

# CALL OF THE WILD

SHASTA WILDLIFE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION

MAY 2009

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## ACC Meeting is Important

**ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE** meets at 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Anderson Fire Department. All volunteers should make every effort to attend these meetings. We have training that is helpful to what you do while caring for the birds and animals. Topics like rehydration, medications, diet, bird identification and wrapping broken wings and limbs are covered. There is also an opportunity to answer any questions you might have volunteering with SWRR, plus how to get more involved. We are now gearing up for the 2009 season.

If you have not yet signed up for a shift, please call Janet Story at 347-1747. We need everyone to be on board for the busy season starting in April. ●

## Tee Shirts

**SWRRTEE SHIRTS** are available in a variety of colors and sizes. Tee shirts are available with the label "Member" and also with the label "Volunteer". For purchasing information call or visit the Shasta Wildlife Center ●



*Patty Ahlf at the SWRR booth at the Redding Earth Day Festival*

## SWRR Helps Celebrate Earth Day

**SHASTA WILDLIFE** Shasta Wildlife helped celebrate Earth Day at the Redding City Hall on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Our Education birds and animals made an appearance, and were enjoyed by adults and children alike. If you had the opportunity to go to the festival you were joined by about a thousand other people who came to soak in the sunshine and get a bit of education at the same time. There was a wide range of exhibitors from government agencies, non-profits, community groups and educators all coming together to increase the awareness of how we are impacting our earth. With the help of volunteers and our Animal Education Team, we presented the public with an informative presentation and engaged in numerous conversations about our

educational animals and our service to wildlife. Sundance, our Turkey Vulture came and brought along Robin and Patty Ahlf; Hunter, our Western Screech Owl, was there with Kay Allen; Spike, our Albino Stellars Jay came with Lynda Flaherty; Lady K, our American Kestrel was there with Daryl Chase; Grace, our Red Should Hawk visited with Judy Beehner; Slither, our California King Snake was there with Tami Phelps and Kehwani, our Great Horned owl made an appearance with Yvonne Keeffauver.

Our volunteers make these programs possible; it is the generous donations from our members and the public that allow us to keep the chirps in the sky and the paws in the woods. ●

# SWR Web Site

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**IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY** checked out the SWRR web site it is really something to see. It has pictures of the events we have had, and lots of photos of our Education birds and animals. You will find some interesting stories about birds and animals that have been rescued by our volunteers. There is a section about what to do if you find an injured or orphaned bird or animal. Some of our volunteers have made their own pages and videos that are on YouTube, you can link to them from our web site.

There are many links on the website that fits almost everyone's interest.

Want to know more about, the **Coleman Fish Hatchery**? If you have never visited the **Lindsey Wildlife**

**Museum**, it is a must see for wildlife up close and personal. Most of us have been to the coast and the **North Coast Marine Mammal Center** in Crescent City. It's a great place to visit for interesting lessons on seal rescues. Perhaps you might be interested in learning more about Raptors? The link to the **California Raptor Center UC Davis** could be just the place you could get that information. Remember the baby bear "Smokey" from last years fires? The link to his rescue center is also on our site, **Tahoe Center for Wild Bears**.

These are just a few of the links you can find on the SWRR website. Just go to [www.shastawildliferescue.com](http://www.shastawildliferescue.com) and check it out. ●

# 120 Participate in the Ninth Annual Run for the Wild

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH** was a perfect day for an early morning run-walk in Anderson River Park. The ninth annual Run for the Wild had 120 runners of all ages participate in a 6, 2 and ¼ mile run. Runners gathered at the big BBQ area at 7:00 a.m. for pre-registration, and a snack of oranges and bagels donated by Manhattan Bagel on Dana Drive in Redding. The bank of the gun sent them off down the carefully measured and marked trail at 8:30 a.m. It wasn't long before the first

runner came into sight at the finish line followed quickly by the rest of the enthusiastic participants. The youngest of the runners participated in the Hatchling Run, a ¼ mile trail with lots of cheers and encouragement from the sidelines. Lots of prizes and lots of fun for this year's run

The Run for the Wild is always a great event and fund raiser for SWRR and we want to thank everyone for the support and we hope to see you again next year. ●

# Volunteer Opportunities

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**SHASTA WILDLIFE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION** is an all-volunteer organization that needs your help to continue this vital work in our community. Without this organization the animals would not be able to get a second chance at survival in the wild. SWRR is always in need of hard-working, reliable volunteers with a love for nature. If animal care is not your passion, volunteer opportunities are available in our education program and fund raising events.

