

SWCC

Stanislaus Wildlife Care Center

We once again ask for your support during this season of giving.

The SWCC has admitted over 2,100 animals of 149 different species so far in 2023. Each species requires different caging and diets.

We made several improvements this year. Our new dove aviary is up and has doves in it. And we have built five new duck isolation pens.

We cared for some rather special animals this year: bald and golden eagles, peregrine falcons, and a few that we seldom see, white-faced ibis, dowitchers, phalaropes, and northern shovelers.

**The average cost per
animal is \$110.00**

(Annual expenses divided by the number of animals admitted.)



Baby Raccoons

Raccoon rotavirus was extremely prevalent this year. We admit around sixty baby raccoons a year, so keeping the litters isolated for the extended quarantine period to ensure they are not infected has been challenging.

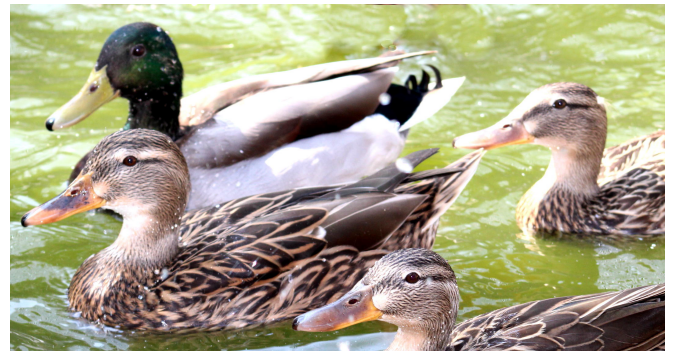
Merry Christmas

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Hoary Bat

However, the most significant problem in 2023 was HPAI or Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. This disease has been in Europe for many years and only reached California last year. Once the cooler weather sets in, HPAI becomes common in waterfowl, some mammals, and birds of prey. Those species comprise around five hundred admissions. Humans are also susceptible. In wildlife, it is highly contagious and almost always fatal.



Mallards

As a result of HPAI, we have had to spend a lot of money on PPE (personal protective equipment), such as disposable gloves, gowns, masks, and booties. And our makeshift quarantine tents need to be replaced with more permanent structures. More about that in the next newsletter.

Your donation will help us care for the sick and injured animals we will admit this winter. And it will help us prepare for next spring when all the baby animals come in.

Help us all
live free.



Baby Anna's Hummingbird

Season's Greetings

The SWCC does not receive any government money. We rely solely on contributions from generous people like you.

All the employees and volunteers at the SWCC wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

Golden Eagle

*Happy
Chanukah*



Great-Horned Owl



Western Bluebird and Black-Throated Grey Warbler



Baby California Ground Squirrels

Thank you for your continued support.

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