Grebes Galore!

The fall of 2014 was a story of Grebes, Grebes and more Grebes. These were immature and starving Western, Clark’s and Eared Grebes. They began arriving on the Central California Coast early in October.

In the past, our outdoor pelagic Hind Pool (which allows these pelagic birds to dive, and has netting to prevent escape) had been sufficient. But this last fall, the large numbers of Grebes required us to use the seabird flightpen pools (normally used for Pelicans, gulls and cormorants). Luckily, no problem: except more Grebes kept on arriving! *One hundred and twenty-six* Grebes were admitted to our Clinic between October 1 and December 31.

Our Director of Animal Care, Dr. Shannon Riggs, postulated that the starving juvenile Grebes arrived earlier due to decreased availability of food in their breeding/nesting grounds related to the drought. Warmer-than-usual ocean temperatures drove their food sources deeper, and several Pacific storms created large surf further exhausting birds that were already depleted.

Volunteers released the survivors as soon as they became ready. Since many of the public had learned of the Grebe’s plight in the news, the public was invited to attend a release of Grebes near Morro Rock on December 6, 2014.

*Western and other Grebes are noted for their amazing courtship behavior during which the pair rise from the water and appear to dance on top of it in unison. Theirs is a beautiful, graceful but rapidly-executed duet.*
FROM THE PRESIDENT’S PERCH

Thanks to you it was an amazing year for Pacific Wildlife Care! The year was filled with great opportunities mixed with challenges.

We had two sets of matching funds of $40,000! One matching fund was directed towards expanding our donor base, and encouraging existing members to contribute at a higher level and it was fully matched! The other, Fund-Our-Vet matching fund campaign (begun in late 2013) was also fully matched in 2014 thanks to the extraordinary generosity of all our supporters.

We received a $25,000 grant from the Edwin and Jeanne Woods Family Foundation, a long-term, highly-valued supporter of PWC.

We upgraded two of our raptor flight cages to wood lath (to prevent injury and entanglement in netting), we returned to sand filters to clear our seabird pools, (bio techniques had not been effective). We began a minnow program to provide live hunting practice for herons and egrets to confirm adequate hunting skills prior to release. We completed our 20 ft. songbird aviary (#1) and contracted with two summer interns who helped with the largest influx of animal cases (ever!) at our clinic.

However, 2014 also brought us challenges on the animal care front with the shortage of personnel to handle the large influx of animals while we lost half of our six Rehabilitation Technicians, and experienced a drop off of volunteers during our busy summer baby season and beyond. Then we began receiving Grebes.

We look forward to the hiring of a Center Director/Volunteer Coordinator in the fall of 2015, and had pre-planned for six interns for summer and fall. As early as January this year, we realized that our intake numbers were indicating 2015 would likely exceed the "record" 2014 caseload numbers - the fourth year in a row we've seen increases of injured and orphaned animals! (See last page) - Meg Crockett, President

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VOLUNTEERS – The Back Bone of PWC

Total Reported Volunteer Hours 38,657
Volunteer Hours by Category:
  Center: 14,421
  Home Rehabbers: 7,073
  Hotline: 3,926
  Rescue/Transport: 2,382
  Front Office: 1,828
  Baby Bird Room: 1,551
  Committees: 1,079
  Board of Directors: 312
  Other: 363
  Education: 120

Total Reported Transporter Mileage 50,560

2,000+ Hours
  Dave Klinzman
  Kathleen Dillon

1,000 – 1999
  Marcelle Bakula
  Jennifer Campbell
  Clara Gontero
  Shelly Larsen
  Dani Nicholson

900 – 999
  Dorothy Correa

700 – 899
  Susan Garman

600-699
  Melinda Alvarado
  Kathy Duncan
  Terry Ann Willingham

500 – 599
  Meg Crockett
  Mark Garman
  Lillian Thayer

400 – 499
  Ivy Alvarado
  Kelly Cherry
  Susan Dumeyer
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300 – 399
  Erin Aiello
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“Fulfilling our mission to support San Luis Obispo wildlife through rehabilitation and educational outreach.”

Wildlife Case Statistics
Total for 2014: 2,448
2,028 Birds, 351 Mammals & 62 Reptiles
Top 10 species: Western Gull, Western Grebe, Brandt’s Cormorant, Virginia Opossum, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Eared Grebe, House Finch, American Crow, Rock Pigeon, Red-tailed Hawk

Number of cases received from San Luis Obispo County Cities & Towns

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Public Outreach
Educational Presentations: 118 (reaching over 4,600 people)
Total hotline calls: 7,365

Year End Financial Report

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** Funds to carry over into 2015
*** Six month Reserve Fund