We are now taking applications for volunteers to help feed and care for baby

birds at the Wildlife Center in Anderson River Park. Have you ever found a baby bird and wondered what to do with it? Is that baby really an orphan? Find out what you need to know to care for the summer babies at the Center. We'll train you and only require that you volunteer for one 4-hour shift at the center. The babies are depending on us! If you are a teenager 13 to 18 years old, you can work with us in the Young Volunteers category. If you have questions, contact Janet Story, Volunteer Coordinator, at (530) 347-1747. ●

# Volunteers Get Continued Education

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**THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA** now requires all wildlife rehabilitators to have at least two hours of continuing education every year. The training must be a class approved by the Department of Fish and Game. In an effort to comply with these regulations SWRR has hosted basic wildlife rehabilitation course by IWRC several times. This is the course that SWRR prefers our volunteers to take, it is a wonderful class that covers most of the necessary information we need to work at the center. However, the course is only offered once a year and it is not possible for everyone to attend. There are other Fish and Game approved courses available, at least one is offered at Shasta College "Birds and their Habitats". It is most important that our volunteers received the education required by the permit we hold from the State of California Fish and Game. Other resources for continuing education requirements are:

[www.ccw.org](http://www.ccw.org)

[www.iwrconline.org](http://www.iwrconline.org)

<http://netvet.wustl.edu/e-zoo.htm>

<http://www.fws.gov>

[www.nwrwildlife.org/home.asp](http://www.nwrwildlife.org/home.asp)

<http://www.cdca.ca.gov/>

# Want to Really Help?

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**SWRR** is looking for people that would be interested in becoming a member of our Board of Directors. We have openings for several people. The best of the best is what we are looking for. If you or someone you know is a strong member of the community, please let us know. We are hoping to add to our board some people who can add some professional insight, experience, and a breath of fresh air. It would be great to have a business owner or two, or an Attorney, an MD, Vet or Accountant retired or not. Perhaps a Rotary, Lions or other service organization? Please call 365-WILD, or email Lynda Flaherty at [crowzzz@aol.com](mailto:crowzzz@aol.com). ●

# We Have Needs!

**WANT TO DONATE SOMETHING** to Shasta Wildlife Rehabilitation but not sure what we can use? SWRR is dependent on donations of both cash and in kind donations. Our needs can go from pretty simple and inexpensive, to much more elaborate and pricey. If you care to pick something up for us, here is a list of things that we can always use. Remember all donations are tax deductible and we will be happy to give you a receipt....just ask! ●

**Gift Cards from:**

- Wal-mart, Safeway, OSH,**
- Lowes and Home Depot**
- Weedeater**
- Leaf Blower**
- Folding Chairs**
- Astro Turf**

- Science Diet Feline Dry**
- Science Diet Feline Canned**
- Science Diet Canine Dry**

- Baby Food: Chicken, Green Beans**
- Paper Towels**

- Electric Food Grinder**
- Wooden Coffee Stirrers**

- Cleaning Products: 409, Windex etc.**
- Snacks for hard-working volunteers:**

- Candy Bars, Chips, Trail Mix,**
- Pizza Gift Cards, Soda, Juice**

- Land to build new facility**
- Money to buy land to build**
- Printing Services**

- Dry Erase Markers**

- Fresh Caught Fish (not gutted)**
- Printer Ink (call for information)**

- New Air Conditioner**

- Swamp Cooler Servicing**

# Did You Find A Bat?



**IT IS IMPERATIVE** for your safety and the safety of others that you do not handle bats, especially with your bare hands. It is vitally important to avoid the bat's saliva. If you find a bat, cover it where it is found with a box or bucket, etc. If the bat is still alive, make sure there are breathing holes in the cover so it can breathe and stay cool. Then call an expert immediately. Please call Shasta Wildlife for the person to contact.

