

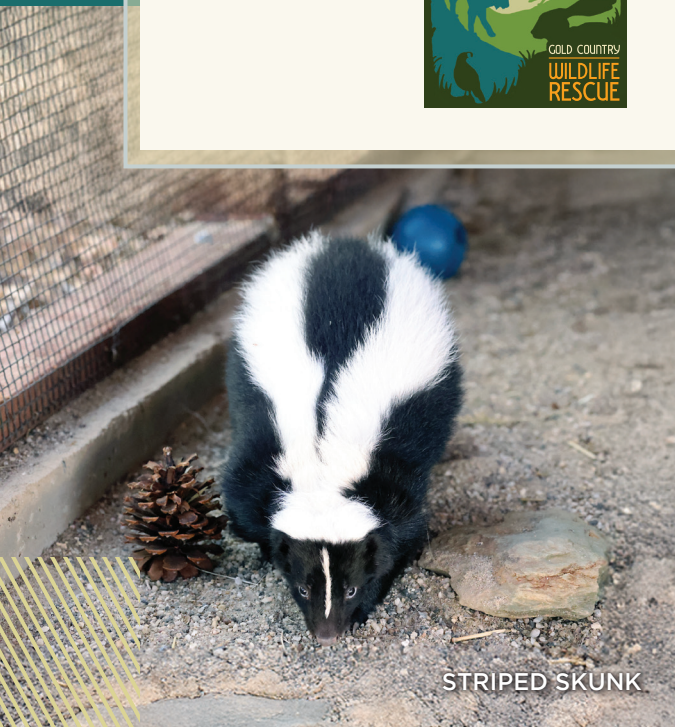
COMMON RAVEN



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2025 IMPACT REPORT



STRIPED SKUNK



BARN OWL

UNEXPECTED JOURNEYS: MIRACLES OF GROWTH AND RELEASE

Our 2025 season brought surprises that reminded us how much your support impacts the “hidden” lives of wildlife. From a tiny traveler to an unexpected family, these two stories highlight the incredible journeys our patients take to return to the wild.

In late March, we admitted a female Northern Raccoon rescued from an air conditioning unit at Beale AFB. She was injured and trapped, but under the care of our expert team, she made a steady recovery. Just as she was preparing to move to an outdoor enclosure, she gave us the ultimate surprise: she went into labor! On May 22nd, she gave birth to two healthy kits—the first raccoons ever born in GCWR care. Because of the quiet, supportive environment our donors help provide, this resilient mother was able to raise her kits until they were all ready for a second chance in nature.



Just a few months later, we welcomed Patient #25-2125, a North American River Otter pup found alone and vulnerable near Auburn, CA. To give her the best chance at survival, we transferred her to a partner facility that specializes in aquatic rehabilitation. After weeks of honing her natural instincts in the water, she returned to us for a final check-in. Thanks to the support of conservation-minded landowners, she was successfully released back to nature in a peaceful, protected habitat.

Whether through a surprise birth or a cross-county partnership, these success stories prove that every animal’s path home is unique. Your generosity ensures that every “surprise” has a happy ending.



RESCUING AND REUNITING: A YEAR FOR GREAT HORNED OWLS

At Gold Country Wildlife Rescue, our 2025 mission was defined by two powerful stories of resilience involving the iconic Great Horned Owl. Whether reuniting a family or providing critical medical intervention, our goal remains the same: keeping wildlife wild.

Earlier this year, we received an urgent call about two owlets found on the ground. With their parents standing guard nearby, our team recognized the perfect opportunity for renesting. Using specialized equipment and a sturdy laundry basket, staff and volunteers safely hoisted the babies back into the canopy.

The following day, our technician confirmed the best possible outcome: the parents were back in the "nest," dutifully tending to their young.



However, not every patient can be returned so quickly. We later admitted an adult Great Horned Owl suffering from a severe infestation of foxtails and burrs. These barbed seeds were embedded deep within its feathers, eyes, and nostrils, a condition that can lead to fatal infections. It took multiple intensive grooming sessions, using specialized forceps and flushing solutions, to remove every last barb. Throughout the

process, the owl maintained a "healthy dislike" for our team - a sign of the wild spirit we strive to protect.

After regaining its strength in our flight enclosures, this resilient hunter was successfully released back into its territory. From complex medical recoveries to heartwarming family reunions, your support provided the expertise and supplies necessary to give these magnificent birds a second chance at life in the wild.



YOUR IMPACT IN 2025



3,995

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



187

Different species helped



13,550

Phone calls from people needing assistance with wildlife



84,000+

Social media followers receiving wildlife education across 4 platforms



INTAKES BY ANIMAL TYPE

Total intakes for the year 3,995



WESTERN Tanager

1,117 SONGBIRDS



WILD TURKEY

479 GAMEBIRDS



CANVASBACK

466 WATER BIRDS



WESTERN
POND TURTLE

37 REPTILES



PEREGRINE FALCON

168 RAPTORS



ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD

340 OTHER BIRDS



RINGTAIL

1,384 MAMMALS



SIERRAN TREEFROG

2 AMPHIBIANS



WESTERN TIGER
SWALLOWTAIL

2 INSECTS

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2025!

YOUR CONTRIBUTION IN 2025 MADE A DIFFERENCE!

Dear Friend of Gold Country Wildlife Rescue,

Thanks to your generous support, Gold Country Wildlife Rescue was able to assist **3,995 injured, orphaned, or sick wildlife** in 2025. Your compassion continues to have a lasting impact and we are deeply grateful for your kindness and dedication.

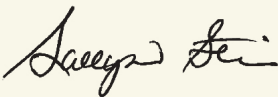
This **2025 Impact Report** brings to life the tangible results of your contributions, showcasing not only the animals you've helped but also the communities you've touched. From songbirds and foxes to bobcats, raptors, opossums, and bears, your support has created meaningful change for individual creatures and sparked positive ripples across entire ecosystems.

We invite you to explore the report, where you'll find heartwarming stories highlighting the incredible impact of your generosity. Your commitment empowers us to **rescue, rehabilitate, and release wildlife 365 days a year**, ensuring these animals have a second chance at life in the wild.

Take a moment to reflect on the remarkable difference you've made. Keep this report as a reminder that your continued support fuels hope, healing, and a brighter future for wildlife in need.

On behalf of the animals we serve, thank you for being an essential part of this mission. Your dedication to their well-being is truly inspiring.

With gratitude,



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