

Spring 2011

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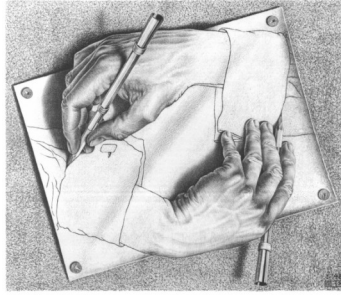


SHASTA WILDLIFE RESCUE, REHABILITATION AND RELEASE

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# Art On The Wild Side ~ 2010



Art On The Wild Side this year was a wonderful success. More than 35 artists gathered to display their talents on November 6th at the Win River Event Center. The room was beautifully set up and looked elegant in black and white. There was wine tasting provided by Vintner Cellars and Matson Vineyards. Adding to the atmosphere were the caterer's butlers pass of fresh fruits, cheeses and crackers, etc. Many businesses and

individuals donated items for our auctions. This year we tried a live auction which was artfully performed by Dr. Ray John, CEO of Haven Humane. **Win-River, Premier-West Bank and Redding Radio** were our major sponsors. Thank you.

All of us at Shasta Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation wish to express special thanks to the following:

- Country Lane Antiques
- R & R Meats
- Need 2 Speed
- Shasta District Fair Grounds
- Curves-Anderson

- Al Brown's Guide Service
- PremierWest Bank
- Aqua Salon & Day Spa
- Caliber Office Furniture
- Oregon Street Antiques
- Win River Casino
- Redding Rancheria
- Family Carpet Center
- Vintner's Cellars
- Matson Vineyards

We are already looking forward to Art On The Wild Side 2011 and we know that the event will be even bigger and better. This year we will have the event over a two day period of time so set the date in your calendars for the first weekend of November which is the 5th and 6th of November 2011. Be sure to join us ~ we will look forward to sharing this fine event with you.



## Volunteer Coordinator ~ A Very Special Calling!

Volunteers are the life's blood of Shasta Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation and we have some pretty terrific volunteers. For some time now our Board Secretary, Janet Story has been doing an amazing job as our Volunteer Coordinator. However, Janet now finds that it is time to step down from that position (Janet will still remain active with SWRR). With Janet vacating the position we have been looking for just the right person to fill that position. We are happy to report that we have found that person in Victoria Cavalli. Victoria (Vicki) comes to SWRR with a background of volunteer service and knowledge of front office work and is well connected to the businesses in Shasta County. Among her duties will be:

- Making schedules for the volunteers and ensuring that the schedules are filled for all hours that the Center is open.
- Professional telephone skills.
- Organizational skills with regard to what is needed at the Center.
- Work effectively with Center Coordinator.
- Other duties as needed.

Welcome Victoria and we wish you success as our Volunteer Coordinator. (Volunteer Coordinator hotline # is 365-2807) Forms for volunteering are available on our website:

[www.ShastaWildlifeRescue.com](http://www.ShastaWildlifeRescue.com)

# Upcoming Events

We are looking forward to a full calendar of events for 2011 and we sincerely hope that you will be able to be a part of them. Let's take a look.

**March 30** \*\*\* Shasta Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation will host the **Greeters** meeting with the Anderson Chamber of Commerce. Greeters is a group of business men and women who meet regularly on Wednesday mornings at 8am for one hour to network and share community business information. The timing of this day is perfect for SWRR to share information about us and what we do with the business community and to highlight our next big fund raising event which is Run For The Wild. There is no cost to attend this event, Wednesday, March 30 and the time is 8am to 9am.



**April 2** \*\*\* **Run For The Wild.** This annual event is gathering momentum and promises to be a successful fund raiser for SWRR. If

you enjoy running or even just want to walk the trail be sure to register with Kim Stempien, the Run For The Wild Coordinator. You may contact Kim via e-mail: [liveoak4@com-pair.net](mailto:liveoak4@com-pair.net) Run For The Wild is a 5-mile run/2-mile walk. The run is followed by an Open House and Baby Shower at the Center.

**April 2** \*\*\* **Open House and Baby Shower.** This is one of the events that everyone seems to look forward to each year. Immediately following the Run For the Wild the Center is open to the public and we invite attendees to

bring gifts for our babies. Information will be available for all aspects including membership, volunteering and educational animals. This event is the event that heralds the busy bird season. Come one and come all to enjoy and share. Our wish list for needed items includes:

- New upright freezer
- Extension ladder
- Masking tape
- Yard Tools, hoe, rake, shovel
- Screw drivers, wrenches, hammer, pliers, etc.
- Manzanita for perches (all sizes)
- Science Diet Dog & Kitten food
- Paper towels, toilet paper
- Plastic kitty litter boxes
- Live minnows for pond
- Weed Eater
- Extension Cords
- Trout Chow
- Permanent markers
- Scissors (all sizes)
- Finch seed, thistle seed, wild bird seed, pigeon seed
- Retractable clothes line
- Power tools, circular saw, electric drill, saber saw
- Gift cards: Lowes, Pet Co, Pet Smart, Safeway, Ace Hardware, Round Table, OSH, Home Depot
- Heavy duty leather welder's gloves
- Gardening leather gloves
- Large long handled fishing nets (not aquarium nets)
- Wheel barrow or garden cart
- Monetary donations are always welcome

**April 10** \*\*\*\* **First New Volunteer Training Session:** information on time and location will be announced as we get closer to the date.

