Bittern
American Coot
American Crow
American Goldfinch
American Kestrel
Anna's Hummingbird
Band-tailed Pigeon
Barn Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Bewick's Wren
Black Crowned Night Heron
Black Phoebe
Black-chinned Hummingbird
Black-headed Grosbeak
Bobcat
Bonaparte's Gull
Botta's Pocket Gopher
Brandt's Cormorant
Brewer's Blackbird
Broad-footed Mole
Brown Pelican
Burrowing Owl
Bushtit
California Chipmunk
California Ground Squirrel
California Gull
California Pocket Mouse
California Quail
California Scrub-Jay
California Sea Lion
California Striped Racer
California Towhee
California Treefrog
California Vole
Canada Goose
Canyon Wren
Cedar Waxwing
Clark's Grebe
Cliff Swallow
Coachwhip
Common Grackle
Common Loon
Common Murre
Common Poorwill
Common Raven
Common Yellowthroat

Cooper's Hawk
Costa's Hummingbird
Coyote
Dark-eyed Junco
Deer Mouse
Desert Cottontail
Desert Tortoise
Double-crested Cormorant
Dusky-footed Woodrat
Eared Grebe
Eastern Fox Squirrel
Eurasian Collared-dove
Fox Sparrow
Gambel's Quail
Gopher Snake
Gray Fox
Gray Whale
Great Blue Heron
Great Horned Owl
Green Heron
Guadalupe Fur Seal
Harbor Seal
Heermann's Gull
Hermit Thrush
Hooded Oriole
House Finch
House Mouse
House Sparrow
House Wren
Hutton's Vireo
Indigo Bunting
Lawrence's Goldfinch
Least Storm Petrel
Lesser Goldfinch
Lesser Nighthawk
Long-beaked Common Dolphin
Mallard
Marsh Wren
Merlin
Mountain Quail
Mourning Dove
Mule Deer
Nashville Warbler
Northern Elephant Seal
Northern Fulmar
Northern Fur Seal
Northern Mockingbird
Norway Rat
Nuttall's Woodpecker

Oak Titmouse
Orange-crowned Warbler
Osprey
Pacific Blue-tail Skink
Pacific Harbor Seal
Pacific Loon
Pacific Tree Frog
Pelagic Cormorant
Peregrine Falcon
Pied-billed Grebe
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Ring-billed Gull
Rock Pigeon
Ruddy Duck
Say's Phoebe
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Short-beaked Common Dolphin
Snowy Egret
Song Sparrow
Sora
Spotted Towhee
Striped Skunk
Surf Scoter
Swainson's Thrush
Townsend's Warbler
Turkey Vulture
Virginia Opossum
Warbling Vireo
Western Bluebird
Western Fence Lizard
Western Grebe
Western Grey Squirrel
Western Gull
Western Kingbird
Western Meadowlark
Western Pond Turtle
Western Screech Owl
Western Tanager
Western Toad
White-breasted Nuthatch
White-crowned Sparrow
White-throated Swift
Wrentit
Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler

Areas Rescued From in 2024

Acton	Glendora	Pacoima	Tujunga
Agoura Hills	Granada Hills	Palm Desert	Tustin
Agua Dulce	Hacienda Heights	Palmdale	Universal City
Altadena	Hawthorne	Palos Verdes	Upland
Anaheim	Hidden Hills	Panorama City	Valencia
Arcadia	Highland Park	Paramount	Valley Glen
Arleta	Hollydale	Pasadena	Valley Village
Arroyo Grande	Hollywood	Paso Robles	Valley Vista
Atascadero	Huntington Beach	Playa Del Rey	Van Nuys
Atwater Village	Huntington Park	Playa Vista	Venice
Azusa	Inglewood	Pomona	Ventura
Bakersfield	Irwindale	Port Hueneme	West Covina
Bel Air	La Canada	Porter Ranch	West Hills
Bell Canyon	La Crescenta	Rancho Cucamonga	West Hollywood
Beverly Glen	La Habra	Redondo Beach	West Los Angeles
Beverly Hills	La Mirada	Reseda	Westminster
Boyle Heights	Lake Balboa	Rosamond	West Valley
Brentwood	Lake Forest	Rosemead	Westchester
Buena Park	Lake Hughes	San Fernando	Westlake
Burbank	Lakeview Terrace	San Gabriel	Westlake Village
Calabasas	Lakewood	San Jose	Westwood
California City	Lancaster	San Luis Obispo	Whittier
Camarillo	Larchmont Village	San Marino	Winnetka
Canoga Park	Laurel Canyon	San Pedro	Woodland Hills
Canyon Country	Lincoln Heights	Santa Barbara	
Carson	Long Beach	Santa Clarita	
Castaic	Los Angeles	Santa Monica	
Century City	Los Feliz	Santa Paula	
Chatsworth	Malibu	Santa Rosa Valley	
City of Commerce	Manhattan Beach	Shadow Hills	
Colorado Springs	Marina Del Rey	Sherman Oaks	
Cornell	Mission Hills	Silver Lake	
Covina	Monrovia	Simi Valley	
Crenshaw	Monte Nido	Somis	
Crestline	Montebello	South Gate	
Culver City	Montrose	South Pasadena	
Cypress	Moorpark	Stevenson Ranch	
Downey	Newbury Park	Studio City	
Eagle Rock	Newhall	Sun Valley	
East Hollywood	North Hills	Sunland	
East Valley	North Hollywood	Sylmar	
Echo Park	Northridge	Tarzana	
El Monte	Norwalk	Tehachapi	
El Segundo	Oak Park	Temple City	
El Sereno	Oak View	Templeton	
Encino	Oceano	Thousand Oaks	
Gardena	Orange County	Toluca Lake	
Glassell park	Oxnard	Topanga	
Glendale	Pacific Palisades	Torrance	

