

Call of the Wild

Shasta Wildlife Rescue & Rehab



**Summer
2015**



Male American kestrel chick

2015 Season Winding Down **Higher volume of intakes in June & July**

The Center will be closing on August 31st.

We rescued the American kestrel chick (pictured to the left) on a hot day in June. He was barely able to stand, but within an hour of being re-hydrated, he was feeling feisty enough to try to grab us with his tiny talons! He was released about a month later, back to the area he came from. Learn more about American kestrels [here](#)

*Here is a note from our Center Coordinator Marianne:
Were we busy this summer or what?*

Several people have asked how our intake numbers this season compare with previous seasons and here's what I can tell you:

Although we opened on our regular opening date (the first Saturday in May) there had already been a number of intakes and releases of small songbirds. The month of June was extremely busy with approximately 275 intakes. Comparing that to the previous 5 years at the wildlife center, this year we were about 200 intakes higher by the end of June. July was very busy; intakes in August have leveled out. Comparing this year's intakes to previous years, by the end of August we are anywhere from 21 to 56 intakes above previous seasons but boy, were we busy in June!

Everyone that provided care for any animal in any capacity should be very proud of their work and the difference they have made in the lives of the animals.

Fundraising Efforts Generous donations pay for wildlife care



The Record Searchlight gave a grant to Shasta Wildlife.

In the past, SWRR has had its annual Run for the Wild, a 5 mile and 2 mile Run/Walk, as a major fundraiser. After the Run in 2014, we realized we were making very little money with it and there was a lot of work involved in making the event happen. The Board of Directors decided not to hold it in 2015 and to concentrate efforts on other smaller fundraisers.

Our other annual event, the Open House/Baby Shower in the first week of April, was a huge success this year. Last year the event took in \$350 and this year it netted \$1,101!!!! Thanks to the Record Searchlight for the great pre-event articles and collecting donations in their lobby; for Red Tail Publishing for attending the event with their wonderful children's books, soft animal dolls and a new book entitled *Oh No! Baby-O!*, about a baby possum who gets separated from its mother and siblings and has an adventure during the night of its separation, which was inspired by Shasta Wildlife Rescue's work.

Notice: Save those used inkjet cartridges! Office Max in Redding is offering store credit to Shasta Wildlife for empty cartridges at \$2 credit for each cartridge. You may bring them to the Center where we will accumulate them, or turn them into the store yourself. Just give our phone number, 365-9453, if you bring them to the store directly for us to receive credit.

Bald eagle rescued Far away in Lassen County

This beautiful bald eagle was rescued from near McArthur. The females of the raptor species are heavier than the males. Based on her weight, this was female. See a short video about her rescue and release [here](#)



Volunteers are awesome!

Many lives depend on them

Volunteers are more than the backbone of our organization--they are the entire body! Although the Center is only open during the hatching season from May to September, some volunteers work year round, answering calls and rescuing injured animals.



Some of the winter volunteers

In July, we had an appreciation luncheon for last winter's volunteers. In September, we will be having our annual Volunteer Picnic for all of the volunteers who worked in the spring and summer.

For more information about volunteering visit our [website](#) or contact Marily at 474-5803.

CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

Q&A about feeding wildlife

Feeding wildlife can do more harm than good



Question: Our neighbor feeds wildlife three-day-old bread on a regular basis. The wildlife consists of deer, turkey, birds and other mammals. Although this neighbor has been told this is not good for the animals, the person continues. What can be done to stop this person from feeding people food to wildlife?

Answer: While feeding human food to wildlife makes those people doing so feel good, in the long run it is often to the detriment of the animal recipients. Although many animals will eat stale bread when offered, temporarily satisfying their hunger, in reality, many human foods - especially bread - lack the protein and nutritional components animals need for good health. Although your neighbors may be well-intentioned, they are actually being very selfish. They are hurting the wildlife and their neighbors by encouraging wild animals to get too comfortable around humans. When animals concentrate around food they are more likely to spread diseases to each other and to domestic pets. When wild animals lose their natural fear of humans they can become very aggressive. Coyotes, in particular, are well-known for eating small pets because they do not differentiate between the food you leave for them and other prey items, like dogs and cats. People often think they are just feeding cute, furry critters, like squirrels and raccoons. If they were to put a surveillance camera out, they would likely be surprised to find out what's actually eating the food at night. They would probably be appalled to discover animals fighting over the food, and that they're actually keeping the neighborhood rats fat and happy. In addition, there may be a local ordinance that bans feeding of some wild animals. Regarding deer, there is

a statewide ban on feeding big game, which includes deer, bear, elk, antelope and bighorn sheep (California Code of Regulations Title 14, section 251.3). You may want to contact a local game warden to report your well-meaning but stubborn and misguided neighbors. Their actions may cause them to be guilty of a misdemeanor, which may carry fines or even jail time. For more tips on preventing wildlife-human conflicts, please visit <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/>.

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and healed, and to have my
senses put in order."

- John Burroughs

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