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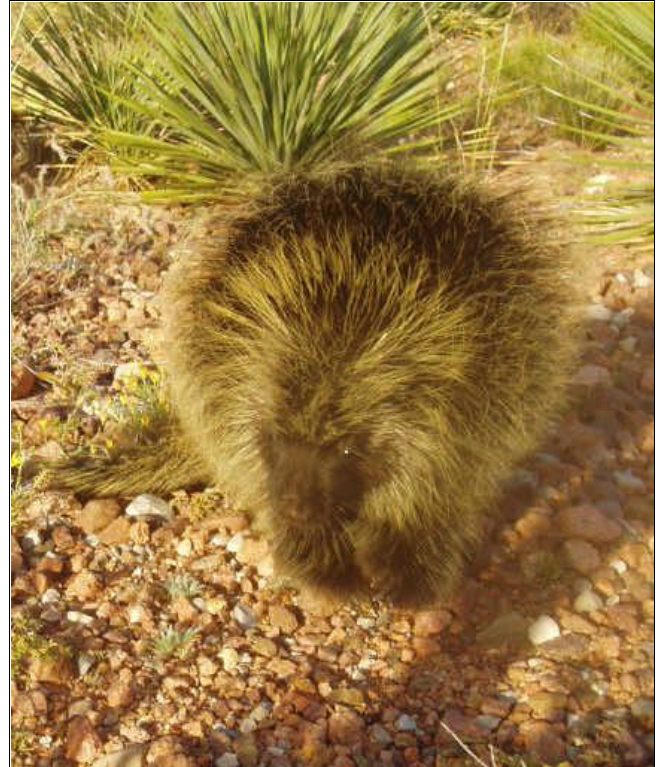
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Sticky Situations

On a warm April afternoon my neighbor Sarah brought over a juvenile White-Wing Dove and asked me what she should do with it. Little did I know at that moment I was beginning a new chapter in my life... now six months after that first bird I find myself thoroughly enjoying my adventures rescuing critters for Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue Inc.

Over the past six months I've been called to tackle everything from doves to rattlesnakes, rabbits to ringtail cats, and muskrats to porcupines. Having grown up handling various domestic and wild animals native to Arizona made most of these rescues fairly easy; but the day that I got a call for a porcupine left me wondering what was I going to do?

Up till this point I had never seen a porcupine in real life, but that didn't damper my spirit. With a kennel, rope, blanket, and



laundry basket in tow, I set off to capture and relocate a porcupine! My initial idea was to flush it out from its hiding spot, under a truck; but the porcupine had another idea... it was going to stay put. I had the truck moved and then quickly threw the laundry basket over the top of the quill bared creature. The basket then made a great scoop for moving the porcupine into the kennel.

After taking the critter over to Carol Bella's to check it over and make sure it had no injuries, I worked with Danny Contreras from the local parks system to find a suitable area for relocation. Danny suggested that we use the Tom Mays Park at the base of the Franklin Mountains. This was an ideal location, (far away from human encroachment and near a source of water). After a

successful release I took several pictures of the porcupine in what I hope will become its new territory.

This was yet another success story for CDWR thanks to everyone that was involved; the concerned individual who found the porcupine, Helen Bigelow who received the call, Carol Bella who helped me determine the health of the Porcupine, and Danny Contreras who helped find the best possible area to relocate the beautiful creature.

- Paula Perez

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Whom can you call in the El Paso/Las Cruces area when you find an injured/orphaned wild bird/animal?

