



Our Motto is Animals First!



NAR's ex-patients living wild and free

As I reflect on another year with Native Animal Rescue, I think of all the animals in distress brought to us who are now living wild and free thanks to the love and caring of our rehabbers. Some care for the animals at NAR's intake facility, while others throughout Santa Cruz county care for them in their homes.

They treated many sick, injured and orphaned mammals and birds. In addition to keeping them sheltered and warm, our rehabbers had to use various feeding "utensils" (bottles, syringes, tubes and tweezers)

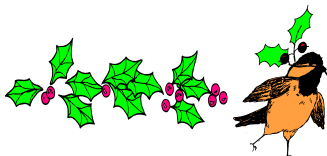
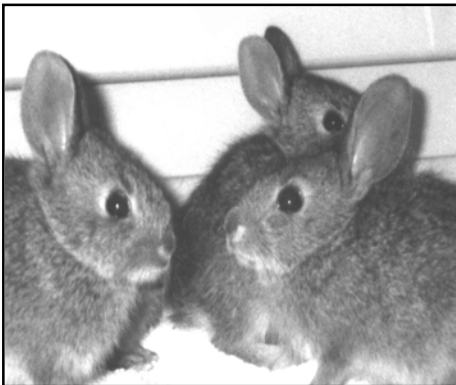
in order to feed the babies and adults of many different species.

We remember lots of our ex-patients; many deer now running free in the Santa Cruz mountains, hundreds of little mallard ducks who are now enjoying the warm south, and the many swallows now flying free in their winter homes in South America. What an honor to have had these wild ones in our lives for a brief time.

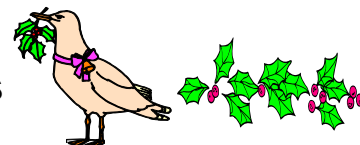
We, who are privileged to have this experience, are truly blessed!



Because no life is too small to save!



Unsung Heroes



Here are some of the unsung heroes who make NAR's compassionate work possible! We send them our thanks and gratitude!

- Lupin remained calm in the busy spring and summer months when we were caring for 230 animals! She worked from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. day after day, fixing broken legs and wings. She releases the birds and animals when they're rehabilitated.

- The kind folks at the International Bird Rescue and Rehabilitation Center donate their time and gas money to drive down to Santa Cruz. Driving three hours each way through bay area traffic (from Cordelius in the Sacramento delta), they pick up some of our sea-birds and rehabilitate them at the Center.

- Phil has come to NAR faithfully once a week for nearly ten years to scrub out the portable sky kennels NAR uses to transport and shelter the animals.

- Park Rangers have helped Native Animal Rescue by bringing us sick and injured

sea birds from the beaches.

- The Capitola Police have also brought animals to NAR from Capitola.

- Many veterinarians treat our injured animals without charge.

- Drivers go all over Santa Cruz County to bring NAR animals in distress. We send a special THANK YOU! to Gretchen, our number one driver!

- Monique, who works full time and has a young son, somehow found the time to feed 25 baby skunks!

- Zoe was feeding 40 baby possums at one time this year! Some were so young she had to feed them around the clock.

We thank all the rehabbers at NAR who give their love and time to care for the animals. We also thank the home rehabbers who have opened their homes to animals in distress year after year. We at NAR have a great crew and thank them all for their compassion and dedication!

WE LOVE DONATIONS!

We are grateful for financial support!

Rest assured ALL your tax-deductable gifts go toward rehabilitating and releasing the animals! Donations may be mailed to

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To donate online, use PayPal at www.nativeanimalrescue.org


Volunteers Needed

- Home rehabbers support NAR's compassionate work by caring for injured and orphaned wildlife in their homes! We give classes which you must take to be licensed by Fish and Game in order to care for wildlife. Call 475-6489 for more information.

- Drivers are needed to transport birds and animals to NAR's intake facility on 1855 17th Ave. in Santa Cruz.

