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Creature Feature Western Pond Turtle

By Janice Lookabaugh

Every year we admit several turtles, both escaped pets and wild. Some have damaged shells from being run over by cars, mauled by dogs, some have swallowed a fishhook, others were kidnapped as they wandered through yards.

The only native turtle in California is the western pond turtle (*Acinemys marmorata*) also known as the Pacific pond turtle. It is a medium size turtle, about eight inches long. The carapace, or top shell, is brown or dull olive, and may have darker streaks. The plastron (the part of the shell on the underside) is yellowish, sometimes with dark blotches. Their heads and legs are even dull green without any red or yellow streaks.

Western pond turtles live in marshes, streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes, spending most of their time in water. They are omnivorous, eating insects, crayfish and other aquatic invertebrates. Sometimes they eat fish, tadpoles, frogs, carrion, algae, and other plants.



Western Pond Turtle Hatchling

Veronica

They breed in the spring and sometimes in fall. The females walk as much as half a mile from water to find a suitable nesting site. There they dig a shallow hole and lay five to thirteen eggs. After covering the hole, they leave, never to return. When the eggs hatch, the babies dig their way to the surface and travel back to the water on their own.

In the winter or during times of drought when the water dries up, western pond turtles can spend up to two hundred days out of the water.

They can live for 50 to 70 years.

The population of western pond turtles is considered Vulnerable on the International Union for Conservation of Nature red list. The red list provides scientifically-based information about species' survival. Vulnerable means a species will probably become endangered in the near future due to survival threats like habitat loss, climate change, disease, or competition with introduced species.

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Cars and Turtles Don't Mix



Injured Turtle.

Donna Burt

By Donna Burt

Sometimes a turtle's shell is broken beyond any hope of repair, but sometimes the damage can be repaired.

The simplest repairs, such as covering the wound with fiberglass or acrylic, may seem fast and easy but don't work in the long run. As the shell continues to grow, the fiberglass or acrylic stays the same size, eventually causing the body to become deformed.

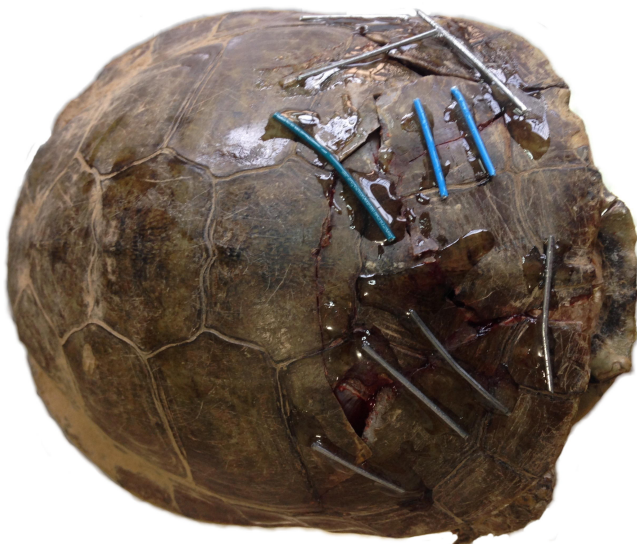
Also, there is no way to see if the underlying tissue is still healthy. If the shell fragments don't have good circulation, they will die and decay. There could be a lot of infection and necrotic tissue hidden under those simple repairs. Turtles have pretty slow metabolisms, and it can be hard to tell if they are sick. The infection may take months to show up.

A turtle's shell is made up of scutes or bony plates covered with keratin. Keratin is similar to hair and fingernails. As the turtle grows, each of the scutes gets bigger. Baby turtles have the same number of scutes as adult turtles.

For a broken shell to heal, the fractures must be lined up and held ridged so the bones can rejoin, much as a broken arm or leg would heal. The sides of the scutes also need to be lined up, so they grow without deforming the shell.

Aligning the shell pieces can be done in several ways. Broken edges can be wired together. Fractures in the middle of the shell can be glued to supports that stabilize the shell until the edges knit together. In this turtle, the supports are wires. We have a newer version using plastic squares and zip ties, but we haven't had a reason to try those out yet.

Once the turtle's fractures are healed, they can be released. The shell should continue to grow normally.



Shell Repair

Donna Burt



Healed Fractures

Donna Burt

Janice Lookabaugh



Janice joined the SWCC back in August of 2017 as an animal care volunteer. She joined the board of directors in 2018 and became the treasurer in 2019.