# Educational "ED" Animal Program

**ONE OF OUR GOALS AT SWRR** is to provide wildlife conservation by teaching children and adults about the beauty and appreciation of our native species. We bring the Ed animals and talk about wildlife and their role in our environment. We will tell their stories because they are unable to.

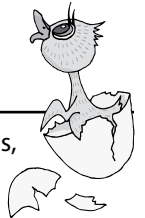
We are able to work with teachers and may be able to meet their curriculum for science and language arts. Just call in advance to schedule an education presentation. We ask for prior notice (about a week or two) and for a small donation of \$75. We are a non-profit group and this donation goes toward the care and feeding of our animals. None of our

handlers get paid for this important work they do. For more information, visit our website and download the Ed Program flyer. You can also contact our Education Program Coordinators Robin and Patty Ahlf at (530) 549-4160. ●



Patty Ahlf and Ed Animal Turkey Vulture "Sonny"

# I Found A Bird, Now What?



**IS THE BIRD HURT OR SICK?** Is it unable to flutter it's wings; bleeding; wings drooping unevenly; weak or shivering; attacked by cat/dog? If yes, bird needs help. Please call or take it to the Shasta Wildlife Center.

Is it a nestling? Bird will not be fully feathered and may have fallen from the nest. If possible put the baby back in it's nest. If not, you can make a substitute nest by lining a small container (such as a berry basket or margarine tub) with dry grass or pine needles. Hang from original or nearby tree and leave the area. Mama will come if she can and if

there is no interference (dogs, cat or people). Now observe, is baby abandoned? If yes, bird needs help. Please call or take to SWRR.

Is it a fledgling? Normal behavior is hopping on ground meaning the parents are still feeding it. Is bird safe from cats, dogs, or people? If so, baby is okay. Leave the area. If not, place the bird in bushes or on tree limb nearby and watch from a distance to see if parents return. If so, baby will be taken care of. Do parents return? If no, bird needs help. Please call or take to SWRR. ●

# Wildlife As Pets?

**SWRR** would like to remind the public that it is illegal to possess a wild animal. Wild animals do not make good pets. Most wild animals are cute and affectionate when they are young, but become troublesome as adults when maturing instincts conflict with the taming process. The animal becomes too wild to keep as a pet, yet is too tame to survive in its natural habitat. If you find an injured or sick wild animal, please contact us.

For more information please visit our website and download the following items:

**California Dept. of Fish & Game Manual 671**

**Laws Regarding Wildlife**

**Wild Animals As Pets?**

*It is against the law in most states to keep wild animals if you don't have permits, even if you plan to release them!*

**Shasta Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation**

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## Our Mission Statement

**SHASTA WILDLIFE RESCUE & REHABILITATION, INC. (SWRR)** is an independent, non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of sick, orphaned and injured wildlife in Northern California. Through our activities we educate and encourage our community to value the connection between people and the natural environment. SWRR was established in Redding, Shasta County, California in 1979. SWRR provides restorative care to over 100 different species from all over Northern California. Each year our volunteers care for over 1,500 birds and mammals. Licensed by both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game, SWRR actively cooperates with both these and other local animal control authorities. Injured and confiscated wildlife are routinely turned over to our organization for care. In addition to our primary concern, SWRR is an active participant in non-invasive wild-

life research, and sponsors educational programs to help encourage awareness of the problems wildlife encounter.

Much trauma experienced by wildlife is a result of their interaction with humans such as vehicles, gunshot wounds, dogs, cats, pesticides, power lines, fences, and habitat destruction. SWRR seeks to offset these hazards through on-going rehabilitation and educational programs, and by encouraging mankind to learn to appreciate, respect, and protect wildlife. ●



## Join and Contribute

**SWRR** depends on the generosity of community members and organizations to allow us to provide food and medical care to the injured, orphaned, and sick wildlife we receive. It costs us an average of \$15 and eleven volunteer hours to care for each wild animal that is received.

To become a member, renew your membership and/or make a contribution, visit our website and download the Membership Application Form and mail it to the address listed. Members will receive our quarterly newsletter and may attend functions put on by the organization. SWRR is an independent, non-profit 501(c)3 organization, your donation is tax deductible.