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### Who am I?

By Nancy Haydock

I am a creature that inhabits rocky outcrops near water across much of the American west from Canada to Mexico. I feed late at night on moths, froghoppers, leafhoppers, June beetles, grasshoppers, Jerusalem crickets, scorpions, centipedes, beetles, praying mantises, lizards, and rodents. I also like nectar and will lick it out of cactus blossoms, which makes me an important pollinator.



Pallid Bat

Veronica Sandow

I use echolocation to navigate by making high pitched squeaks and listening as they bounce off things. My ears are huge.

**Creature** Feature

When I hear something, I drop to the ground, searching for victims, which I capture with my mouth and then fly to a high branch to eat. I have to watch out for snakes and owls. Sometimes scorpions sting me, but I'm immune to their poison.

Did you quess who I am?

Pallid Bats, (Antrozous pallidus,) are tough and tenacious, defying many of the typical bat rules. They belong to the large and diverse family Vespertilionidae or evening bats. There are over three hundred different species of Vespertilionidae bats.

Pallid bats are large and pale yellowish-brown. Their ears are about 2.5 cm long, broad, and naked, crossed by nine to eleven transverse lines. They have a blunt snout, strong feet and weigh twelve to seventeen grams, about as much as three nickels.

These bats mate in fall and give birth to twins in early summer. Newborn bats weigh around 3 grams and develop more slowly than other species of bat. They fly when six weeks old. Young pallid Continued on page 6

### Bat Rehab

By Donna Burt



Pallid Bat. Veronica Sandow

There are twenty-five species of bats in California. This may not sound like a lot but compared to other mammals, bats are quite diverse. That is about twice as many species of bats as carnivores; coyotes, bobcats, fox, bear and so forth.

Although all California bats are small, some are much bigger than others. The western pipistrel weighs between five and six grams, about the same as a nickel. The western mastiff bat weighs fifty to seventy grams. And they all act differently.

Other than hanging upside down and sleeping all day, each species has a different personality and presents different challenges for the rehabber.

Mexican freetail bats are tiny, fast, and crawl all over, which makes them difficult to handle. Because they are so are small, so it takes them a while to learn to eat mealworms. Red bats are bigger and quieter, but their Mouths quite small, so mealworms are also a challenge. Big brown bats have huge mouths and long teeth. Extra caution is needed to avoid getting bit. Hoary bats are aggressive when frightened. They do calm down, but it takes a while.

Initially, we feed bats on a liquid diet designed for sick carnivores. Once they are doing better, we switch them to insects, like mealworms and crickets.

Most of the bats we receive have either been mauled by a house cat or are ill. One common disease we see in bats is rabies, so it is important that people not touch bats with bare hands. Cat mauled bats often have punctures in their wings and bodies, and sometimes broken bones.

This pallid bat had been mauled by a cat. He had torn wing membranes and several puncture wounds to his body. Unfortunately, his injuries proved fatal.

### **Baby Animal Shower 2018**

#### By Cindy Manning

Last fall, the SWCC board of directors voted to have only one event per year, the spring Baby Animal Shower, and forgo the Day with Wildlife in the fall. For the past few years, the Baby Animal Shower has been the more popular event, and it makes more money than Day with Wildlife. When extra wages for the employees are factored in, Day With Wildlife barely breaks even.

We also moved the Baby Animal shower from May to April because we are so busy with baby animals in May, and there are fewer events to compete with in April.

The Baby Animal Shower was on April 14, 2018, a beautiful day. We added many of our fall activities to the Baby Animal Shower, such as the BBQ and raffle, plus a couple of new ones. The rock painting went over well, as did the puppet show presented by the Stanislaus County Library. *Continued on page 6* 



Baby Raccoon Linda Weidman



Veronica Sandow with Carson.

CeCe Hurst

## **Center News**

#### Funding the Raptor Complex

#### By Dorothy Tuggle

We spent the past year researching private foundations to raise \$100,000 needed to build a raptor complex. We purchased Foundation Search software through Metasoft Systems Inc., which gave us to access a database containing information on thousands of foundations.

The prospective foundations were narrowed down based on their giving practices for the past few years, with a particular focus on wild animals, birds, raptors, and caging projects. We evaluated each foundation's assets, income, amounts granted, and granting areas. Many foundations repeatedly give to the same organizations, have only donoradvised funding, limit their giving to specific geographical regions, or won't respond to unsolicited applications.

We narrowed the foundations from thousands down to around eighty. Then we sent letters of inquiry explaining our project and requesting permission to submit a full grant proposal.

We received responses from a handful. We have much more follow-up to do with those who have not responded. We are 30% of the way to our goal!





