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Shasta Wildlife Rescue Center 2011 Season Draws To An End

Every season at the Shasta Wildlife Rescue Center is busy and 2011 is no exception. Nearly 1000 birds, mammals and reptiles were treated this season. The end of the season brings a whole new list of chores to be done to get ready for the winter season. As the end of the active animal season was winding down, there was much activity at the Center getting things in order: there are cages to be cleaned and stored, inventory needs to be checked and put away, the Center needs to be cleaned, and the winter schedule needs to be put in place. Even though the Center is "closed for the winter" Shasta Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation continues to receive and handle calls regarding the wildlife that needs help.

The winter schedule is comprised of volunteers who have committed themselves to take the phone calls and contact the necessary people who will be giving aid to the ailing creature and ensure its safety, rehabilitation, and eventually, its release. A very special and heart felt thank you is extended to those individuals participating on the winter schedule. Most of the work these devoted volunteers perform goes quietly unnoticed but they are to be commended! Two people, Daryl Chase and Vicki Cavalli, are working together in the efficient scheduling of the winter volunteers and keeping records of schedules and "who to call" for each need. Keep in mind that SWRR is available 365 days a year. The calls during the winter season are monitored by a volunteer every two hours from 8am to 8pm. So if you find or know of an animal that needs our assistance call 530-365-9453 and we are sure that you will be pleased with the positive and helpful response you receive.

SWRR RECEIVES TWO MUCH NEEDED GRANTS

This year Shasta Wildlife was the grateful recipient of two fairly large grants. The grant money provided SWRR with the opportunity to complete two much needed projects for the benefit of the Center, the volunteers and the wildlife we treat.

One of the grants came from the Department of Fish & Game for the construction of a new outdoor hunting aviary. This will be a wonderful addition to the Center and will enable the hunt training of the birds in the later stages of their recovery prior to their release.

Board President, Don Neptune, and Board Member Lynda Flaherty teamed up efforts for the plans and construction of the aviary. Much of the labor was donated and all of the cement work was donated by one of our benefactors, David Pepple (a local contractor). The aviary is nicely

The other grant was received from **Redding Rancheria** and provided the Center with a heating and cooling system that has made every volunteer, visitor and patient at the Center much more comfortable.

We received bids from several heating and cooling companies and the winning bid was placed by **Anderson Heating and Cooling** right here in Anderson. The staff at Anderson Heating and Cooling was efficient, pleasant and professional. The new heating and cooling system was completed just in time for the opening of the 2011 Season at the Center.

Thank you again to the two businesses who helped us so much this year ~ **REDDING RANCHERIA** and **ANDERSON HEATING AND COOLING!**

Thank you also to Board Member Lynda Flaherty who wrote the two grants. Lynda did an outstanding job of eloquently appealing to the two entities that provided the grant money to SWRR.



OUR GOLD STAR SPONSORS



PremierWest Bank

Shasta Wildlife Rescue is extremely grateful to PremierWest Bank for their generous support. They are truly a gold star supporter!

PremierWest Bank is committed to being the best community bank throughout Southern Oregon and Northern California, and their employees prove it. With a friendly smile when we enter the bank and a concern for our exceptionally special non profit organization, the employees at the Anderson branch on North Market street always extend an extra effort to help.

The entire network of PremierWest bank has dedicated over 23000 hours towards community service. The branches in Shasta County alone has received numerous awards and recognition for their dedication to the communities in which they live.

SWRR is proud to have PremierWest Bank as a Gold Star sponsor.



Win River Casino is one of the most generous businesses we have come across in a very long time. Shasta Wildlife Rescue has worked closely with the Event and Banquet Staff, some of the words that best describe them are helpful, above and beyond, willing, able, easy, friendly, and of course generous. There is not one thing that was asked of them that they could not provide.

We had our Art On The Wild Side! event in the Win River Event center in 2010, and the staff did a remarkable job of setting things up exactly like we wanted. They decorated, and catered with perfection! Anything that was needed was provided, the sound with a state of the art system incorporating our video, the catering, the electricity, security everything was provided with a smile and a "can-do" attitude.

Thank you Win River for everything you do.

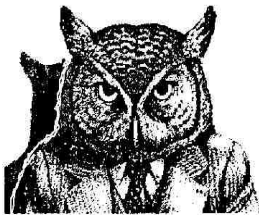


Neil Shaw-Artist for Art On The Wild Side!

Neil Shaw is without a doubt one of the best artists in Shasta County! If you watch around town you can't miss his beautiful truck with his artwork as a Mobil display. Neil had drawn the artwork for the Art On The Wild Side posters since the very first one. He is not only imaginative but has a talent for understanding what we do and how to make the poster appeal to the public.

Neil's experience as a deputy sheriff, a humane officer, specializing in wildlife and marine mammal rescue, and a forensic artist make his artwork unique. He has an appreciation and respect of the amazing creatures, both wild and domestic that we all share. His offbeat imagination and unmistakable painting style features an artistic fusion unseen anywhere else.

www.neilshawcollection.com.



