

Review Of Wildlife Center '73

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More than 600 ill, injured, abused, abandoned and orphaned wild animals and birds were cared for in 1973 at the Wildlife Rescue Care Center in Scotts Valley, now in its sixth year of operation.

The case histories of the center include the saving of many of these animals. However, some do not survive the mistreatment of man.

One of these was a young pet coyote who was released by her owner when he left the area.

The pet began to raid a neighbor's henhouse.

She was easily identified by her bright red collar and some residents were gunning for her at the same time others were putting out food to keep her alive and in the neighborhood.

Within two weeks after her release, she was struck down by a car. She died a short while later of internal injuries.

Outraged, sympathetic residents in her area collected funds to "Save the Coyotes" for donation to the Wildlife Center.

There were many incidents of wild "pets" set "free" last year, but found their way back to people and were turned into the center.

In one case, a young raccoon crawled into the open trunk of a car while its occupants were picnicking.

Delighted with her friendliness they took her home. Within several days, however, she had scratched and bitten a child in the family who handled her roughly and she was thrown out in a garbage can with the lid on.

Another family came along and removed her, and took her home.

They soon discovered their home was woefully inadequate for a normal, active raccoon and began letting her roam free.

Within several days neighbors were complaining loudly about having lost expensive pond goldfish, caged birds and other pets.

The culprit was finally apprehended in a henhouse by an irate person who had lost several hens. She, however, was restrained by a neighbor from shooting the animal and called the Wildlife Rescue.

Another raccoon, under three months old, was mistreated by a family and became so vicious and wild, though hardly more than a nursing, that even quick human hand could not escape her bites.

She was released several months later when able to fend for herself.

Yet another raccoon approached a strange dog playfully and was savagely attacked and mutilated.

A baby wild raccoon was rushed to the center from Big Sur when it was thought to be rabid. It was ill with distemper and after several months of extensive therapy at the Wildlife Rescue Care Center, he was released back into the wild.

A pet baby crow turned in sick and emaciated from improper diet was able to fly away rehabilitated and well several weeks later.

Two large turtles, both ill, one with pneumonia, were turned in to the center in 1973.

Among the various cruelties to wildlife last year concerned the sadistic foreman of a work crew who ordered his men to seal nests of swallows and sparrows.

All but one workman complied, and he removed nearly three dozen nestlings for care.

In a separate act, a foreman dynamited numerous occupied bird nests, after refusing to allow workmen to remove them.

A number of poisoned birds were brought to the center, paralyzed and dying from garden pesticides and snail and slug pellets.

Entire families of valuable insect-eating birds again perished as parent birds carried contaminated insects and snails to their young, the center reported.

Sprayed pyracantha killed many berry-eating birds, and weed killers again accounted for huge losses of blackbirds.

Many young former pet raccoons treated last year were noted to have grey, unhealthy teeth the result of poor diet.

The center recommends strongly against feeding them white bread or sweets, other than naturally sweet foods such as fruits and berries.

The Wildlife Center is a non-funded, unsubsidized, non-profit organization staffed by volunteers.

It accepts wild birds and animals only — domestic animals cannot be accepted.

Wild patients are released when well or kept at the Wildlife Rescue refuge in Scotts Valley if they have permanent, disabling handicaps.

Wild animals and birds are not

sold or given away.

The center is operated with volunteer labor and donations.

Persons finding wildlife in need of aid, or wishing to help the center, are asked to call 335-7686, or write Wildlife Rescue, 370 Mt. Hermon Road, Scotts Valley, CA 95066.

The center is closed to visitors

— due to landscaping and remodeling projects underway — until summer.

All persons are required to telephone the center before bringing animals or volunteering help.

It is important that no animal be left unless someone is at the center to receive it.

Court Calendar

Friday Jan. 18, 1974

Superior Court I
Judge Gilbert Perry

Thomas Gilbert Kirkwood, 27, 123 Princeton St., was sentenced to four years probation and one year in county jail for check forgery.

Monday Jan. 21, 1974

Municipal Court III
Judge Richard Kessell

Doyle Foreman, 40, 432 Spring St., was placed on one year summary probation, fined \$125 and given a 10 day suspended jail sentence for malicious mischief.

John Robert Crawford, 26, 15 San Vincente Creek Road, Davenport, was placed on one year summary probation, fined \$125 and given a 10 day suspended jail sentence for malicious mischief.

Lawrence Malone, 20, 1514 Laurent St., was fined \$65 for malicious mischief.

Victoria Maria Marin, 29, 137 Clay St., was sentenced to 18 days with the county work crew for drunken driving.

Richard Arlen Aeh, 22, 328 Ocean St., Apt. 9, was placed on two years formal probation and sentenced to 180 days jail for hit and run. All but 60 days of the sentence were suspended.

Sharon Marie Cardoza, 19, 152 Josephine St., pleaded guilty to shoplifting and was sentenced to two days jail.

Robert Mahlon Cassidy, 31

Judge Richard Kessell

Gerard Paul Shay, 24, 1800 - 42nd Ave., pleaded no contest to drunken driving and was placed on one year summary probation, fined \$360 and given a 30 day suspended jail sentence.

Brack Stone, 49, 4620 Bain St., pleaded no contest to drunken driving and was placed on one year summary probation, fined \$375 and given a 30 day suspended jail sentence.

Rex James, 43, 302 Cherry St., Capitola, pleaded guilty to drunken driving and was sentenced to 19 days jail.

Superior Court I
Judge Gilbert Perry

Bunny Stagnaro, 40, 111 Winfield Drive, Aptos, pleaded innocent to charges of felony drunken driving and involuntary manslaughter. She is scheduled for a jury trial Feb. 25. The charges arise from a Nov. 9 traffic mishap on Highway 1 in which one person was injured and one person killed.

David Arnold Roswall, 20, San Jose, was placed on four years probation, sentenced to six months jail and fined \$1,000 for possession of stolen property.

Charles Anthony Kozlinski, 25, no permanent address, was placed on four years probation, sentenced to nine months jail and fined \$250 for check forgery.

Air Pollution Meet Jan. 28

There will be elections for chairman and vice-chairman of the Air Pollution Control Board Jan. 28 at the group's regularly scheduled meeting in the board