EL PASO AREA

CDWR CHIEF DISPATCHERS

Helen Bigelow505-882-2910
 Debbie Lofton915-772-6011

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Lorraine Snelling592-9642

REHABILITATORS

Central/East

Bill Howe (turtles/snakes/lizards/small exotics)..... 772-0695
 Debbie Lofton (birds/water birds/sm raptors/sm mammals).. 772-6011
 Gloria Villaverde (reptiles)..... 577-9505

Northeast -

Charles/Carrol Bella (raptors/reptiles/mammals) 751-4711
 Deacon Foote (turtles & iguanas)..... 757-9330

West -

Helen Bigelow (raptors).....505-882-2910
 Carol Miller (birds, water birds) 584-7088
 Josie Karam (small mammals/birds/turtles)..... 920-7867
 Jeff Wiseman 525-0261

COOPERATING VETERINARIANS

Central -

El Paso Veterinary Hospital, 4101 Montana..... 566-7387
 Montana Animal Clinic, 1015 Chelsea 778-9588
 El Paso Animal Emergency Center, 1220 Airway 545-1148

East -

Johnsen Animal Hospital, 1851 N. Lee Trevino..... 592-6200
 Desert East Animal Hospital, 11635 Pelicano 855-4100
 Eastwood Animal Clinic, 9509 Montana..... 593-0713
 Americas Animal Clinic, 630 Americas Ave. 858-1971
 Animal Clinic, 7184 Alameda 778-5355

Northeast -

Skyline Veterinary Hospital, 4424 Titanic 755-7647
 Northeast Veterinary Clinic, 9405 Dyer 755-2231
 Fairbanks Animal Hospital, 5320-C Fairbanks 757-8387
 Harwood Veterinary Clinic, 4404-A Edgar Park..... 755-5653

West -

Crossroads Animal Hospital, 4910 Crossroads..... 584-3459
 Country Club Animal Clinic, 5470 Doniphan 833-0645
 Anthony Animal Clinic, 901 Franklin, Anthony TX..... 886-4558

TRANSPORTERS/TROUBLESHOOTERS

Northeast -

Joe/Inga Groff 755-2957
 Charlene Ruddock..... 755-5577
 Nancy Bain 822-9228

West -

Susie Jensen 877-4036

East -

Linn Anderson 859-5413
 Alan Phelps 598-2103

Chaparral, NM -

Jochen Lange..... 824-3090

LAS CRUCES AREA

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Gerri Tillett..... 522-4966

REHABILITATORS

Gerri Tillett (birds)..... 522-4966
 Shirley Crain (rabbits & squirrels) 382-4530
 Las Cruces Reptile Rescue 373-1486

SILVER CITY

Margaret Cejka (birds, excluding raptors).....505-537-6624

COOPERATING VETERINARIANS

Calista Animal Hospital, 1889 Calle de los Ninos 525-1000
 Jornada Vet Clinic, 2399 Saturn Circle 382-1710
 East Lohman Vet. Clinic, 1700 E. Lohman 523-5654

TRANSPORTERS/TROUBLESHOOTERS

David/Sherri Byrd (raptors)..... 524-2314
 Abe Mendoza..... 382-1732
 Jack Diven Family 527-2661



Kevin Lynch and Wayne Helbling

Patricia Palafox, a member of CDWR, decided that this year, instead of exchanging gifts for Christmas, she would ask for a charitable donation to CDWR and, fortunately for me, she chose my rehabilitation facility as the receiver of that generous donation. Patricia's friend, Kevin Lynch, as a gift to her, donated materials and two precious days of his time to work with another generous donor, Wayne Helbling, a friend of Carol Miller, to build a hummingbird aviary. I only wish I could find paid workmen to dedicate as much attention and detail to the wonderful job these two gentlemen accomplished for the aviary. In addition to the new add-on, they also stabilized one of the older aviaries that was showing a lot of wear and tear. We all know how valuable our time is and to give two full days of their week was a big sacrifice. I thank you and CDWR thanks you—as do the hummingbirds that will learn to fly in their new shelter.

