

# Napa Wildlife Rescue 2022 Annual Report

# Our Mission: Rescue, rehabilitate and release wildlife back to their homes

Napa Wildlife Rescue is the only organization in Napa County that is allowed to rescue, rehabilitate and release healthy wild animals back into their native habitat. Napa Wildlife Rescue (NWR) was established as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit corporation in 1991 and operates under permits from the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

NWR has helped over 12,300 animals since 2013! In 2022 we had 1,208 animal intakes representing 103 different species. There were 869 avian patients representing 82 species, 336 mammals representing 20 species, and 3 reptiles representing 1 species. Our Hawk Line (707-224-4295), the phone number that the public calls to get information about what to do with an injured animal, received approximately 1,600 phone calls in 2022.













# **Education**

In addition to operating the wildlife clinic, NWR educates children about wildlife through our school classroom outreach program. Our program is in high demand among schools in Napa County and we reached over 900 children in 2022. Terra Standish, the Education Coordinator for NWR, scheduled 30 K-5th programs in 11 different elementary schools this past fall. Long time volunteer Janice Taylor took Olive, the ambassador opossum to 20 presentations and Carol Poole, NWR President, took Maddie, the ambassador Redtail hawk, to 18 presentations. We also live streamed presentations with Odin, our Raven, during the pandemic when school visits were not allowed. We coordinate our education programs with those of the Napa Solano Audubon Society. This has been a positive partnership of NWR.





## **BOMP**

NWR reaches out to the Napa agricultural community to educate farmers about wildlife and the need for pesticide free rodent abatement in vineyards and crop fields. Through our our Barn Owl Maintenance Program (BOMP), NWR sells, installs, cleans and monitors the occupancy of Barn Owl nesting boxes so pesticide-free practices can be applied to rodent abatement. In 2022 we constructed and installed 72 nesting boxes, cleaned 196 boxes, and checked occupancy of 65 boxes. We coordinate with the Barn Owl studies of Matt Johnson and his students at Cal Poly Humboldt. We have ties to Napa Green and participated in seminars that help educate farmers about pesticide free farming practices.



# **Rewilding our Property**

NWR has a long term goal to restore our Julia's Refuge property to native plants that provide food and habitat for wildlife. As nature would have it, native plants are also drought tolerant. NWR was the recipient of a Xerces Society grant of several hundred native pollinator plants in the fall of 2022 and we will do another big planting in the fall of 2023. We have added two apiaries to the property. Our Shafer Sanctuary property is naturally wooded in native flora and provides home for many wild animals.

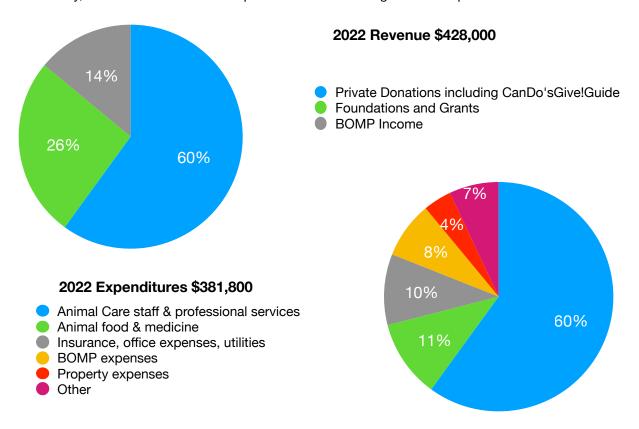


#### Social Media

NWR strives to inform and educate people through social media. We believe that stories and photographs of wildlife help people become better stewards of the natural world. We regularly man a booth at the summer Napa Farmer's Markets. In 2022 NWR posted on Facebook and Instagram approximately 260 times and produced 25 newsletters - one per month with increases during fundraising drives. We have 7,332 Facebook followers and 2,389 Instagram followers.

# **Financials**

NWR is in sound, fiscally responsible shape for the size of our current program. Fundraising has remained healthy and at this time we are able to keep 9 months of operating expenses in reserve. We fully own two pieces of property: Julia's Refuge, the 2-acre clinic property in Carneros and the Shafer Sanctuary, 5 acres near Yountville for pre-release conditioning of certain species of animals.



# **Volunteers**

Napa Wildlife Rescue could not do what we do without the volunteers that put in countless hours to care for animals, answer telephones, clean, transport, garden, collect animal food and supplies, and do community outreach. We have extensive volunteer training programs in animal rescue and care. Dr. Ed Powers volunteers many hours of veterinary care. It would not be possible to maintain our property without volunteer contractor, John Tagliaferri. In all, 120 volunteers are actively engaged with NWR.

**Staff (paid)** NWR added two full time positions in 2022, bringing a total of four full time staff members and two part-time staff members. Staff: Linnaea Furlong, Manager; Sarah Walhovd-Gonzales, Animal Care Technician; Alex King, Animal Care Technician; Emily Scott, Animal Care Technician/BOMP Coordinator; Terra Standish, Animal Care Technician/Education Coordinator; Katlyn Wolzen, Animal Care Technician.

**Board Members (volunteer)** Carol Poole, President; Tom Clark, Vice-President; Deb Brown, Treasurer; Linda Howard, Secretary; and Directors John Comisky; Hal Hensler; Phyllis Hunt; Monty Sander; Eve-Anne Wilkes. The Board of Directors meets monthly and oversees fundraising and finance, legal compliance, property acquisition and maintenance, and public relations.

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## **Donors 2018-2022**

Very special thanks to Julia Winiarski for making it possible to purchase "Julia's Refuge". John Shafer and his family will always be in our hearts for giving us the "Shafer Sanctuary".

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