Art On The Wild Side! 2011

Unfortunately the Art On The Wild Side ! Event for 2011 has been canceled. SWRR is grateful to everyone that helped make it a success for the past few years. We have come up against a few obstacles that we could not overcome in time to present the best event we could possibly have. So we are promising to return the artists and their beautiful artwork in 2012 and be better and stronger than ever before.



Marianne Dickison
Our Center Coordinator

In June of 2011 two beautiful, healthy, orphaned coyote pups were brought into the Center. They needed special housing and our Center Coordinator, Marianne Dickison stepped up and took over the care and feeding of these two lads.

Five months later these large, well developed boys were successfully released by Marianne with the help of Nicole Carion from the CA Dept. of Fish & Game.

Great job, Marianne. Congratulations on a job well done!!



Run for the Wild is gearing up for April 2012. Get your running shoes polished and plan for a really fun event. As usual we will have our open house and tour of Shasta Wildlife Rescue immediately following the run. Bring your family, and have a great time getting out with the other runners. Watch for more information on our web site www.shastawildliferescue.com

Owls in Shasta County



What do Owls eat? Owls are Birds of Prey, which means that they must kill other animals to survive. Their diet includes invertebrates (such as insects, spiders, earthworms, snails and crabs), fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds and small mammals.

The main food largely depends on the species of Owl. For example, Scops and Screech Owls feed on insects mostly, while Barn Owls eat mainly mice, shrews and voles. Larger Owls such as the Eagle Owl will prey upon hares, young foxes and birds up to the size of ducks and game birds. Some species have specialized in fishing, such as the Asian Fish Owls and African Fishing Owls. Although certain species have these preferences for food type, most owls are opportunistic, and will take whatever prey is available in the area.

Why We Need Help From The Community?

Why are there so few rehabilitators? Although we are a country that purports to love and protect our wildlife, there is *no* state or federal funding for wildlife rehabilitation. Governmental agencies heavily regulate the activity, but they do not support it.

Most wildlife rehabilitators don't get paid for their services, and they are responsible for raising the funds necessary to support their work. Many have outside employment to cover the cost of rehabilitation in addition to their own living expenses. It is difficult for any person to devote the time, space, and money to rehabilitate wildlife properly.

Those who dedicate their lives to the hundreds, even thousands of animals that come through their doors each year do so because of a deep devotion to their charges. (copied from "Rescuing Wildlife" by Peggy Sue Hentz)

The few paragraphs above describe well the situation of wildlife rehabilitators and rehabilitation centers. Rehabilitation centers are primarily manned by dedicated volunteers who are determined to save, care for and liberate the wildlife in the area. They give generously of their time, energy and resources to lovingly care for our wildlife. There are many costs associated with caring and rehabilitation of the birds, mammals and reptiles placed in our care. Our Center Coordinator recently related to this reporter that the cost of caring for just one large mammal could be as high as \$4,500.00. Just give that a thought for a minute and then remember that SWRR is a non-profit 501c-3 organization responsible for raising each and every dollar required to care for these animals. We receive no funding from the government and do not have a means of generating a continual flow of funds. SWRR relies solely on membership dues, fund raising events and donations.

So when you renew your membership, or attend one of our fund raising events, or perhaps give an additional special donation you are playing a vital role in assuring the longevity of Shasta Wildlife Rescue and the amazing wildlife in our area. Please know that we appreciate each and every donation we receive and we appreciate you as donors.

Giving a little is just as important as giving a lot ~ just do what you can.

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Annual Appreciation Picnic

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic is always a fun event and this year was no exception. Volunteer Coordinator, Vicki Cavalli and Board Member, Janet Story worked together to plan the event.

We all gathered at the Gazebo area in the Anderson River Park. The delicious barbequed tri-tip and chicken was prepared by two Anderson Rotary members, Keith Webster and Mike Hubert. The salads and garlic cheese bread were supplied by Mary's Pizza Shack. Delicious!

While we were enjoying our delicious meal, we were entertained by drawings for raffle prize baskets. These baskets were put together by the hard work of Board Member Lynda Flaherty and Board Member

Janet Story. Thanks to these ladies we were treated to some pretty great gifts!

Volunteer Coordinator Vicki Cavalli presented the team leaders of each shift with certificates of appreciation for themselves and the members of their teams. Each certificate was lovingly prepared by Board Member Carole Berry. In addition, each person who received their certificate at the picnic also received a "gold ticket" to for use at the Prime 11 Cinemas in Anderson.

Thank you to each and every one who was a volunteer for the 2011 season at the Center. You are so very much appreciated. Our volunteers can be very proud of

yourself and the work you do to save and protect our beautiful Shasta County wildlife!

Thank you to all of the people who worked so hard to present a beautiful and tasty event. It was so much fun sharing time with all of the volunteers and their families.

