

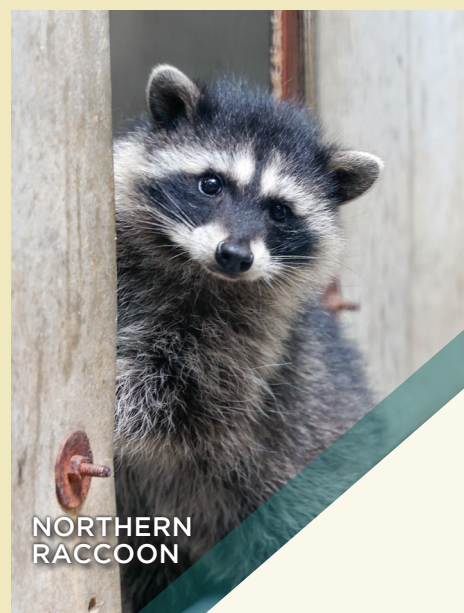
# 2023 IMPACT REPORT

BOBCAT



PYGMY OWL

NORTHERN  
RACCOON



COTTONTAIL  
RABBIT





BLACK BEAR

# FIRST INHABITANTS OF SUMMIT UNIVERSITY

We are so excited to share the news with you that we welcomed our first students to Summit University in October!



"Honey" (ID# 23-2188) and her brother "Marshall" (ID# 23-2211) moved into our new apex predator enclosure, Summit University (previously BCU)! This has been a long time in the making, and we are thrilled that they are the first class of cubs to learn to climb, run, forage, and hibernate in this amazing enclosure! They were soon joined by three more orphaned cubs, which illustrates the need in our region for this kind of rehab opportunity.



Once the bears are released in spring (when the snow has melted and there's plenty of food for them to find), we will be back at it, bear-proofing the second half of Summit University in order to be able to help even more orphaned and injured predators that might need a little help to return to the wild. We're about 80% of the way there, but there's still work to be done!

For now, we are thrilled to watch these five Black Bear cubs grow and thrive in the first part that is complete. The thousands of hours and hundreds of thousands of donated dollars and supplies made this moment possible. We wish to thank everyone who has made this wonderful enclosure a reality - we could never have done this without YOU!





## RINGTAILS

In May, an extraordinary event unfolded, marking only the second instance in our 32-year history—a rarely seen species came into our care. A compassionate individual in Northern California made a remarkable discovery: a Ringtail had given birth in her basement. Utilizing cameras, she diligently observed the nest and contacted us when the mother had been absent for 48 hours. Thus, we welcomed two precious Ringtail babies, their eyes tightly closed, into our care.

The challenge of raising infant wildlife to maintain their wild instincts contradicts our natural inclination to nurture. However, it is imperative that our patients avoid becoming accustomed to human interaction. To foster their independence, we implemented a strategic approach. A depiction of an adult Ringtail adorned their enclosure, and we refrained from verbal communication or physical affection. In lieu of direct human contact, a stuffed animal equipped with a battery-powered heartbeat provided comfort. We carefully shielded them from the sight and sounds of humans.

The meticulous measures taken yielded remarkable results, as these two youngsters grew up exhibiting a strong, wild demeanor and appropriate wariness of humans. Their successful transition culminated in their release into an area known for harboring a population of Ringtails. This unique and challenging endeavor underscored our commitment to preserving the innate wildness of the creatures entrusted to our care.



# YOUR IMPACT IN 2023



BALD EAGLE

3,945

Injured, orphaned and/or sick wildlife received a second chance at life through the services provided at the GCWR Wildlife Intake Center



BAT

179

Different species helped



NORTHERN  
RACCOON

13,278

Phone calls from people needing assistance with wildlife



GRAY FOX

15

Outreach events



# INTAKES BY ANIMAL TYPE



**1928 SONGBIRDS 49%**

**1102 MAMMALS 29%**



**520 WATERFOWL 13%**

**93 GAMEBIRDS 2%**



**255 RAPTORS 6%**

**46 REPTILES 1%**





# YOUR CONTRIBUTION IN 2023 MADE A DIFFERENCE!

Thanks to your generous support, Gold Country Wildlife Rescue assisted over 3,945 injured, orphaned, or sick wildlife last year. Your compassion has left an enduring impact, and we are truly grateful for your generosity.

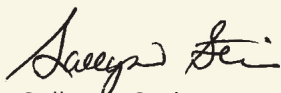
The 2023 Impact Report showcases the tangible results of your contribution, illustrating the number of animals you've helped and the communities reached. Your support has not only aided individual creatures like songbirds, foxes, bobcats, raptors, opossums, and bears but has also had a ripple effect, positively influencing numerous communities.

On behalf of the diverse wildlife we care for, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your significant impact. The 2023 Impact Report highlights your support's real-life outcomes with inspiring and heartwarming stories.

Please take a moment to peruse the report and consider keeping it as a daily reminder of the incredible difference your gifts have made for injured, orphaned, and sick wildlife. Your ongoing commitment continues to fuel our ability to rescue, rehabilitate, and release wildlife 365 days a year.

Once again, thank you for making all of this possible. Your dedication to the well-being of our wildlife community is truly appreciated!

With gratitude,



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Founder and Executive Director



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