PWC's mission is to rehabilitate and return to their natural habitat, orphaned or injured wildlife, and to educate our community to value and respect wildlife and the environment we share with them.

Meet Our Wildlife Ambassadors

Kathy Duncan, Educational Outreach Chair, oversees the licensing, placement, compliance and scheduling of PWC's wonderful wildlife ambassadors. She works closely with five other volunteers who care for and house the current non-releasable animals in PWC's care.

Educational talks have been presented at schools, service organizations, fundraisers, environmental fairs, birthday parties as well as larger events such as the Annual Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival.

PWC is committed to caring for these wildlife representatives for their entire lives. There are costs associated with this commitment. Morro, for example can eat two quail per day (each costing $1.75)—for one year that's almost $1,300 in quail and, he could live for 20 years!

In 2010 Kathy and her Education Committee attended over 75 events (that's more than one and a half per week!) and over 4,200 people* were able to see up close, and learn something about the beautiful wildlife species shown here.

* not counting the Harbor Festival or Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival

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- Buddy (Red-tailed Hawk) 9 appearances
- Jack (Merlin Falcon) 14 appearances
- Joey (Merlin Falcon) New this year!
- Maxwell (Great-horned Owl) 29 appearances
- Mr. Handsome (Turkey Vulture) New in 2010 7 appearances
- Olivia (Virginia Opossum) 22 appearances
- Xena (American Kestral) 20 appearances
- Morro (Peregrine Falcon) New in 2010 8 appearances
- Joey (Merlin Falcon) New this year!
The last 12 months have been very eventful for the organization on many different fronts. I will highlight just a couple things that have occurred.

Our single largest project was the completion of our new mammal caging enclosure (see page 3). This has added over 800 square feet of external caging to our facilities, a critically needed resource. The design and construction—spearheaded by Dave Barrows—provides an excellent, flexible caging system well-suited to our needs. The Board approved the completion of this vital project without 100% of the funding required. We are seeking funding to finish this project (approximately $6,000).

Our most significant impact has, over the last 4 months, however, been our case load at the Center. We started the year a little below average in terms of average monthly case intakes but starting in May we have experienced a huge increase in our case load (see the attached chart.)

We experienced increases of 30% in our average intakes for May, June, and July caseloads and a 60% increase in August. Year-to-date we are running ahead of all other years in this important statistic by 25% with a total of 1320 cases admitted through this year.

Our Center volunteers, phone volunteers and transporter teams have seen huge increases in work loads. It has also had significant impact on our financial standing. The food and medications required to support these cases (currently over 1,400) have exceeded available funds. Our operating budget for this year is already maxed out.

Between the planned expenditures for the caging project and the unplanned expenditures from our increased load, we are asking for your financial support. It is important that all who support Pacific Wildlife Care and its educational and life saving missions to chip in with end of year gift memberships and donations where possible. A monthly subscription payment is especially useful as it provides us with much needed monthly cash flow. Also, please consider giving your time in volunteer service as well.

We thank you in advance for your support and wish all a joyous Holiday Season!

From the “President’s Perch” by Dave Klinzman

Creative Ways Our Members Support PWC!

- We are so impressed with the unique ways our supporters find to generate donations for our organization!
- **Rosemary & David Slater** decided on their own that they would go to a variety of Farmer’s Markets with a table, display board, donation can, sign-up sheet for interested volunteers and membership information - their efforts have brought in over $2,000 and several new volunteers for PWC!
- **McKaila Lewis** was turning 10 and asked all of her birthday attendees to bring checks made out to PWC instead of bringing her a gift…she raised over $850! (Her parents, Kris & Marc must be so proud!)
- **Douglas Dole and Scout Troop 226** decided to take our supply wish list and as an Eagle Scout Project generated donations from the public at stores in the North County (see photo above) Full story at Atascadero News: http://www.atascaderonews.com/v2_news_articles.php?heading=0&story_id=4215&page=77

- **Cleve Nash and Richard Grise** buy PWC Memberships for friends and family for birthdays and holidays.

