



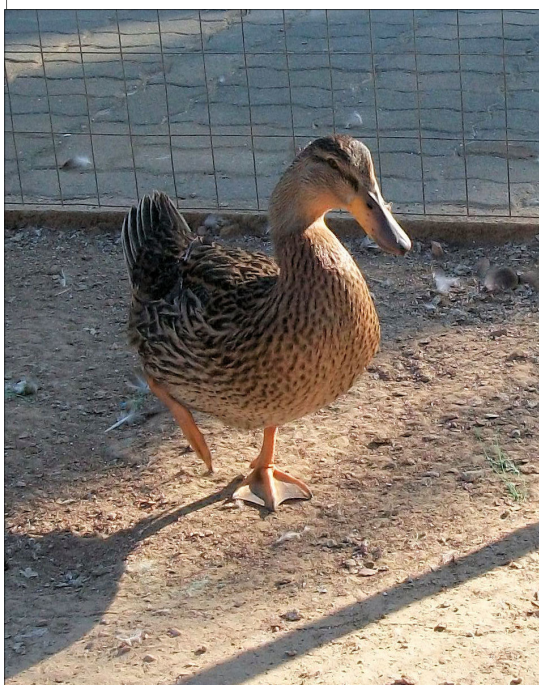
Second Chance

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DUCK THERAPY

by
Carol Galinski



I received a phone call from a lady who had found this Mallard duck which was unable to walk. Something was wrong with its neck as it wasn't able to put its head down within 2 inches of the ground. I told her that I needed to look at it and check it out. Sure enough, the duck's neck was all out of alignment. It was obvious the duck was in pain and super thin from not being able to get its head down to the ground to eat. Apparently something had caught it and it fought and got away, or it might have gotten caught in something and pulled itself free resulting in the neck injury.

I remember that sometime ago Susan Manning mentioned that Jan Harper was a therapist and worked with animals. I figured if she could help dogs, cats, horses, then why couldn't she help a duck? I called her and this was her first duck therapy, but she was willing to give it a try.

She came over the next morning and she worked on the duck about 20 minutes with neurological stimulation. After she finished the therapy, I let the duck go to see if it could walk and sure enough it could!!!!

In no time at all it was going around picking food up off the ground and walking all over the place. I stood there in amazement. I called the lady that had rescued the duck and she confirmed the duck wasn't walking

when she found it.

I watched the duck closely for the next week and noticed she was swimming well and acting like a normal duck. She was doing so well that I figured one more therapy would help, so a week later Jan performed her magic again.

The duck kept getting better, eating well and gaining weight. This duck will have a permanent kink in its neck, but otherwise nothing to keep it from being returned to the wild. This duck was released thanks to Jan Harper.

A WILL TO SURVIVE

by
Bruce Whiteman

On the 1st of May, a young grey squirrel was brought to me that had been caught by a dog and used as a chew toy. The poor little girl was not only injured, but also frozen stiff with fear. It was soon obvious her wounds were serious. After a quick trip to the vet, we brought her home to see what we could do for her.

She was old enough to be eating solid food and running around, but she could not chew with her swollen face,

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It is the Mission of Tri County Wildlife Care to improve the quality of life in our region through education and public awareness of our native wildlife, and by giving the sick, injured and orphaned WILDLIFE a second chance to be free.

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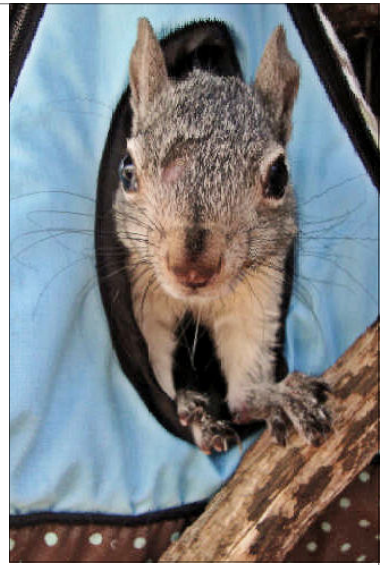
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nor walk at all. When she did move, she could only drag around with her 2 working legs. there was also a herniated cut on her belly.

