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22 – The Quarterdeck Fundraiser

October
13 – Wiggle Waggle Walk fundraiser
25 – PWC “guest speaker” with Education Animals at SLO Chamber Commerce breakfast
27-28 – Staff & Volunteers attended “Oillapalooza” Conference for Oiled Wildlife Care Network

November
3 – Sponsor, Patron, Benefactor Center Tour Reception, Animal presentation
7 – Volunteer Opportunities Orientation with Center, Transport & Phone volunteer trainings to follow.
13 – Annual General Meeting – Elections held
16-18 – CA Council of Wildlife Rehabilitator’s Conference

December
1 – Contributor Tour Reception
End-of-year giving campaign

January
12, 10-11:30 AM – Volunteer Opportunities Orientation with Center, Transport & Phone volunteer trainings to follow (date/time to be announced)
18-21 – Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival (PWC Booth & Saturday “Meet the Raptors” Show)

February
6, 5:30-7 PM – Volunteer Opportunities Orientation with Center, Transport & Phone volunteer trainings to follow (date/time to be announced)

Trainings for current Center volunteers to be held January through April : including animal handling, fluid & nutrition, medications, rehabbing baby birds / baby mammals.

The President’s Perch by Dave Klinzman

In preparing to write this issue of the President’s Perch, I reviewed what I shared approximately 1 year ago. At that time we were experiencing record numbers of cases up to that point of 2011. That year was, indeed, a record-breaking year during which we had over 30% more cases admitted to our Rehabilitation Center than any other year in our entire history. However, so far in 2012, we are exceeding that record-setting pace by over 30% again! As evidenced by this graph, you can see that we are on track for another record year.

We are able to handle this huge increase for the second year in a row through the huge efforts of the Rehabilitation Center’s Senior Rehabilitation Staff and the dedicated volunteers who work there as well as the people who serve as home rehabilitators.

Many lessons were learned during 2011 which led to improvements in intake processing, increased numbers of home rehabilitation volunteers, and improved triage procedures that allow quicker assessment and treatment. We also made a concerted effort at restocking uninsured fledglings.

I am continually amazed at the generosity, dedication and commitment of all our volunteers: The Center volunteers, the Phone volunteers, Transporters and administrative volunteers as well. It is truly a privilege to be associated with an organization – or perhaps better said, a “family” - that has done so much for our wildlife community. On behalf of the Board of Directors I can only express our heartfelt thanks to everyone.

And now for the bad news: We are currently confronting a situation where 2012 has maxed us out in many different areas. For example, the Center is at its maximum capacity for caging. Without the off-site facilities provided by the home rehabilitation volunteers, we would, literally be stepping on (or over) cages. Additionally, the volunteer staff has had to be increased both in numbers as well as hours spent. Many volunteers return on their own to spend additional time to assist with cleaning, laundry and feeding of our patients.

Finally there is the cost involved. Our expenses for food, medication and veterinarian support has skyrocketed. We have already spent our annual budget for each of these categories. We could not imagine that we would experience back-to-back years where our average increased case load would exceed 30%.

The increased expenditures means that we are asking for your financial support once again. It is important that all members and donors assist in whatever capacity is available to them with end of year gift memberships and donations. 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 can ALWAYS use the extra help!

Please visit our web site and click on the “Support Us” tab to learn more: www.pacificwildlifecare.org You can also follow us on Facebook. Don’t forget to “Like” us so that the news of our successes can be shared. www.facebook.com/pacificwildlifecare

On behalf of the Board of Directors thank you in advance for your support and we wish you all a great and joyous Holiday Season.

Pacific Wildlife Care Receives Three Grant Awards

− $500 general support grant from the On Shore Foundation, Malibu, CA.
− $8,745 award from the Harold J. Miossi Trust in SLO specifically to support development of a new education program which will be introduced in 2013.
− $1,000 award in response to our application for a Community Project grant from the SLO County Board of Supervisors to help offset disposal costs.

We are grateful to these and other organizations and businesses which donate so generously to us, just as we also appreciate the support of our members.
The Cormorant that Stole our Hearts by Alex Mikalychev

Many Center Volunteers have come to know the fun-loving Cormorant who would follow us around Flight 1, staring curiously at us. Often leaving us wondering, “Why is he following me?” He was known for his friendliness towards us, and everyone adored him. Although this behavior was enjoyable, it put him at risk of not being able to survive in the wild. We were afraid that he had imprinted on humans and would not be able to make it on his own. So what happened? What’s the story?

