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January/February – Volunteer Opportunity Orientations held
February/March – Training classes for current volunteers held (ex. Baby Mammals, Parasitology, Compounding Medications, Handling Seabirds, etc.)
March 12, 5:30-7:00 pm Volunteer Opportunity Orientation
March 13-18, SLO International Film Festival (PWC sponsored a film & an award)
March 17, 1:00-3:00 "Spring Fling" Volunteer Appreciation
Meet the Raptors Education Presentation(s) (North & South County) – for dates/time/venue visit pacificwildlifecare.org
April 14, 10:00-11:30 am Volunteer Opportunity Orientation
April 15 – Reminder to choose to support Wildlife Rehabilitation on your 2017 Tax form!
May 12 – Central Coast Wildlife Festival, 11:00-4:00
Mission Plaza, SLO
(see related information on Page 3)
May 19, 10:00-11:30 am Volunteer Opportunity Orientation
June 12 – Election Day (PWC will staff a poll in SLO)

PWC SPONSORS FILMS AT THE SLOIFF by Kimberly Perez

PWC has partnered with the SLO International Film Festival (SLOIFF) to sponsor a full-featured film written and directed by Tony Lee, The Cat That Changed America, and a new short or animated youth film award, The Wild World We Love, in the Young Filmmakers of Tomorrow category for students K-12.

The full-featured documentary will be screened at Palm Theatre on Thursday, 3/15, at 1:00 pm and Saturday, 3/17, at 1:15 pm, and at Downtown Centre on Sunday, 3/18, at 1:15 pm.

Winning entries for The Wild World We Love youth film award will be screened at 2:30 pm with other youth selections, and awards presented at 6:00 pm on Sunday, 3/18. The SLOIFF runs March 13-18.

CA FIRES/MUDSLIDES IMPACT PWC by John FitzRandolph

PWC played an important role in the aftermath of the horrendously destructive fires in Northern California’s wine country and the Thomas Fire in southern California. Because of the dangerously thick smoke in the region, the fires caused local wildlife facilities, including the International Bird Rescue (IBR) in Cordelia, to evacuate animals in their care in order to ensure the best healthcare for their patients.

PWC took in three waves of birds that had to be removed from that smoky environment. On October 11, 13, and 23, we received 10 Common Murres, 3 Western Gulls, 2 California Gulls, and one each of these species: Great Blue Heron, Red-Throated Loon, American Coot, Ashy Storm-Petrel, and a Brown Pelican.

Meantime, PWC received several birds that had been impacted by the terrible Thomas Fire – which destroyed hundreds of homes and torched almost 300,000 acres. Those birds included: a Pied-billed Grebe; a Brown Pelican; and a Western Grebe. The birds came to PWC from the Santa Barbara Wildlife Network, which normally sends their seabirds to the IBR in San Pedro, but due to the mudslide closing Highway 101, they came to our Morro Bay facility.

Due to the poor air quality in Santa Barbara, our clinic also housed a nearly-constant vocal (whoo-whooing) Great Horned Owl, "Max", an educational animal from Eyes in the Sky (Santa Barbara Audubon Society’s education program). Home rehabber, Jeri Roberts, kept in her aviaries two other educational ambassadors from the group: “Puka”, a female Western Screech Owl, and “Kisa”, a female Peregrine Falcon.

We were delighted we could cooperate and help other organizations in their time of distress as we are all members of the CCWR (California Council of Wildlife Rehabilitators).
**SPRING REMINDERS**

*Keep the wild creatures in the wild by taking these precautions*

- Check trees & bushes for nests before trimming.
- Walk your property to look for ground nests before mowing, weed-whacking or leaf blowing.
- Trapping wildlife in the spring often results in their young being orphaned.
- You don’t need to feed orphaned or injured wildlife. They may be in shock and need veterinary assistance.
- Baby deer need to be left where their mother has safely stashed them. Only if they wander around crying do they need rescuing.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**IF YOU ARE 70 1/2 OR OLDER YOU COULD SAVE ON YOUR TAXES**

One of our anonymous members notified us recently that as soon as she turns 70 1/2 she will be giving Pacific Wildlife Care the amount in her Regular IRA that she is required to withdraw this year. If she were to take the required amount, she would be due, but by donating it to PWC she avoids all taxes on that amount. She only needs to provide our Tax ID number to her fund manager.