And, we’ve received donations from groups of friends or classmates from their yard sales and bake sales.

So, If anyone asks you, “What can I do, or what can my child do to help PWC?” besides telling them to join or donate, share some of these unique and creative fundraising ideas!
At the Third Annual Windows into Wildlife fundraiser in the spring, attendees pledged funds (toward housing for mammals) that totaled over $6,000. With the $7,000 from the event’s silent auction and two other $1,000 grants, PWC’s new mammal caging was built and completed. All work was done by Dave Barrows with help from Bill Nicholson and Nick Settevendemie. The ribbon-cutting ceremony occurred on August 8 and not a moment too soon: as rehab rabbits, opossums and raccoons immediately moved in!

I just happened to stop by the Center Friday, June 15th as a call came in from Ninah Hartley (an environmental professional who works for Dynegy Energy). Hartley was concerned about what she thought might be two juvenile Peregrine Falcons that had somehow made their way into the large duct that connects the tall stack at their Morro Bay plant to the main building.

I went over to the Plant and she showed me where the birds were trapped. After much discussion, we agreed that a rescue was needed because after many hours, these birds had not been able to find their way out. I went back to our Center to get nets, gloves and towels and to find someone to help with capture.

Bill Nicholson was dropping off some lunch for Dani, so when I spotted him, I realized he was just the guy for the task. The birds were in a duct that is 20 feet high, 30 feet wide and approximately 50 feet long so Bill’s height plus his capture experience made him the perfect rescuer.

Bill and I were given a 30-minute safety briefing before we were allowed to enter this confined space. We wore hard hats and safety glasses and we had to climb down into this space using a rung-style ladder. It felt like I was boarding a submarine! The only light was from the trap door we entered and a few very small windows.

The rescue was fast and easy with Bill doing all of the work! He used the large pelican net to capture each bird, then once down, he easily got control of the wings and feet. These were juveniles and not that difficult to control. Bill released each bird through the small window. (Bill was the only one tall enough to reach this window).

Just another day in the life of a rehabber!

Unusual Place to Perform a Rescue  by Jeanette Stone

New Mammal Caging

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There are nine doors and eight cages with a long access walkway.

The pad is laid with frame and roof

These are not the mammals intended for the new cages! PWC staff and volunteers attended the ribbon-cutting celebration.

Photos by Dave Klinzman
Your end-of-year “extra” gift ensures that our Center, staff and volunteers can save even more wildlife cases!

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Benefactor $2500
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Special Thank Yous

Larry Kahn - Maintenance projects
Bob Buhl, World of Floors (Arroyo Grande) - Donation of vinyl for the skunk cage
McKaila, Kris & Marc Lewis - Birthday gift donations to PWC
Dave Barrows, Bill Nicholson & Nick Settevendemie - Our beautiful, well-built mammal cage complex (see photos inside)
Douglas Dole - Eagle Scout Project for PWC supplies donations (see photo inside)

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(as of 9.15.11)
Calendar Dates

September 14 & 24  Center Volunteer special trainings held
September 24  “Oilapalooza” - OWCN Annual Conference in San Pedro
October 8–9  Staff and volunteers attended OWCN Annual Conference in San Pedro
October 15  Volunteer Opportunities Orientation held
October 15  Transporter Training held
October 16  Phone Volunteer Training held
November 11 & 12  Annual Calif. Council of Wildlife Rehabilitators’ Conference
November 15  Annual General Membership Meeting (If you didn’t receive your invitation, please see our website for the program and venue: www.pacificwildlifecare.org)
December 7 (6–7:30 PM)  Volunteer Opportunities Orientation, 6-7:30 PM
December 10 (10–11:00 AM)  Transporter Training
December 11 (10 AM–12:00 PM)  Phone Volunteer Training
January 13–16  Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival
February 4 (10–11:30 AM)  Volunteer Opportunities Orientation, 10-11:30 AM


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