



California Wildlife Center

Patient of the Week

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Patient of the Week - Back to the Wild!



Bobcat Patient

Very rarely does wildlife rehabilitation happen in a vacuum, and most cases are made possible through the combined efforts of multiple organizations. Such was the case for the juvenile female Bobcat admitted to our care in January. We originally introduced her case in February. After completing her rehabilitation, in collaboration with partner organizations, she made her way back to the wild last week!

The Bobcat was found injured on a very busy road and brought to us by East Valley Animal Shelter. She was observed with blood in her urine and had a hind leg dislocation, suggesting she had likely been hit by a car. During her first week in our care, our team monitored her closely, managed her pain, stabilized her injured leg, and introduced a variety of diets to encourage her appetite. Due to the severity of her injuries, she required specialized orthopedic surgery best performed by veterinarians with extensive experience working with felines. She was transferred to Pasadena Humane, where her leg was successfully operated on. After a few days, she returned to CWC to recover from surgery. Within a week, the Bobcat showed great improvement and maintained a feisty and bright attitude typical of the species.

Our hospital manager coordinated a transfer to Project Wildlife in San Diego, where she could be housed with another Bobcat. This environment would allow her to develop species-appropriate behaviors, practice natural interactions, and complete her rehabilitation.

After nearly three months in care, the Bobcat was ready for release. Our Facilities Coordinator left at 5:45am for San Diego, where he picked up the patient and transported her back to CWC. Later that evening, our Hospital Manager released the vibrant Bobcat back into the wild. This success was made possible by hundreds of hours of dedicated care and collaboration across multiple organizations.