**September 10** \*\*\* **Volunteer Appreciation Picnic.** After a busy season it's time to honor and thank our wonderful active volunteers. The picnic will be held in the beautiful Anderson River Park at the Gazebo area. If you've attended this event in the past you know that it is a fun and relaxing time for everyone to connect and share stories of the season. (By invitation only.)

## **Recurring Events:**

**Animal Care Committee Meetings:** These meetings are on the second Monday of each month except December. The meetings are at the Anderson Fire District Meeting Room located at 1925 Howard Street at 6pm. It is important for all of the volunteers to attend as we will cover important information and training items. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

January 10  
February 14  
March 14  
April 11  
May 9  
June 13  
July 11  
August 8  
September 12  
October 10  
November 14

## **Board Meetings**

The Board of Directors meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Any questions regarding Board Meetings should be directed to one of the Board Members.

## **Contact Information**

Wildlife Center—365-WILD (365-9453)  
Executive Director's Office—378-1040  
Volunteer Coordinator—365-2807  
The Center opens approximately mid-April every year. It closes approximately the beginning of September every year.

Be sure to check out the website for more information. Lots of information is available regarding all things Wildlife. Go to: [www.ShastaWildlifeRescue.com](http://www.ShastaWildlifeRescue.com)



# Baby Turkey Reunion

by  
Karlene Stoker



One day in June 2009, I received a baby turkey approximately 2-3 weeks old that had been caught by a young couple's in Red Bluff's hunting dog and separated from its family. The obvious injury was to its left leg. It couldn't stand on it but it didn't seem broken or dislocated so I thought "OK, this may be fixable if just given time". Only problem is, a single little turkey chick will not eat on its own for who knows how long so it got force fed every half hour during daylight hours. Plus the fact that it couldn't stand up and properly move around, I knew even if it was eating on its own, it wouldn't be able to manage moving from the water dish to the food dish very easily. The little one didn't take kindly to being handled and raised a fuss when picked up and then having its beak pried open every half hour and a syringe shoved down it's throat several times to fill its crop with food certainly didn't help its attitude towards humans!

By the time the fifth day came around, I was really beginning to wonder if this little guy's leg was going to heal or not. Since I figured the injury was in the upper thigh, I couldn't wrap it with vet wrap so was patiently (or impatiently)

waiting to see what was going to happen. Lo and behold, on the sixth morning, the little one was standing on its own two legs and walking around quite normally in the big cardboard box I had it in! It was on its way to healing! The next day it started eating on its own and that was truly a cause for celebration!

From experience I've seen female turkeys with young take on ones that are not their own as long as they're still chicks and aren't feathered yet. So I was hoping to reunite the family or have the little one released into a group that had young the same age.

I called the couple in Red Bluff that had brought the little one in and spoke to them at length about the turkey flock that shows up at their place pretty much daily. That certainly was good news. They had seen the mother and her chicks every day in the morning and evening so there was really hope that we could reunite the family even after several days time. Now that it was eating on its own, I figured I could leave the baby with the people at their home and they could release it to the family whenever they came around. They were happy to comply so we set a date.

That next Saturday my husband and I took the little one to the couple's place and set up the baby in a spare room where their dog couldn't get to it. Then my husband and I went to have breakfast and prayed this idea would be a success. Before we finished our meal, the young lady called to very excitedly tell us that the Mom and her brood came walking up the driveway. They hurried into the house, locked up the dog, got the baby turkey and brought it outside. They stood at the gate and when the baby in their hands heard the Mom and her chicks, it started to frantically peep.

Then the Mom and the babies started to peep back! So the couple let the baby go and it ran to Mom and siblings and they all went off into the woods together.

The young lady was so excited to tell me the good news and we were so happy and elated to hear it! I only wish I was there to see the happy reunion but it was great that the people that rescued the little one was able to physically reunite the family and keep an eye out for them from now on. It's truly wonderful to be able to take care of these little babies and release them back into the wild, especially back to their family!



**JOIN SWRR NOW**  
Considering membership in Shasta Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation?? Want to be in the Run For The Wild?? Become a member today and save \$5 off your registration fee for the run. Register by 3/25/11 to save on your registration.

First baby of the 2011 season arrived on 1/19/11 ~  
a bouncing baby jackrabbit weighing in at 131 grams.

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## The Untouchable Wildlife Born to be Free

Wild animals were meant to be just that "Wild."

Every now and then people will come across animals out of their habitat through various circumstances.

Take the fawn lying by the road seemingly orphaned. Not necessarily true. Nine times out of 10, the fawn's mother is only away foraging and knows exactly where she left the fawn. She will eventually return to her youngster.

People often think they need to intervene to "SAVE" or "RESCUE" the fawn when in actuality they are doing mother and offspring an injustice by interfering with nature's course. If the doe returns to where her fawn is, it would be extremely devastating and the fawn would most likely become an orphan. The average person may think they can help by trying to move the fawn, when in fact they should not

disturb it. If there is concern it is better to consult a wildlife expert and let them handle the situation.

Many people may instinctively try to come to the aid of injured wild creatures. When this happens, the best thing to do is call those who deal with wild animals on a regular basis. Shasta Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation has qualified handlers who deal with helping those creatures that need a short or long rehab stay and can address their needs far better than the average Good Samaritan. If they do not deal with a certain species, they know who does and will refer a situation to them.

Each species of wildlife has specific needs and will require special handling. Taking matters into hand should be left to the wildlife experts.

For more information regarding what to do if injured or abandoned wildlife are found go to: [www.shastawildliferescue.com](http://www.shastawildliferescue.com) or call 365-9453 (365-WILD).