Although it appeared she would not make it, we worked on her the first week with syringe fed foods like apple sauce and baby food, while encouraging her to keep moving around. She seemed very determined to get better, eating like a pig even with the painful mouth and trying to walk continuously. At the end of the first week, she started eating on her own and hobbling around on her own 3 good legs with one front leg still held up. It was like opening a door for her. She ate and hobbled restlessly until the last leg finally got going. She is now a normal healthy squirrel running around in the trees!

We normally don't have names or special stories about squirrels, but this one that we called "ChewToy" is very special, and defines our motto of giving the wildlife a second chance.



AVIAN POX

by
Susan Manning

Avian pox is a viral infection with 3 common strains which effect about 60 species of birds.

Transmission can occur in a variety of ways. Mosquitoes spread the disease by feeding on an infected bird and then an uninfected bird. It has been shown that mosquitoes can transmit this disease for up to a month and stable flies can be vectors as well. Birds can pass the disease via ingestion when food and water sources are contaminated. It is also thought that this virus can survive from months to years.

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Signs of Avian Pox are weakness, emaciation, difficulty swallowing and breathing, vision problems, soiled feathers, swollen, infected eyes and the presence of wart like growths on un-feathered areas of the bird.

As wildlife rehabilitators, we give infected birds supportive care for secondary infections that can arise as a result of the virus. Most birds will survive if the illness is caught early and the great thing is that they will return to the wild with immunity.

Avian pox is highly contagious, but there is no evidence of transmission to humans. The best control method that can be used if infected wild birds are present is to remove standing water and use a 10% bleach solution on all feeders, waterers, and birdbaths.



GROUND SQUIRREL

by
Bruce Whiteman

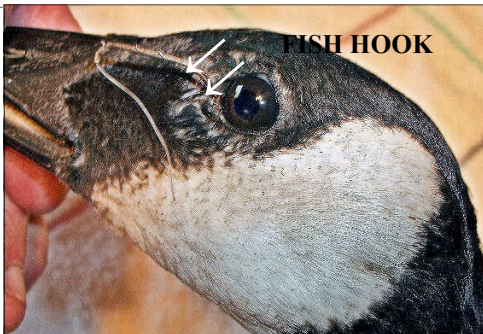
This cute little ground squirrel was part of a litter of orphans brought in from Elk Grove. He was the outgoing one of the bunch, lots of squawking, big appetite, and willing to bite any fingers that got too close, but made up for it in cuteness. They were quite a handful to raise, and thankfully are now released.



Our special thanks to Jan Harper for her help with our Mallard Duck and to Jeanne M. Smith, DVM for her contribution regarding Avian Pox. For more information, please see our website.

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PLEASE—remind your fishing buddies never to leave behind hooks or fishing line which could become hazards for wildlife!

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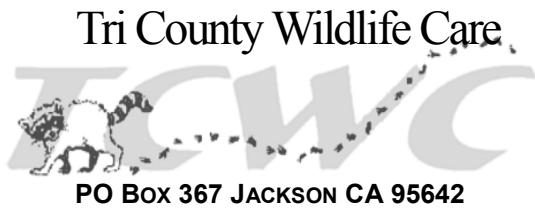
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR—WILDLIFE WORKSHOP - American Kestrel and Flying Squirrel -
Friday January 21, 2011 5:30 p.m.

SMALL MAMMALS—Raccoon, Squirrel, Opossum, Skunks & Rabbits - Saturday March 5, 2011 10a.m.

LARGE MAMMALS—Coyote, Bobcat & Fox - Saturday March 12, 2011 10a.m.

FAWNS - Saturday March 19, 2011 10a.m.

RAPTORS—Owls, Hawks, Falcons - Saturday March 26, 2011 10a.m.

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