



Northern Pygmy Owl being fed lunch



Our Mission Statement

Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife, and the promotion of understanding and appreciation of wildlife through our Education Outreach Program.

Wildlife Hotline
(707) 526-WILD/9453

Business (707) 992-0274
AWES (707) 992-0276

www.scwildliferescue.org

Animal Awareness

Being ANIMAL AWARE can help wildlife in our community and throughout the world. Wildlife brings beauty, excitement, and joy into our lives. It is a tragedy how much wildlife and their supporting habitat we lose every year. We have polluted, paved and populated many wild areas, and space for wildlife is becoming scarce. Although some animals adapt well to the city life, the vast majority do not. Trapping and relocating leaves wildlife disoriented and in competition with established residents for food and shelter.

A Few Things You Can Do

to Help Wildlife

Teach Children to love and respect wildlife. Be sure to keep children and pets away from any wild animal.

Quietly Observe wild animals from a distance. It is important that wild animals and their habitat be left alone.

Be informed about wildlife locally and nationally.

If you find an animal you believe is in need of help ...

Safety First. Do Not handle any wild animal unless absolutely necessary. If you must, wear gloves and handle the animal as little as possible.

Do Not remove any wild animal from its natural surroundings unless you are certain it is in distress. Fawns and baby jackrabbits are often left by their mothers for long periods of time while they are off feeding. This is normal behavior.

Do Not offer any food, water or milk.

Do Not talk to or cuddle wild animals, as this can cause stress.

Do place the animal in a covered, well-ventilated carrier in a warm, dark, quiet place away from people and pets.

Do remember it is ILLEGAL to keep a wild animal as a pet. Animals from the wild are not domesticated. They can be dangerous. Wild animals lead unhappy lives in captivity.

Do call us! (707) 526-WILD immediately for assistance if you encounter wildlife in distress.

History

Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue was formed in 1981 by individuals concerned for the welfare of sick, injured, orphaned and displaced wildlife in this county. Consisting mostly of volunteers, this non-profit, public benefit organization continues in its commitment to rehabilitate and return to the wild healthy, untamed animals. Licensed by the California Department of Fish and Game as well as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, SCWR rehabilitates over 1,300 animals yearly. Our staff and volunteers specialize and care for mammals and birds that need our care.



Bobcat



“Wiley”, one of our resident Coyotes, is part of our Education Team.



Virginia Opossums

Wildlife Rehabilitation

WHEN IS A WILD ANIMAL IN NEED OF WILDLIFE RESCUE?

WHEN THE ANIMAL IS ...

- HIT BY A CAR
- INJURED BY PETS, TRAPS, FENCING, etc...
- SICK OR POISONED
- SHOT
- ORPHANED
- ILLEGALLY KEPT AS A PET

Approximately 80% of wildlife rescue casualties are human related. Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue volunteers are carefully trained to assess each animal emergency and situation as it arises. Hundreds of animals needing assistance are admitted to SCWR each year. Our wildlife care teams are dedicated to the treatment, recovery and preparation of each animal for their eventual release back into the wild. Specialized housing with surroundings simulating their habitat, balanced natural diets, partners for orphans whenever possible, and medical attention are all needed to meet both physical and behavioral needs of the animals under our temporary care.

To volunteer, please call (707) 992-0274

Cooperative Efforts

Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue is grateful to the many generous veterinarians throughout the county who selflessly give their time and services to ensure the best medical and rehabilitative care possible to the wildlife that come to us. SCWR works closely with domestic animal agencies, state and county parks systems, and law enforcement officials in assisting them with wildlife situations and emergencies. SCWR also works with other rehabilitation centers throughout California and at the national level, networking for the exchange of knowledge, information and practices pertaining to the complex issues of the ever-growing field of wildlife preservation, care, and rehabilitation.

Community Education

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM

Our Educational Outreach Program is designed to introduce the local community to the vast array of wildlife inhabiting Sonoma County.

Our public event component consists of being present at special events throughout Sonoma County. At many of these events, we offer hands-on exploration with real taxidermy specimens, bones, and pelts of animals native to Sonoma County.

We have a strong commitment to Sonoma County schools to bring wildlife education directly into the classroom. Many children today know very little about the wild animals that live in the area, and are therefore, unaware of the tremendous impact humans have on the well-being of these creatures.

Our on-site Wildlife Education Exhibit and Outdoor Learning Center is open to the public for tours by appointment. Here children and adults can learn about our local wildlife with the help of our education animals: “Katie” and Leslie” our Red-tailed Hawks, “Stacey” and “Wiley” our Coyotes, “Kuma” and “Kyla” our Mountain Lions and many more.

Public Tours: **Saturdays Only**

May-Sept: 12:00 and 2:00

Oct-April: 2:00 only

Private Tours are available by appointment

Please call (707) 992-0274 for an appointment



“Kuma” and “Kyla” our resident Mountain Lions

Focus of Presentations

- Native species identification
- Animal behavior
- Habitat protection
- Promotion of compassionate coexistence
- SCWR contributions to the community

Each presentation is appropriately geared to the maturity level of the audience from preschoolers up to adults. The program length may be modified to meet the needs of the particular group being addressed. Informational handouts, environmental games and coloring sheets are available by request. Our Educational Outreach Program is dependent upon the financial support of the community we serve. To help with the costs of educational literature and equipment, we request various amounts starting at \$75.00 depending on location and number of students. For prices please see our website www.scwildliferescue.org. **If you would like to have our Education Team speak before your group or class, please call (707) 992-0274.**



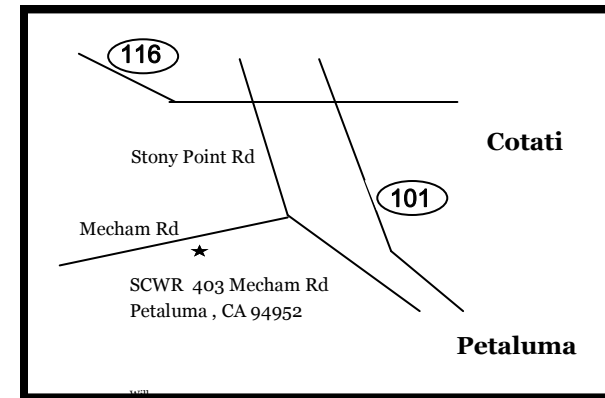
Volunteer Program

Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue offers an exciting opportunity for wildlife enthusiasts as young as 13 in our community to work directly with and around wild animals. Working under the supervision of staff, you can provide care for wildlife and educate members of the public about SCWR and how to peacefully coexist with wildlife. Help rehabilitate sick, injured and orphaned wildlife and see them released back into the wild. **For more details, please see our website www.scwildliferescue.org or call (707) 992-0274**

A Wildlife Exclusion Service

Owned and operated by Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue “A Wildlife Exclusion Service”, or AWES, is a humane and life-oriented solution to pest control. **If you need help with wildlife that is occupying your business or home please call us at (707) 992-0276.** We will send a professionally trained Wildlife Exclusion Technician to assess your property and design a custom strategy that removes wildlife without trapping, and prevents future invasions. If your homeowner's association or property management company would like to know about this service, they can call (707) 992-0276 to schedule a free educational presentation.

Our Location



From the North

Take US 101 South
Take the Gravenstein Hwy 116 West/ Cotati exit
At the light, turn right onto 116 West. Go 1.3 miles
Turn left onto Stony Point Rd. Go 1.7 miles
Turn right onto Mecham Rd. Go 0.7 mile
Turn left onto our driveway at 403 Mecham Rd

From the South

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