Conceptual Drawing

Donna Burt

We have - \$30,251 We need - \$79,849 Please Help

#### 2017 Financial Report

| Income<br>Interest<br>Taxable Sales<br>Direct Public Support<br>Direct Mail Solicitation<br>Indirect Public Support<br>Other Types of Income<br>Program Income<br>Special Events Income<br>Restricted Funds Income*<br>Total Income<br>Cost of Goods Sold<br><b>Gross Profit</b> | \$191<br>\$1,668<br>\$46,230<br>\$44,070<br>\$4,279<br>\$3,034<br>\$3,041<br>\$7,359<br>\$22,554<br>\$132,426<br>\$-1,107<br><b>\$131,319</b> |
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| <b>Expense</b><br>Major Equipment  | \$19,208  |
| Occupancy Rent Utilities<br>Maintenance  | \$24,426  |
| Animal Program Expense   | \$17,947  |
| Business Expenses  | \$2,473   |
| Travel and Meetings  | \$1,895   |
| Supplies<br>Printing Publications  | \$17,622  |
| Postage  | \$2,181   |
| Professional Fundraising *   | * \$4,995   |
| Direct Mail Fundraising  | \$3,085   |
| Special Events Expenses  | \$2,941   |
| Labor Expenses   | \$68,059  |
| Total Expense  | \$164,830   |

#### Net Ordinary Income \$-33,511

\* Restricted funds are grant monies allocated to specific projects.

\*\* This was the cost of the Metasoft Database access and training. So far that program has generated \$30,000.



Baby Screech Owl

Linda Weidman

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Volunteers Money

### **Dangerous the Deer**

By Doug Marks, DVM

Last winter the SWCC received a tame yearling buck from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. They dubbed him Dangerous.

Tame deer become dangerous when they grow up, so they can't be released. The Applegate Zoo in Merced agreed to take him but only if he had a vasectomy. That way he would have all his normal testosterone, mate with the does, and grow to look like a buck, antlers and all, but not be able to father fawns.

Cristen Langner, environmental scientists for the CDF&W, gave me information on anesthesia for deer, and I researched the surgical procedures. The vasectomy procedure on deer is very similar to that of humans. In a vasectomy, the vas deferens, the organ that stores sperm, is separated from the spermatic cord, so the sperm are never released.

I was concern about the deer's weight. Too much fat would make finding the spermatic cord difficult. I visited the deer at the SWCC so I could examine him. He was quite friendly but didn't appreciate me "palpating his privates."

Traveling with a fully awake adult deer is not safe for the deer, so Cristen lightly anesthetized him at the center and then drove him seven miles to the vet clinic, where I waited to start surgery. Everyone came to watch through the window. The spermatic cord was easy to find, and



Dangerous waiting for surgery.

Donna Burt

the procedure went well. It is great to have an opportunity to help not only the deer but also to do interesting and different procedures.

The deer spent a while recovering on a pad on the floor. Before he had a chance to fully waken, Cristen drove him to Applegate. We wanted him somewhat sedated for the trip to the zoo but awake enough to be sure he was out of danger.



Later that afternoon Cristen was kind enough to send pictures of herself and Dangerous in his recovery area.

#### Who am I continued from page 1

bats have been found to contain both milk and insect remains in their stomachs, indicating that they continue to nurse after beginning to eat on their own. Many bats are long-lived, and pallid bats live up to ten years in the wild. All bats are valuable animals, they eat insects, and some, like the pallid, also pollinate flowers.

If you find a bat, please do not touch it with your bare hands. Use gloves or a towel to capture it and bring it to the center. Any bat you can catch is ill or injured.

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#### Animal Shower continued from page 2

The Modesto Bee did a wonderful frontpage story about us, and we also advertised on Facebook. Over 1100 people visited us that day. That is double what we expected, and more than we have ever seen! We ran out of tri-tip, hot dogs, and ice cream. The rock painting booth ran out of rocks to paint. It was quite a success!

We received \$7,269 on the day of the event and \$1,500 in mailed contributions. We also received huge piles of supplies, including 720 rolls of paper towels, 150 receiving blankets, 100 bottles of Dawn dishwashing liquid, and many other supplies.

If you attended or donated for the Baby Animal Shower, thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

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### Animal Shower Birthday Party

By Christy Chambers

Most of the visitors came to celebrate the baby animals. Gianna Pink, from Riverbank, and nine of her friends came to spend her eighth birthday at the Baby Animal Shower. She asked everyone not to bring her a gift but rather to bring the SWCC a gift for the baby animals.

Gianna enjoyed lots of activities with her friends and family including pulling apart an owl pellet, rock painting, the Stanislaus Library's puppet show, and the fishing game. They all got their faces or arms painted. They loved seeing how the baby birds were fed.

They watched the animal presentations with the snakes, owls, our American kestrel, Tesla, and our red-tailed hawk, Carson. Everyone with her enjoyed the Baby Animal Shower.



Gianna Pink and Christy Chambers

Thank you, Gianna, for caring so much for our animals! Thank everyone for spending your special day with all of us at the Stanislaus Wildlife Care Center.