

Our Motto is Animals First!



Because no life is too small to save!

A busy year for NAR

As this year comes to an end, we reflect back on what Native Animal Rescue has done with your help. This year, close to two thousand birds and mammals were brought to us. Seventy five percent are now flying, roaming the forest and swimming in the ocean. Many birds flew south for the winter, some swallows flying as far south as the tip of Argentina!

Here's a song that the S M Band wrote about NAR. Some of the members are park rangers. The words are sung to the tune of "I Shall Be Released."

A Bm
They say every wing can be replaced
C#m Bm A E7
They say every critter need not fear.
A Bm
So I remember every face
C#m Bm A E7
Of every one who helped me here.

A Bm
Chorus: I see my flight inclining
C#m Bm A
From the west up to the east.
A Bm
Any day now, any day now,
C#m Bm A
I shall be released.

They say every bird needs protection,
That is our rescuer's goal.
Supporting natural selection
When human impacts take their toll.

Chorus: I see my flight inclining
From the west up to the east.
Any day now, any day now,
I shall be released.


WE DONATIONS!

The city and county of Santa Cruz were unable to support NAR financially but the animals still need our help! **We appreciate your financial support!** Rest assured ALL your tax-deductable gifts go toward rehabilitating and releasing the animals!

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You may now use PayPal to donate online at www.nativeanimalrescue.org

Volunteers are needed to transport wildlife to NAR's intake facility or to answer the Hotline (462-0726), taking calls from the public about animals needing help. This can be done at home.

 We're here 24 hours a day, so don't hesitate to call the NAR Hotline 462-0726 to help rescue an animal in distress!

Welcome the Swallows Day held at Cabrillo College

Here is what we experienced when we released the last of our swallows during the first part of September. We took them to the back of Twin Lakes where there was still a flock of swallows that had not flown south yet.

We opened the container we used to transport them and they flew straight up to join the flock. The swallows we released heard our voices and flew down one more time to say good-bye! We felt the flutter of their wings right above our heads.

These are the reasons we're able to deal with sadness for the ones who may not make it. Freeing them makes all our efforts worthwhile!

We now wait for Spring to welcome the baby birds and mammals. We feel honored to see the swallows return to our area to nest and raise their young.

Swallows now get a very special welcome due to the efforts of "Friends of the Swallows," a group of Cabrillo College

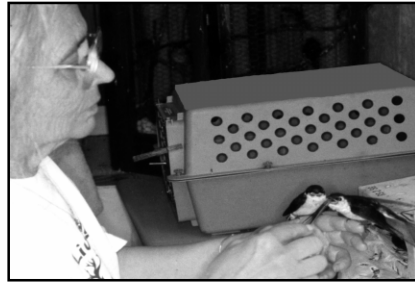
faculty and NAR. Swallows are now encouraged to nest on the buildings at Cabrillo College. Some folks even dug a small patch of earth which they keep

damp so the swallows can have the mud they need to build their nests. They also clean up the bird's droppings!

In April, Welcome the Swallows Day was held at Cabrillo College. A mural of the swallows painted by Cabrillo students is also planned. John Leopold, First District County Supervisor made a proclamation welcoming the swallows back to Santa Cruz county.

If you want to have an incredible experience, go to the cafeteria building in April and

watch the swallows building their nests. In collaboration with Cabrillo College, NAR has circulated a petition to make the swallow the official bird of Santa Cruz County. We will be taking it before the Board of Supervisors.



Molly has raised many baby birds, such as these two orphaned swallows.

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE ANNUAL ARRIVAL OF CLIFF SWALLOWS TO SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

WHEREAS, the students, staff and faculty of Cabrillo College are welcoming the annual arrival of the Cliff Swallows to their campus on April 20, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the college community is keenly aware of the benefits that the Cliff Swallows (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*) bring to Santa Cruz County and the necessity to protect them; and

WHEREAS, our environment is especially suited to swallows that migrate from as far away as Argentina; and

WHEREAS, swallows protect humans and animals by consuming millions of disease-carrying insects; and

WHEREAS, swallows also provide economic benefits to agriculture by eating insects that damage crops; and

WHEREAS, swallows and festivals recognizing the importance of swallows have the potential to attract tourists, especially birders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I John Leopold, First District County Supervisor, hereby recognize and welcome the return of Cliff Swallows to our community and call on all residents and businesses of Santa Cruz County to make them welcome during their annual stay.