This Double-crested Cormorant was brought in to the PWC Rehab Center as a juvenile on July 1, with a stick through his wing. Even though he was also crawling with lice, he was lucky because the stick did not pierce anything that would impede a full recovery. After removing the stick, he was given antibiotics and pain medication. He was moved to Flight 1 where he could dive in the pools and “fish” for food with other, wilder birds. But despite all of the wild role models, this Cormorant was still too tame. He would follow us around while we cleaned the pools, sometimes even standing on our feet! There were moments I was quite wondering if someone might be watching me, curious about what I was doing, squinting at a bird! On Saturday the 18th of August, it was decided he was ready for release (a moment everyone had secretly been dreading). Here is how his release went, according to Andrea Muenter:

“I was heartened to see that there was another Cormorant out in the bay as Stan and I arrived. But then I became disheartened when our Cormorant just perched himself on a log and did not attempt to go into the water. Stan and I discussed the possibility that he might be too imprinted and not know how to survive and dive for food. I said, ‘He’ll go in when he’s ready, and we just have to hope for the best.’ We started to drive off, and as I did, my husband saw ‘our’ Cormorant take to the air, flying. I quickly pulled into the next turnout and grabbed my binoculars to see a wonderful thing. He met up with the other Cormorant and started to imitate the diving behavior of the wild one. We have success: the two Cormorants were fishing together!”

I recently asked one of our members what it was she wanted to read most in our newsletters. She said, “I love hearing the success stories.” So from all of us at the PWC Rehab Center, to you, Our Friendly (now “free”) Cormorant, is an Aboriginal saying I find most fitting: “We love and support you on your journey.”

Special Thank Yous

Gary Benedetti for the fabulous cage cleaning area - complete with clean laundry splash guard and secure footing!

Sage Eco Nursery for donating 10% of a weekend plant & gift sales to PWC.

The Quarterdeck (Cyndy Jones) for generously donating 15% of 9/22 sales (over $1000 raised!).

Jenni & Michael Clayton for donation of a washing machine.

Family of Robert Owen – Donations made to PWC in Robert’s memory.

Kelly Cherry for keeping the Center and Phone Volunteer calendars up-to-date and great communication for the volunteer slots that need filling.

Kelly Vandenheuvel for 25 years of volunteering and for many years of serving on the Board of Directors (Lucky for PWC, she will remain as Public Relations Committee Chair).

Bonnie Lewis for two years of service to PWC as Treasurer/Board Director.

Marlys McPherson for two years of service to PWC as an at-large Board Director.

Welcome New Members (May-August)

Nancy Aaron Beatriz Fosse
Michelle Allsin William Fritch
David Anderton Ellen & William Frost
Taryne & Jim Aprato Sandi & Robert Galarneau
Bruce & Sally Baldwin Patricia Garrett
Jennifer Barker Sunny Gendron
Cindy Bellinger Angela Hanglow
Raymond Bracken Lynette Harrison
Lou Brill Stephanie Hayashi
Dayna Brooks Naomi Hoffman
Barbara Brooks Cynthia Hopkins
Jamie Budd Yuji Ieyoshi
Paula & Scott Burgess Ellen Jagger
Suzette Caddy Lee Johnson
Colleen Canaan Katherine Johnson
Monica Cantu Susan Jonas
Katie Cobler Lori Kramer
Gloria Cook Kristine Ann Lahr
Shannon Daly Marjie Legerton
Jules & SammyAnne Davis Caitlin Littlefield
Carol Dietz-Walker Christine Lowe
Kerry DiMaggio Katie McAlister
Paula Eads EB McKibben
Christina Ewing Donna McSpadden

Alexandra Milaychev
Laura Miller
Shelby Mitchell
J.A. Morton
Duval Moss
Allegra Newland
Nancy Nicholson
Kathryn Nix
David Olenik
Katharine O’Neill
Linda Paredes
Ryane Parkins
Paso Robles Library Fndation
John & Janine Penafior
Kimberly Perez
Connie Peterson
Janice Petko
Jerry Pyle
Sharon Redemacher
Elisabeth Rathjen
Charles Richardson
Spencer Riffle
Kay Rinaldi
Alyssa Rose

Frank Sainburg
Dennis S. Sawade
Claudette J. Saylor
Susan Schneider
Richard Schultz
Kathryn Scott
Emily Segal
John Senuta
Carl Sepulveda Jr.
Alexa Slem
Sheri Smith
H. Lea Spangler
Robbie Stewart
Linda Lee Teague
Toby Thompson
Stacey Twisselman
Laurence Vallens
Kalina Volkov
Karen Waiters
William Wiener
Adam Wilson
Fred & Gayle Yannone
Early Morning Call by Ivy Alvarado (Age 14)

At 4:30 in the morning one might assume that the Alvarado family would be fast asleep in their nice, comfy little beds. But one might be wrong.

On February 9, 2005 the morning started out as a “normal” morning. It was dark outside, the TV was on, and I was sleeping on the couch. I was fast asleep; I had no dreams, no thoughts, nothing. When all of a sudden there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what the matter….oh, sorry, wrong story. Anyway, all of a sudden I heard this awful, obnoxious ringing coming from the phone across the room. I thought to myself, “No, it couldn’t be a phone call this early. Maybe it’s not early, maybe its time to wake up, maybe I’m just thinking it’s earlier than it is. I hope so, for the sake of the person on the other end, it’s not that early.”

