

Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release

To honor all the Ukrainian people fighting for their country, and their lives, the design of this newsletter will remain the same until the war is over-editor.



May 2022

From the President

May 2 was the opening of the WR&R Intake center on Maltman Drive in Grass Valley. We will be open 5 days a week to receive and care for injured, sick, and orphaned birds and mammals. Our volunteers are on board and being trained to manage each animal as they come to us for treatment. This is the season a lot of birds are out of their nests and sometimes finding themselves in the wrong place in danger of being injured. If you encounter a mammal or bird in trouble, please give us a call and someone will talk to you and, if necessary, we'll have you bring the animal into the center for care. We are also still looking for volunteers to fill all our shifts, so please let us know if you are interested in helping. We will train you and mentor you on rehabbing. We have experienced people specialized in the rehab of raptors, small mammals, songbirds, and bats. We are successful at rehabbing and releasing over 50% of the animals that come to us.

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Upcoming Events

Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 3:30 PM at
the Intake Center.

Regular Board of Directors Meeting – April 13, 2022 SUMMARY OF MEETING

The Regular Board of Directors met. After a quorum was established it was announced that two Board members were unable to continue their duties. A Director's position was filled by Karen Koskey. The Secretary position had Bev Myers appointed temporarily until it was confirmed that the Secretary would be unable to continue.

March minutes were reviewed and approved. Financials were submitted. Budget will need to be revised this next

The Intake Center is Open!

The Intake Center (IC) is now open, and the critters are starting to come in.



These four hungry starlings pictured were among the first arrivals at the IC. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 AM to 3 PM, accepting birds and animals until 2 PM. We still really need more volunteers to help staff the center. If you would like to help, please email Jenn Shadd at JLShadd@comcast.net. To see a short video of our youngest intake, click [here](#).

month.

Reports from teams and committees were then heard. Everyone is getting ready for wildlife during the busy season. Several training classes have been held. More training classes will be announced soon. Sam Johnson will be creating a YouTube Channel for WR&R to post video taped classes for new volunteers. The Education Team presented the wildlife ambassadors at the Earth Festival in Nevada City on April 30th. The education team will be having another Dine Out For Wildlife at the Northridge Restaurant. Watch for the date coming soon.

WR&R web status – needs overhauling. Sam Johnson will contact someone he knows to give us a quote. After it is updated we will have 2-3 administrators able to get in to keep it up to date. A discussion was held regarding materials of a flight cage recently purchased. We will need to build a flight cage for raptors soon. Bruce will look in to getting the materials moved and Bev will look in to getting it built.

In closed session Karen Koskey was unanimously voted as our seasonal Administrative Manager. Any needs for the teams will contact her at the Intake Center. She will be there Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned. The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 3:00PM.

2021 WR&R Board Members, Officers and Committee Chairs

[Bruce Reinhardt](#) - President
[Jennifer Shadd](#) - Vice-President
[Bev Myers](#) - Secretary
[Julie Griffith-Flatter](#) - Treasurer
[Dr. Sam Johnson](#) - Director At Large
[Bernell Scott](#) - Director At Large
[Karen Koskey](#) - Director At Large

Committee Chairs:

[Karen Koskey](#) - Education Chair
[Karen Koskey](#) - Newsletter Editor

Some tips to help keep wildlife safe around your house

Days are getting longer, and people are spending more time on outdoor activities. But we need to be mindful of what we do, so we don't harm wildlife.



Pictured is an owl that was caught in fishing line hanging from a tree. WRR has had to rescue an owl this happened to, luckily, we were able to care for and release the owl back home, but others are not so lucky. When you're out fishing, never leave tangled fishing line behind, and while you're out, pick up any you may see someone else may have left. Also, it's the time for outdoor weddings and other celebrations, and some people like to release helium balloons. Please, NEVER do this. What goes up, must come down, and when the balloons deflate and land, wildlife may become entangled in the string, or even try to ingest it. Be especially careful not to release Mylar balloons, because in addition to the harm they could cause wildlife, if they hit a power line, they could cause a wildfire, and we don't need any more of those!

Please, if you have any of those cute, metal bird houses, plug up the hole so birds don't nest in them. These are for decoration only, and do not make good houses for birds, as they can get way too hot in the summer, and also, birds may become stuck in them and unable to get out.

Finally, I've said it before, but I'll say it again, this is not the time of year to cut trees or branches, as there could quite possibly be a bird or squirrel nest present. Late fall to early winter is the ideal time for this task. We at WRR have had to care for way too many baby birds and squirrels that have come to us as the result of trees or branches being cut during nesting season, and many of them don't survive. Also, before you move or burn brush piles, gently poke them with a stick to make sure no one is

Just for Fun
photo by Marci Ficarra

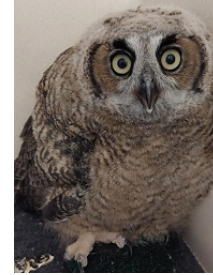
Sometimes the birds just want us to leave them alone.



living inside.
So enjoy the great outdoors, but be respectful of all the creatures we share our space with. Thank you.

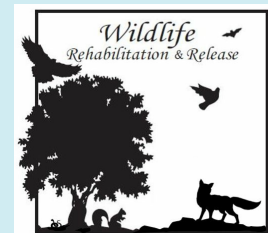
RAPTOR TEAM
Photo by Bev Myers

This little girl has been chillin' at the IC for a few days. She's healthy, eating well, and doesn't like us AT ALL, which is what we want when we are rehabbing wild critters. A trucking company west of Yuba City called us after they found her sitting in front of their building. Since there were no trees around she could have come from, they figured she hitched a ride on one of their trucks. They called our hotline, and Bev Myers went and rescued her. After she grows some more and is eating live food, she will be able to be released back to the wild.



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Don't forget to shop with your community cards from SPD and Holiday Market. Funding comes directly back to WR&R. Also, the Amazon Smiles program, Escrip and Goodsearch provide funding when you sign up and shop on line! [For more information](#)



Thoughts or Comments on this Newsletter? We'd Love to Hear from You!

If you have suggestions, articles, or pictures for this newsletter or would like to write an article, please contact [Karen Koskey](#). Thanks!

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