Although the treasurer's job is to oversee the finances, we are small enough so the treasurer's job also entails the bookkeeping, a technical and somewhat thankless job.

At that time, every single purchase had to be manually entered into the bookkeeping program, along with every single donation - each in the correct category, and payroll. Then every month, the books must be reconciled. All the entries must exactly match the bank records to the penny.

Since Janice has a bachelors in math and a masters in biostatistics from the University of Michigan, she is more than qualified to navigate our bookkeeping program.

Fortunately, technology has improved, and many of the purchases are now automatically entered into the bookkeeping system.

I value Janice's wisdom and her point of view even when I disagree. She is level headed and dedicated to the SWCC. I am looking forward to retirement at some point, so I asked Janice to take over the board chair position, which she did in October, 2022.

Since then she has done a great job.

Please welcome Janice as our new chairman of the board of directors.

Baby Animal Shower

Our annual Baby Animal Shower will be on April 15, 2023, between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Although our fancy hot rod BBQ won't be able to make it this year, we will have plenty of BBQ tri-tip done on a more conventional-looking BBQ. Of course, there will be ice cream sundaes, sodas, chips, and other goodies.

We will have talks featuring all of our resident animals. The schedule will be posted on the website as soon as it is finalized.



We will also have a raffle, silent auction, and tee shirts for sale.

And for the kids; there will be crafts, owl pellets, face painting, rock painting, and other activities.

We hope to be able to let you look in and see some of the babies being fed.

Please plan to join us and celebrate all the 1,500 or so baby animals we will receive this year.



2022 Donors

Each year we honor the people who have made significant donations to the SWCCC. We thank you all for your generosity. Some of the names on these lists are new, but many have been here for years, helping us grow and improve our facilities. There are also a couple of large donors who wish to be anonymous. Please, know that we also appreciate your contributions.

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2022 Financial Review

Income

Direct Public Support	\$122,215
Direct Mail Solicitation	\$42,361
Indirect Public Support	\$5,039
Outreach Program Income	\$1,265
Special Events Income	\$32,639
Grants	\$51,811
Other Income	\$2,424
Total Income	\$257,754

Expenses

Gazebo Construction	\$7,369
Laundry Shed Construction	\$6,322
Pond Renovation	\$13,675
Equipment	\$1,784
Repairs and Improvements	\$19,915
Utilities	\$6,409
Animal Program Expenses	\$35,758
Business Expenses	\$1,229
Travel and Meetings	\$2,912
Other Expenses	\$18,657
Printing Publications Postage	\$3,235
Fundraising Expenses	\$6,807
Labor Expenses	\$142,133
Total Expenditures	\$266,203

The Statement of Activity at the end of 2021 showed a \$30,860 profit. At the end of 2022, it showed an \$8,449 deficit. In both years, our total income varied by less than \$200. However, expenditures were much greater in 2022.

General expenses were up across the board. The two largest increases were labor expenses, which increased by \$20,000, and animal care expenses, which increased by \$10,000.

The increase in labor expenses results from an increase in the minimum wage. Increased animal care expenses were caused by increasing prices for food items.

We are fortunate to have free supplies of day-old ducks and adult mice, but the cost of mealworms and crickets increased, as did dog food, cat food, eggs, and formula. Although we cannot accept donations of most dog and cat food brands, these items can be donated through our Amazon wish list.

Profit/Loss **-\$8,449**

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Donna Burt

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Donna Burt	Executive Director

Western Pond Turtle continued from page 1.

Besides western pond turtles, we also receive red-eared sliders and box turtles, which are not native species. Sliders have colorful heads with yellow and red stripes. Box turtles seldom go into the water. They are small and ball-shaped. Both are legal to keep as pets and are sold in pet stores. Because sliders live in rivers and compete with western pond turtles, they are considered both invasive and detrimental.

Most of the turtles we receive are not injured or orphaned. They have been kidnapped by well-meaning people. Turtles wander through yards and fields, sometimes far from water, searching for nest sites and mates. They are harmless, not lost, and best left alone.

If you are considering a turtle as a pet, be sure to research their needs. They have unique dietary and housing needs, and, despite their appearance, they are consummate escape artists.

Moving??

If your address changes, please let us know. Send in the membership form or email:
SWCCenter@StanislausWildlife.org

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