2024 Volunteers and Interns

Volunteers

Shannon Ainsworth
Kat Albert-Aranovich
Jonathan Alvarado
Francis Andino
Sofia Arreguin
Levon Arvanitopoulos
Lola Augspurger
Jeanie Baltierra
Kelly Basham
JoAnne Basinger
Lorena Becerra
Kevin Berg
Garrett Bimstefer
Susan Bischoff
Anemoia Bjel
Jacob Black
Tareeni Bogra
Eileen Boudreaux
Deanna Braun
Hayley Bulger
Joanne Burns
Emma Butcher
Day Calderon
Rachel Canon
Guadalupe Cardenas
Christina Catania
Tamia Cephus
Donna Chadwick
Tricia Chantha
Trinity Chavez
Sarah Childers
Monique Cleveland
Maria Contreras
Andrea Cook
Nahgi Cooper
Anthony Corea
Shelly Cox
Marita Dancy
Leyna Dang
Teri Davis
Michelle Dawson
Portlund Delaney
Jean Dickerson

Mark Dubow
Jaye Dunsky
Rory Dwyer
Madeline Edgar
Vivian Ehresman
Joy Elazary
Nicolle Esparo
Jose Fernandez
Joana Folgar
Blaine Follrath
Maria Fors
Susan Fujiwara
Kiara Garcia
Debbie Ghosh
Angelina Giacomazzi
Amy Gordoni
Alysa Gould
Kara Goyal
Payton Grayson
Matt Grooms
Kelsey Hank
Michael Hari
Bee Harris
Riley Haythorn
Perlina Herrera
Aline Hesse
Jenna Hoffman
Yeram Hong
Amelia Hunsucker
Natsuki Ikegami
Natasha Jones
Woody Jones
Shawn Kay
Zuri Kayton
Clarissa Keller
Tracy King
Kelly Klenske
Micayla Kotzbach
Suny Kun
Fei-cheang Law
Victoria Lawton
Laura Lemmo
Sarah Leonard
Caroline Lewis
Andy Liang
Lisa Liberatore

Erin Littlefield
Debby Loggia
Julissa Lopez
Priscilla Lopez
Asia Mailangkay
Beth Maldonado
Ashlee Malyar
Griselda Martinez Nava
Carol Massie
Jared Mayhue
Mary Mcewen
Jesse Meyer
Patrick Migliazzo
Mika Millan
Douglas Miller
Garrett Miller
Alexah Möller
Joanna Mone
Idaly Montenegro
Susie Neely
Vittoria Nelli
Stacie Neroni
Ella Nizam
Denny Olmack
Patty Olmack
Lara Olson
Kirsten Ortega
Angela Ovalles
Gabi Paredes
Susan Parkes
Terri Parsa
Sean Patel
Jennifer Paul
Stephanie Pinnock
Rachael Queer
Kai Ransome
Hannah Ro
Bryan Robinson
Liz Roehl
Cindy Roth
Sara Rozmaryn
Susan Rucci
Alexandria Russell
Larry Russell
Zac Sacher
Johanna Salo

Gaston Sanford
Megan Sarraill
Alex Savas
Jason Schneider
Lisa Schwartz
William Smart
Ellen Snyder
Janet Solie
Noah Sorensen Ogata
Sam Spahn
Jody Springborn
Casey Stamp
Ava Stark
Shannen Starkey
Alyssa Stonoha
Maya Sullivan
Bonnie Swaim-Tribble
Jasmine Tarakhchyan
Fiona Tegan
Catherine Thomas
Daniel Torres
Kelly Turner
Allison Tyler
Valerie Valadez
Debbie Valdez
Arlene Vargas
Carla Vasquez
Julissa Vasquez
Marina Vasylichenko
Tamar Viz
Iain Wade
Ben Wakrat
Aya Watson
Rick Waugaman
Skylar Westbrook
Christian Wheeler
Janet White
Ellen Wilson
Tara Wilson
Kristen Woods
Bill Wu
Elana Yaffe
Allison Yan
Irina Zabula
Alisa Zainer

Jake Zelek
Wendy Zhao
Lissa Zingerman

Interns

Katelyn Beskind
Charlize Bisogni
Jules Busacca
Hayley Caldeira
Audrey Choate
Sara Dibaei
Selena Diep
Keeley Harris
Leonie Koehler
Savannah Licciardello
Taylor Maye
Jaida Menteer
Madeline Miller
Ala Najduch
Taylor Ott
Molly Podolsky
Dani Potter
Angie Quezada
Lexi Schroeder
Sergio Sol
Oliver Spector
Daniel Stockel
Destiny Turner
Janna Ye

We couldn't do
our lifesaving
work without
your dedication-
Thank you!