But from the tone in my dad’s voice when he answered the call, it must have been pretty early. Thinking that I would be able to just fall back to sleep, I turned over and tried to close my ears to the loud talking coming from the other room. I soon realized I wasn’t a bat and could not close my ears, you have to remember it was really early in the morning, so thinking that I could close my ears wasn’t half as bad as some of the things I thought. Anyway, I turned over and decided to look at the clock…….4:30 AM. ARE YOU KIDDING ME??!?! WHO CALLS SOMEONE AT 4:30 IN THE MORNING? Instantly I remembered me and my friend calling other friends in the wee hours of the morning but never at home. We at least had the courtesy to call them on their cell phones. So, as I’m remembering all those great times a thought pops into my head, “What if it’s one of MY friends calling me at 4:30 in the morning.” OH SNAP! “It couldn’t be. No. My mom has been talking to whoever it is for more than three minutes and hasn’t called for me, I’m safe.”

“IVY?” my mom yells as she runs into the living room. “Yes?” I reply. I’m dead, it’s over, it IS one of my friends. “Why doesn’t the phone work in your room?” “Oh, I unplugged the phone line to plug it into my computer. Here…” So I got up feeling a load of bricks tumble from my shoulders.

“Frank, close your eyes I’m going to turn on the light.” I can hear my mom whisper in the other room, which I found odd because everyone is awake here; there is no need to whisper.

“AHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!! Not the light!” Yells my dad at the top of his lungs, just as I see a small sliver of light turn bright under the door. “I told you to close your eyes; I need to get the number so I can go into Ivy’s room to talk. This lady has two bats flying around in her house and she is scared.”

My mom got the number and then spent what seemed like an hour on the phone telling her exactly what to do. “Open any windows and doors to the outside, close any doors that lead into other rooms and put a towel down so the bats cannot crawl under. Turn on a light outside, turn off the light in the room and sit and watch the bats fly out. Call me back and let me know how it goes…..no they will not attack you; they are more scared than you are. Trust me they do not want to be in there!..blah, blah, blah,” I had heard it a hundred times, no a million times.

Now if you were wondering, I did NOT go back to sleep at all. I was awake and that was all there was to it. Sad story for Ivy and Frank but the bats ended up being just fine, they flew out the window and that’s what really matters!

Humane Exclusion & Eviction of Wildlife

Pacific Wildlife Care is now providing a humane wildlife eviction and exclusion service. This service provides humane evictions and exclusions of wildlife from any human structures: dwellings, garages, storage/utility units, barns and some fish ponds.

For a donation of $50, Pacific Wildlife Care will arrange to send a wild animal expert to your property to inspect the site and make recommendations to humanely evict and exclude the wild animal. For a donation of $100, Pacific Wildlife Care will send a wildlife expert who will humanely evict the wild animal if possible and provide simple exclusion remedies like screening and boarding any entry openings. All materials and labor are included with the donation. Other remedies such as climbing barriers, fencing, pond screening, electric barriers and tree limb trimming will be billed separately for labor and materials as required.

Pacific Wildlife Care is not licensed to and therefore will not trap and/or physically remove wildlife. (Other organizations or individuals who do trapping will euthanize the trapped animal. It is illegal to relocate wildlife.) Any structural demolition and repairs will be made by the property owner or their building contractor.

Our wildlife animal experts are knowledgeable about the ecology and habits of common nuisance animals such as raccoons, skunks, opossums, bats and squirrels. We also have other wildlife specialists who are knowledgeable about woodpeckers, swallows, bobcats, foxes, and deer exclusion treatments.

If injured or orphaned wildlife are discovered during an inspection, they will be transported to our Rehabilitation Center in Morro Bay. This is an all-volunteer service and all donations will be used by Pacific Wildlife Care to provide food, medicine and veterinary care for the many animals that are rehabilitated by Pacific Wildlife Care.

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Kelly Vandenheuvel and Dave Klinzman staffed the PWC booth at the annual Coastal Clean-up Day at Morro Rock. Volunteers collected trash from the beach.

We have lots of pelicans at the Center. A single pelican can eat $300 worth of fish while in our care so we need your support more than ever!!

Looking for a unique, personalized and fabulous holiday card to send this year?

Pacific Wildlife Care's "Wildcards" are the perfect solution! Check out all the amazing wildlife pictures captured by local nature photographer Cleve Nash on his website at: www.clevenash.com. Cleve will feature your selected photo on the front of each card and will add your preferred greeting and name inside. Complete ordering information is available at: www.clevenash.com

Cleve has generously offered to donate to PWC the money he receives from customers who mention Pacific Wildlife Care. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to send memorable holiday greetings to all of your friends while supporting PWC!

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"Yes, I would like to give wildlife a second chance!"

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- Sponsor $500
- Contributor $250
- Supporter $100
- Advocate $50
- Student/Senior/Volunteer $25
- Other

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Address:__________________________ City:__________________________ State:______ Zip:___________ Date: _______

Please check: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Donation ☐ I would like to volunteer

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