If you or someone you know is nearing 70 1/2, alert them to the fact that they must not make the donation before their half birthday, but they can make it as late as April of 2018 to avoid paying 2017 taxes on the required amount.

PWC’s Tax ID is: 77-0196350

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**TURKEY VULTURE RESCUE by Randy Derhammer**

I have grown to really like Turkey Vultures since I’ve rescued and brought several to the PWC Center. They seem to get into trouble quite often by being poisoned or getting struck by cars. One of these vulture rescues really gave me a run for my money! The bird was at a construction site in Paso Robles. There were lots of trucks for it to hide under as well as other obstacles as it tried to avoid me with my capture net. The bird didn’t seem able to fly but I couldn’t see any obvious injuries to its wings. The bird kept avoiding me time and time again, bobbing and weaving like a prize fighter as it hid and ran like a champ!

I had a little help from one of the workers at the site: he held up a sheet as a barrier and the bird ran in the opposite direction as I sprinted after it. I had a little help from one of the workers at the site: he held up a sheet as a barrier and the bird ran in the opposite direction as I sprinted after it with my net. Finally, I was just a little quicker! The bird was brought in and made a full recovery after being successfully treated for lead poisoning.

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**HELPING WILDLIFE: AB 1031**

When Governor Brown signed AB 1031 into law this past October, it opened the door for ordinary California citizens filing on their 2017 earnings will have a checkbox called “Voluntary Tax Contributions”

- Checking that box (minimum $1.00) allows taxpayers to make a contribution to the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW)

**CDFW will use the money to create a competitive grant program: nonprofits that rehabilitate injured, sick, or orphaned wildlife, and that offer conservation education to the public, are eligible to apply for these grants**

Meanwhile, Pacific Wildlife Care is fully in line with the requirements of the granting program: (a) PWC is a 501(c)(3); (b) PWC operates a rehabilitation facility (“pursuant to Section 679 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations”); (c) PWC is in compliance with laws and regulations; and (d) PWC maintains a wildlife medical database.

So, members, volunteers, and all those associated with PWC, need to get the word out that grant money will be available when taxpayers check that box and make a contribution.

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**Welcome New Members & Donors** *(Sept – Dec 2017)*

