

Call of the Wild

Shasta Wildlife Rescue & Rehab



Spring
2015



Wildlife Visitors

Feed pets inside

One of the most common calls we receive at Shasta Wildlife is about wildlife, such as raccoons, skunks, and opossums, visiting houses and becoming troublesome.

The usual reason for this is that there is pet food or some other food source left outside. Last year we received a call from someone who had a bin with a swinging lid which contained cat food in her garage where the door was left open. The caller was surprised to find a raccoon in the container when she opened the lid one hot day. The raccoon was panting and afraid and had not been able to get back out of the bin. We advised the caller to put on heavy gloves, remove the lid, and leave the area. The raccoon was then able to escape; the caller understood that the garage door needed to be kept closed.

Raccoons, skunks, foxes, and opossums are opportunistic feeders. They have become used to living around people. Accessible pet food will always attract them, particularly bowls of food left out at night. Commercial pet food is harmful to wildlife's gut bacteria also.

Eloise Kuntz

1917-2014

In 1977, volunteers Eloise Kuntz, along with Jim and Renee Miller, founded Shasta Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation. In a modest facility owned by Haven Humane on Placer St. in Redding, these three pioneers in wildlife rescue and rehabilitation began the important work that formed the foundation of our current program. Long time volunteers still fondly remember Eloise providing them with hands-on instruction in effective rescue, rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned wildlife. Specializing



in raptor care, Eloise continued to provide critical care and training until several years before her passing. In her later years she continued to serve as a Board Member Emeritus and to provide guidance to our volunteers.

For many decades Eloise also pursued her passion for wildlife photography traveling to the North and South Pole, Madagascar and other remote parts of the world. The walls of her home were filled with spectacular photographs from these journeys. Her Master's degree in zoology and Ph.D. in physics and biochemistry provided her with many tools in her passionate observation and care of wildlife. A true pioneer in her many pursuits, Dr. Eloise Kuntz provided invaluable training and guidance to countless individuals during her many years of service.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Annual Open House & Baby Shower 4/4



April 4th, 2015 Open House & Baby Bird Shower at the Shasta Wildlife Center, 3752 Rupert Rd., Anderson (in Anderson River Park)

From 10:00 to 1:00 the Center will be open to tour the facility and meet our education animals. Donations needed for baby animal care include food, paper towels, toilet paper, heating pads.

More info: 917-0930 for a complete list of supplies needed

April 8th, 2015 Orientation for new volunteers. 6:00 p.m. at the Anderson City Hall, 1887 Howard St., Anderson. More info: 474-5803

April 13th, May 11th, 2015 Monthly Animal Care Committee (ACC) meetings for volunteers. 6:00 p.m. at the Anderson Fire Station, 1925 Howard St., Anderson. More info: 474-5803

April 18th, 2015 Volunteer Training Class for new and returning volunteers. 10:30 to 3:00 at Haven Humane classroom, 7449 Eastside Rd., Anderson. More info: 474-5803

April 25th, 2015 Volunteer Training Class for new and returning volunteers. 10:30 to 3:00 at Haven Humane classroom, 7449 Eastside Rd., Anderson. More info: 474-5803

May 28th, 2015 Annual general meeting, open to everyone. 6-8 p.m. at the McConnell Foundation, 800 Shasta View Dr., Redding. RSVP 549-4816

Want to help animals on your own time? Sign up at Amazon.com through the Amazon Smile program to have .5% of your purchases go to Shasta Wildlife. Register at <http://smile.amazon.com/> and type in Shasta Wildlife Rescue as your recipient.

Rarely Seen Flying Squirrels Rehabbed

From Linda Ratcliff, volunteer

When I started rehabilitating baby squirrels in 2008, I never thought that I would get the distinguished honor of raising NORTHERN FLYING SQUIRRELS.



In 2013, I received a small squirrel from Manton, 6 weeks old, and in 2014 received another small squirrel, this one from McCloud, also 6 weeks old. They were both NORTHERN FLYING SQUIRRELS.

Unlike the other tree squirrels, Flyers are nocturnal; they glide instead of actually flying. They like to live in the holes woodpeckers leave in old growth trees. Along with nuts, greens, and fruit, they also like to eat lichens, spiders, tree sap, and even small bird eggs. If you are out in the woods and see possible squirrel holes, knock on the trunk with a stick and you may get your knock answered by one sticking its head out to see who's there.

Both squirrels survived and were released back into the wild.

Virtual Yard Sale

Did you know we spend \$15,000 on food a year?

We're having another Virtual Yard Sale!!!! For those of you that have had yard sales at your homes or have participated in yard sales for organizations, you know exactly how much work goes into it - gathering, arranging, setting up, price labeling, selling, then gathering it up at the end to figure out what to do with the unsold articles!!!! We used to do that and it just wore us out!! Now, we have found out how much easier it is for the volunteers and the public to just send us a few dollars in the mail. We'll be sending out our Virtual Yard Sale flyer this summer so keep an eye out for it in the mail and please send \$5, \$10, whatever you can afford to help us to continue the great work we do by giving the wildlife we live with A Second Chance at Survival. Thank You from all of us!!!



Golden eagle

SHASTA ***Womens Roller Derby*** **ROLLER DERBY** ***Supports Us***

The women skaters of the Shasta Roller Derby league want to support Shasta Wildlife. They are donating some of the proceeds from their game which is in Redding on May 9th. For more information, check out their site at: <http://www.shastaderby.org/>

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"I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in order."

- John Burroughs

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