

**GOLD COUNTY WILDLIFE RESCUE, INC.**

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to waive any potential claim against Gold County Wildlife Rescue, Inc., and further agree to abide by the rules of said organization, both of these Agreements more specifically as follows:

1. I understand that wildlife rehabilitation can be dangerous and involves exposure to potentially serious or life threatening injury or illness. I VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT COMPENSATION AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF ACCIDENT, ILLNESS OR DEATH INVOLVED IN WILDLIFE REHABILITATION, OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY OF GOLD COUNTY WILDLIFE RESCUE, INC., AND AGREE TO WAIVE LIABILITY AGAINST, AND HOLD HARMLESS, GOLD COUNTY WILDLIFE RESCUE, INC. AND ANY AND ALL OF ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OR OFFICERS, THEREFORE. This waiver and agreement to hold harmless applies to any and all activities involving Gold County Wildlife Rescue, Inc., and its individual members, and waives any claim against Gold County Wildlife Rescue, Inc., and any and all individual members thereof, for actions including but not limited to caring for and handling animals, any act of transport, meeting, animal care, personal transportation, fundraising, social events, or any other activity connected with Gold County Wildlife Rescue, Inc.

I understand that Gold County Wildlife Rescue, Inc. has neither liability insurance nor medical insurance that may be applicable to any claim, and agree to provide such coverage myself if I desire same.

2. I understand that vaccinations are available that may minimize or eliminate the risks involved in handling animals. If I desire such protection I agree to, at my own expense, obtain appropriate vaccinations for rabies and other diseases that may be carried by wild animals. I further agree that I will pay for my own medical treatment, or any other loss, for any damage, injury or illness that may result from any action I take in connection with Gold County Wildlife Rescue, Inc. I further agree that, if I do not obtain appropriate vaccination, I assume any and all risks that relate to handling animals without having obtained such vaccinations.

3. I have received, read in full, and agree to abide by in their entirety the Bylaws of Gold County Wildlife Rescue, Inc.

4. I have received, read in full, and agree to abide by in their entirety the Memorandum of understanding between Gold County Wildlife Rescue, Inc and the California State Department of Fish and Game. I further have received, read in full, and agree to abide by in its entirety the two page Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit dated February 16, 1993, permit number PRT-776166.

5. I understand and agree that the Board of Directors of Gold County Wildlife Rescue, Inc shall make the ultimate decision regarding disposition of any animal referred by them to me for any purpose, and I agree to abide by that decision and waive any proprietary interest in any said animal.

6. I agree that, should I fail to abide by any of the terms of this Waiver and Agreement, Bylaws, Memorandum of Understanding, or any directive given to me by the board of Directors of Gold County Wildlife Rescue, Inc, said board my, immediately and without notice to me, take any action said board believes to be appropriate under the circumstances, including but not limited to immediate termination without notice of my rehabilitation rights under this agreement, immediate communication of such termination to any affected agency or entity, and termination of my membership in Gold County Wildlife Rescue, Inc. I expressly agree to waive any claim I may have should any such action occur.

7. I HAVE READ THE ENTIRE WAIVER AND AGREEMENT (2 PAGES) BEFORE SIGNING IT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL PROVISIONS HEREIN. I am a competent adult more than eighteen years of age.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_