Sarah Alexih  
Nazara Ali  
Lisa & Jason Anderson  
Anysia Avila  
Linda Baier  
Sara Banks  
Nancy Bast  
Shirley & Jeff Beaumont  
Joaanne Bettencourt  
Pam Bonner  
Linda Borgeson  
Lindsey Brandt  
Susan & George Breznay  
Melora Brooks  
Joan Brown  
Justin Bruner  
Diane Burkhart  
Marcella Campbell  
Scott Campbell  
Giavanna Caputo  
Eleanor & John Cary  
Nalana Carreiro  
Curtis Clumpner  
Trinity Coghill  
Tyler Cole  
Sarah Patrick Considine  
M. Crown & M. Simmons  
Robert Currie  
Ksenia Dalton  
Ruffy Dorian  
Rachel, Adam & Owen Duncan  
Hannah Eade  
Gene A. Ekenstam  
Blue Jay Real Estate  
Pamela Evans  
Wayne Evans  
Tricia Fertig  
Jeanne Flory  
Mark Frink  
Christine Garrett  
Kenneth Goldberg  
Jamie Goldie  
Karen Bowls Gordon, DVM  
Roger Grizzle  
Roberta & Frank Guusman  
Taylor Haefs  
Suzette & Richard Harrison  
Zette Harbour  
Christy Haupt  
William Haug  
Andrea Herron  
Melissa Herron  
Mackenzie Hilton  
Hannah Hochderffer  
Suzan Hoffman  
Paul Holden  
JoEllen Hose  
Hana Huffman  
Azul Theresa Hull  
Heidi Irwin  
Joel Jacobs  
Jerry James  
Penny Jolly  
Nancy Krumwiede  
Valrsha Ravi Kumar  
Lisa Lazarra  
Geneviwe Lies  
Susa Lilley  
Jack Mahrt  
Monica Marsh  
Angelle Marshall  
Sonja Hawley-Mauser  
Rick McKenna  
Vikki Medrano  
Bharat Mehdiratta  
Brigette Miller  
Kristin & Scott Moreira  
Lisa Morena  
Corey & Patrick Mullen  
Timothy Murphy  
Paddie Myers  
Sam Nimri  
Mike Obayashi  
Linda Pacheco  
James Papp  
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Nancy Schreiber  
Douglas Scheel  
John Senger  
Frances Sherrill  
Stephanie Sherman, DVM  
Corine Siert  
Steve Siwert  
S.L.O. Nazere Church  
Ian Smalley  
Joe Spellacy  
Kelly Stavlund  
Mareeni Stanislaus  
Julia Staner  
Owen Thayer  
Ethan Totten  
Jimmy Tyler  
Bernard Unterman  
Janet S. Veta  
Phil Wagner  
Erin Weiner  
Margaret Weir  
Ray White  
Judith & John Wilson  
Scott Wills  
Julie Zafiratos
### RELEASES
#### Sept-Dec 2017

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**GET READY.. SET.. GO!**

An Arroyo Grande wildlife rescuer called about a sick-looking bobcat. Bobcat #17-2271 came to our Clinic mid-November severely dehydrated, flea-ridden, with crusted skin and a depressed attitude. After a month and a half of treatment, this healthy-looking and vibrant Bobcat is released on January 6. Photos by Don Quintana*

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*Patron & Benefactor Members were invited to watch this exciting wildlife release in the Huasna area.

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Ill and depressed, Bobcat #17-2271 came to the PWC Clinic mid-November. Photo by Emily Schwartz.

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*At the release, Bob Peak opened the carrier with all cameras ready and aimed.

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*Bobcat #17-2271; released back to the wild.

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**PWC PRESENTS**

**CENTRAL COAST**

**Wildlife Festival**

**SAT. MAY 12, 2018 11AM - 4PM**

**MISSION PLAZA, SAN LUIS OBIPO**

Discover the Wild Where We Live

pacificwildlifecare.org/wildlife-festival
“Springtime is baby wildlife time! Read page 2 on how to ‘protect’ them!”

PWC’s mission is to support San Luis Obispo wildlife through rehabilitation and educational outreach. We envision Pacific Wildlife Care as an advocate for wildlife. By sharing our experiences, we inspire community participation to reduce harm to our wild neighbors.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Photo: PWC Board Members, Marcelle Bakula, Kimberly Perez & Kathleen Dillon accept the 2nd Place “Favorite Charities-2017” check from Dr. Ahmad A. Amir of Pacific Eye.

Thank You Pacific Eye & all of our supporters who voted for PWC!

Membership/Donations Save Lives

Yes, I would like to give wildlife a second chance!

- Benefactor $3,000
- Patron $1,500
- Sponsor $600
- Contributor $300
- Supporter $150
- Advocate $60
- Student/Senior/Volunteer $30
- Other _______________

- I would like information on adding Pacific Wildlife Care to my will or trust.

Visit us online at www.pacificwildlifecare.org to set up a monthly subscription or pay by credit card

Name:__________________________
Phone:__________________________ Email:______________________________
Address:________________________ State:______ Zip:___________ Date:______

Please check:  ☐ New Membership  ☐ Renewal  ☐ Donation  ☐ I would like to volunteer
Please mail completed form with check to Pacific Wildlife Care, PO Box 1134, Morro Bay, CA 93443

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