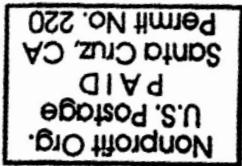
A short Love story

A senior citizen brought us a pigeon with a broken wing. We tried to repair it, but it still wasn't able to fly. Pigeons aren't a native bird and people may keep them, so she took it home. A few days later, she brought it back and asked us if we had another unreleasable pigeon so it could have a companion.

We looked around and heard one cooing in a sky kennel. As soon as we opened the door, the female pigeon we were holding opened up her tail like a fan. Then, the male pigeon started cooing and walking toward her. When we put them both in the sky kennel, there was much billing and cooing! Then, she took them both home; may they live happily ever after!



Native Animal Rescue is a Santa Cruz County non-profit organization that rehabilitates our area's sick, injured and orphaned wildlife, most of which are the victims of human intervention. We are dedicated to preserving local wildlife and habitat and preventing the suffering of wild animals through rehabilitation and community education.



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Bobcat rescued after being hit by car

A driver coming down Route 1 saw what he thought was a dead bobcat in the middle of the road. He stops when he sees a dead animal in the road to prevent another animal from getting killed if it comes to feed on the carcass.

When he picked up the bobcat, he noticed it was still breathing. He wrapped it up and took it to the first veterinary hospital he found, The Ark on Mission St. The vet X-rayed the bobcat which had a slight shoulder fracture. NAR was called and Nathan picked it up. It was not a happy bobcat and let us know with its snarls!

Monique, a NAR rehabber, came and took it to her facility. This is a 35 pound wild bobcat! However, fearless

Monique took care of it until it was stabilized enough to be transported. It was taken to the Sulphur Springs facility in Silicon Valley since NAR doesn't have a bobcat pen.

They kept it until the shoulder healed and returned it to Wilder Ranch, far away from the road. We also got another young bobcat that Monique rehabbed. When it got older, she transported it to the bobcat rehab facility in Gilroy to be with other bobcats so he would know he's a wild bobcat.

Monique also rehabbs skunks and has cared for dozens of baby skunks. She also rehabbs bats and does presentations from Santa Cruz to San Francisco.

Monique, we feel honored to have you as a member of NAR! We love you and thank you!



Baby owl rescued at UCSC

We heard so many stories from people who brought NAR an animal they rescued we could write a book.

Gretchen, who goes out on many animal rescues is one of our main rescuers. She went to a UCSC building on Shaffer Road to rescue an owl that fell from its nest. She had to chase it all over

the courtyard with the help of Jen Holtz-Salinas, the animal control officer at UCSC.

Jen was able to get a tall ladder and put the baby owl back in its nest. The owls have nested in this pipe every year.

She brings many wild animals in distress from the University to NAR for treatment and rehabilitation, such as this raccoon.

Here's a letter that was in the San Francisco Chronicle. People who rescue wild animals usually have a rewarding experience. This is one man's experience of sharing in the rescue of a bird.

A helping hand for a bird

A message of hope. Running along Illinois Street down by the Dogpatch district, I saw a bird on the sidewalk that appeared to be struggling to fly, but I kept running. Within a few steps, my conscience got the better of me and I turned back to see what I could do.

Just as I approached the bird, a man in a truck stopped and brought out a hand towel. He had seen what I saw and made the decision to take the bird to get help. He was undeterred in his efforts to take the bird to safety, even as the bird kept pecking his hand.

As I ran away, I thought of how he helped to restore my faith in the love and compassion of humanity. I will never forget what he did, both for the bird and for me.



Jen opened the sky kennel and released this raccoon into the forest behind the University.



We thank the organizations and the public who are part of the NAR network. Without them, we couldn't do this work. We thank the veterinarians who treat our animals for free and the park rangers who bring animals to us.

We thank the folks at the International Bird Rescue and Rehabilitation Center in Cordillia who pick up our seabirds (except gulls) and take them back to their Center. We thank the Capitola police, Animal Services and our drivers (who bring us animals in need), volunteers who answer the NAR hotline and Phil who washes our sky kennels. We thank Community Printers (who printed this newsletter for free!), folks who bring us animals in distress and give us donations, and our Board members. This work will never end, returning to the beginning as the wheel of the year turns once again! Happy Holidays! We'll be here next year to do what gives us joy - rehabilitating these little ones. Happy Holidays!