- Josie Karam, Westside Rehabilitator

Speaking of the value of our time, we would like to extend our most sincere appreciation to Elda Rodriguez for all of the time and effort she spent towards helping CDWR during her tenure at El Paso Electric. Godspeed to you Elda. All our love, the folks at CDWR

A Mother's "Ear"

One evening in June, coming on to dark I was still feeding birds and mammals, and I was walking through the garage, through the den, and on into the kitchen after just coming from the wildlife enclosures that are out in the field. I heard Kestrels calling to me, and I was grinning to myself that the little beggars should be thinking about roosting for the night, so I could think about roosting for the night. I was preparing food and formula for the "night" feeding wildlife and my mother's heart could not let the Kestrels settle down for the night without a little more nourishment. I began my trudge through the kitchen, through the den, through the garage, and back out into the field with my supply of insects to throw either on the ground or into the air for them to catch and eat. The fledgling Kestrels are old enough to be out of the aviary, but not ready to leave "Mom" for good yet. I walked all the way out to the field and stood there with my insect supply and looked around and saw no Kestrels. The evening was quiet and I could hear the birds in the trees settling down for the night. The fledgling Robins took advantage of my gifts, and I could hear the Grackles from the neighbor's trees making their nightly noises as they settled down to roost. The Burrowing Owls came out to see what food might present itself for the taking and the Barn Swallows were already swooping down and catching the bugs that I tossed into the air. But no Kestrels. I started my trudge back to the house and into the kitchen again, to continue my food preparation for the night and next day, and again heard the Kestrels calling. I was beginning to grumble, and thought I would go back out and give them a good talking to. I have chickens and the second time I passed by the coop, the rooster got the hens all riled up, and they began to grumble at being disturbed. I was coming back into the house through the garage again, through the den, and on into the kitchen, and as I approached the kitchen counter, I heard those darn Kestrels again. I turned around because I sensed that something was wrong, and as I walked back into the den I heard the Kestrels, and I looked at my husband who was watching a movie on television and realized that the Kestrels were in the background noise of the western movie he was watching. He finally looked at me because I was standing there like a statue with the strangest expression on my face, and he didn't know whether to ask me if I needed help or run for his life.

- Debbie Lofton



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first page
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The Purpose of CDWR

Wildlife rehabilitation is the care of injured or orphaned wildlife for return, where possible, to the wild. Successful rehabilitation takes a lot of time, a lot of effort and no small amount of money.

It is challenging work, done by special people. Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue is a nonprofit organization which exists to help the rehabilitators in the El Paso/Las Cruces area. Our purposes are to:

- ◆ provide a volunteer network to assist active rehabilitators in their work
- ◆ support wildlife rehabilitation programs financially
- ◆ provide education and instruction in wildlife rehabilitation
- ◆ educate the public about wildlife conservation problems
- ◆ work for the reduction of pressures on native wildlife from domestic animals and humans

**Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue, Inc.,
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby apply for membership in the Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue as a/an:

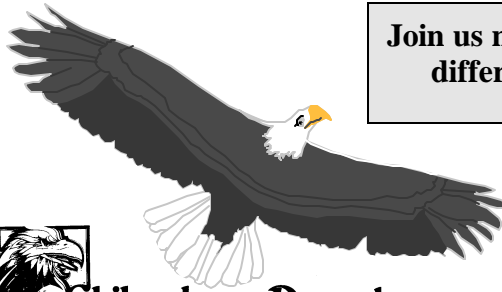
INDIVIDUAL: \$10.00 _____
FAMILY: \$15.00 _____
CONTRIBUTOR: \$25.00 _____

Enclosed is my contribution for \$ _____
in addition to my membership

Membership gives you the opportunity to help orphaned and injured wildlife and to support the efforts of the CDWR volunteer rehabilitators. Membership includes a yearly subscription (4 issues) of the newsletter.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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Join us now and help make a difference for wildlife!



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Reptile Guy Entry - October 2, 2006

Here is today's rescue. Western Coachwhip found in far east El Paso. We are going to keep him a couple of days and make sure that he heals up. The only reason he was caught was because he got caught in some of that web wrapping that grapes come in. It left a pretty nasty wound on his side. As you can see he was very docile which is not usually normal for this species. Did drink a ton of water when we offered. He was thirsty. If he appears to be doing well, will take him to Horizon for release.

- Geoff Wiseman