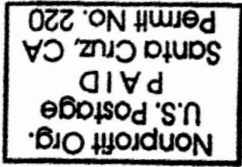
- Volunteers can also answer the NAR Hotline (462-0726) from 9 to 5 one day a week taking calls from the public about animals in distress. This can be done at home.

- NAR also needs volunteers to wash towels and sheets at a local laundromat. We provide detergent, bleach and money.

 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!



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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Acts of kindness between animals and people

We at NAR often witness amazing acts of kindness between animals and between animals and people.

A young rat was trapped in a cage. As I watched, two adult rats came and started to push and pull on the cage, doing all they could to set it free.

Gretchen drove to San Lorenzo Park to pick up a female mallard with a broken wing. When she tried to pick up the injured duck, two other ducks came forward and tried to "protect" their injured friend.

On July 4th, we got a call from a woman who saw a deer collapse on her lawn. It rolled down a slope and came to rest on the bank of a stream. It was just lying there so she asked us what to do.

We suggested that she watch it for a while from a safe distance to see if it would recover. When she saw that the deer was dying, she walked up to it. Flies were already bothering it, so she sat down next to the deer and shooed them away. The deer then rested its head in her lap and peacefully died.

Animal mothers adopt orphans

A woman brought in two tiny California field mice that she found in a nest in her car. They were still nursing, so we made them a nice warm nest and began to feed them with a very thin tube on a syringe. Later that day, the woman was able to capture the mother.

As soon as we reunited the mother with her babies she began to nurse them. Two days later, another person brought us an orphaned baby California field mouse.

The mother adopted and nursed the orphan along with her other



babies and raised them all.

Nine mallard eggs were brought to us, so we put them in our pet duck Shasta's box. Lo and behold, she sat on them and hatched them all. She was such a good mom! As soon as they hatched, she led them to the small pond in our yard. When one duckling was

missing, she would go and find it and lead it back to the others. The little mallards eventually grew their flight feathers and flew away.

Newly hatched quail usually don't survive because they must be taught to eat and drink by their mother. When nine hatchlings were brought in, I put them in a cage where they ran around peeping but not eating. I called around and found a button quail who was too old to lay eggs, hoping she would adopt them and teach them to peck for food.

I named this sweet quail "Gaia" and put her in with the babies. As soon as she saw them, she lay on her side and fluffed out her feathers to offer them a warm place to snuggle. All the babies ran to her and nestled in her feathers. When she stood up, you could see all their little legs under her. Gaia kept them warm and taught them to get food and water. When they were old enough, we released them into the wild. Gaia is still with us. May she have a long life and raise many more babies!



Volunteers help ducklings cross 7th Ave.



A mother duck with twenty (!) ducklings wandered from Twin Lakes into a small backyard. The woman whose yard was four blocks from Twin Lakes called NAR and asked us what to do. We suggested that she throw some bread for the mother to lead her to the lake and the ducklings would follow.

It wouldn't be easy to get a mother duck and twenty ducklings to walk four blocks and safely cross busy 7th Avenue! The woman and her husband went to the neighbors and asked them to open their backyard gates. Then they dropped bits of bread to lure the mother and waited until she and her ducklings began to follow them toward the lake.

When they got to 7th Avenue, it was full of busy evening traffic. Her husband stopped the traffic so the mother and her ducklings could cross. Then, people in the stopped cars got out and formed two lines across the street, providing them a safe passage to the lake.

It's been a great year for NAR! I thank everyone who contributed funds to build a new deer corral. When we had eight fawns ready to go from small pens and into our old corral, we were told the couple were selling their property where the old corral was. We were in a panic! The fawns were too large for their pen and too young to be released into the wild. We told the public of our desperate and immediate need for a new corral. Thanks to many people's generosity, we raised the

funds in only two weeks! The fawns were transferred to their new corral and when old enough, were released into the wild.

We at NAR count our many blessings which are all of you who care for the animals! This caring never ends, it only goes back to the beginning when the next animal in distress is brought to us. Happy Holidays! We'll be here in the New Year to welcome all the people and animals that come to NAR!

