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.



July 2022

From the President

June was a busy month of taking in birds, mammals and one reptile. Our volunteers are working hard providing the initial care and treatment for all the critters coming in. We had 58 songbirds, one snake, and 8 raptors come to the intake center for treatment. Most of them made it and are being rehabbed for eventual release back to where they come from. We are so grateful for those who brought animals to us. They will have a good chance of living out their natural lives in the wild once released.

We could still use more volunteers. We rely on our volunteers to keep the doors open and to provide the care needed to rehab and release wildlife in need. If you decide to help as a volunteer, you will receive training by our experienced volunteers. If you encounter a mammal or bird in trouble, please give us a call. Please take a look at our newly revised web site for more information on our organization.

http://www.cawildlife911.org

Thank you.

Bruce Reinhardt - President brucesre@aol.com

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 13, 3:30 PM at the Intake Center.

Ed Committee Meeting

Friday, August 12, 3:30 PM at the Intake Center

2022 WR&R Board Members, Officers

Songbird Team

Several young cliff swallows have come into the IC this



year. Cliff swallows historically have nested on cliffs and vertical banks. Today, many nest on man-made

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:

<u>Karen Koskey - Education Chair</u> <u>Karen Koskey - Newsletter Editor</u>

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION & RELEASE Regular Board of Directors Meeting – June, 2022

MINUTES

Location/Time: Grass Valley Intake Center, called to order at 3:38 PM by Bruce Reinhardt, Board President

Motions approved by Email: May 16, 2022 to pay transporters \$.58/mile if requested, capped at \$2,500/year.

May 21, 2022 to buy new copier on a rent to own basis with the service plan.

Motion to ask for electronic equipment from County – motion sensor light, motion sensor cameras, two computers, and microphones.

Fundraising Coordinator – TBD. Jenn looking for a new Fundraiser lead person.

Budget Committee - Julie Griffith-Flatter. Will meet soon to update Budget. Nominating Committee – TBD

Old Business:

WR&R Web site status- (Dr. Sam)
 Dave Arstein working with Jenn and Dr.
 Sam and Karen.

David got Educational videos downloaded, a YouTube channel, a gmail account, gave access to Sam, Karen and Jenn to website.

- Status of WR&R Vet of Record status (Reinhardt)

Had Zoom meeting with Dr. Vickie Joseph. She has agreed to be Vet-of-Record for us.

Contract needs to be drafted. Dr. Sam will do.

New Business:

- Status of all state and federal permits (Shadd)

Federal permit applied for, no answer from Federal. They sent a letter stating

structures, such as buildings that have a ledge, a vertical wall, and a roof. Swallow breeding season is late March through August, by which time the young have fledged. They remain in the area for several weeks after becoming independent. Having swallows around is both enjoyable and beneficial. They consume thousands of flying pest insects, including mosquitos. Swallows, like almost all songbirds, are legally protected by state and federal laws, which prohibit the destruction of nests and eggs, as well as harm to chicks and adults. If swallows have nested in the eaves of your house and are "creating a mess", simply place newspaper or similar material where droppings accumulate, then dispose of the paper as needed. Another solution is to install a shelf under the nest(s) to catch droppings and debris, making sure the shelf does not interfere with the birds' access to the nest. Install the shelf so it is easily removed for cleaning. After the birds have moved on for the season, you can install a physical barrier to safely prevent swallows from nesting on a structure. Click here for instructions on building a barrier. Happy bird-watching!

Intake Center

There have been a number of calls to the IC this year regarding mother foxes and their babies nesting under



decks, sheds, etc. Several callers

that they are about a year or two behind. State MOU and permit, we are waiting on the state, due June 30, 2022. Jenn is trying to contact Heather Perry regarding the state permit.

Dr. Sam is working on a thank you letter

to the family regarding the trust we received.

Karen brought up that we need a larger euthanization chamber. She will research cost.

When motions are presented by email, make sure they are very clear, and that no other business be a part of that email. instead of by regular mail this year. Letter of Appeal to be put out by email this year. Karen to put together and get Board approval before sending out. Julie to research Venmo to collect donations.

David to be contacted re use of credit cards for donations to be posted on site. More T-shirts will be bought. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM. Next meeting July13, 2022, 3:30 at Intake Ctr.

WISH LIST

The Intake Center can always use a few supplies. If you wish to donate any of the following, please bring them to the IC at 809 Maltman Drive (across from Taco Bell) Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, or Sat from 9 am to 2:30 pm, or email Karen at kkosk6565@gmail.com.

Thank you:

Kleenex

Toilet paper

Food Storage bags, quart and gallon size

Clean, empty berry baskets Small cardboard boxes (smaller than shoe box size)

Gift Certificates from pet stores, feed stores, or hardware stores.
And, as always, we can use \$\$\$.
You can donate directly to us on our website:

http://www.cawildlife911.org thr ough Paypal or with a credit card. We are also looking for some land, with power and water to the site, and maybe a building or two, for wildlife care. If you know of some

have wanted us to relocate these foxes, "because they keep eating the cat's food" or because they don't want them to attack them or their cat/dog. We do not and cannot relocate healthy wild animals. People need to understand that living in a rural area means living with the wildlife, on whose territory humans have encroached. Foxes will usually run away when they see a human. And never, ever, NEVER feed dogs or cats outside. Not only are you endangering the local wildlife, but you are also endangering your pet. If a bear or coyote comes after the food you leave out, they may also decide your pet would make a nice meal. If foxes have made a den in your yard, under your deck, etc, you should allow them to stay until the young are old enough to begin accompanying their parents on outings. At this point, they are nearly ready to leave the den and move on for good. Most fox babies are now venturing out on their own and should move on very soon. Once the fox family has moved out of the den, you can then take steps to block the den, so foxes don't move in next season. Once you are absolutely sure all the foxes are out of the den, you can pack the den with soil, and bury an L-shaped footer of hardware cloth around the perimeter of the area you are trying to exclude.

Remember, this is the wildlife's home too, it is up to us to learn to live with them.

Raptor Team

photo and video by Bev Myers

Check out this beautiful young female Barn Owl WR&R had in care this year.

land that might work for our purpose, please contact our president, Bruce Reinhardt, at brucesre@aol.com

Click here to see just what a "swinging chick" she really is. She was recently released back to the wild, after proving she was ready to go by

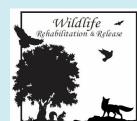


catching live mice for her dinner. An interesting fact about raptors is that unlike songbirds, male and female are almost always the same color, although female raptors are generally larger than the males. However, as far as coloration, female Barnies are *usually* darker than the males. They have a darker face, and more "freckles" on their chest.

We still need more volunteers, both at the Intake Center and the Raptor Clinic. The most important thing the Raptor Team needs now is a few cage builders. If you can help, please get in touch with Bev Myers, bevmyers4wrr@outlook.com

Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release Take Advantage of Amazon and Local Shopping Cards to Support WR&R!

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 <u>Karen Koskey</u>. Thanks!

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