



**New Mexico
Wildlife Center**

Share with Wildlife 2017 Final Report

Wildlife Rehabilitation

In the period from January 1, 2017 to December 15, 2017, New Mexico Wildlife Center admitted 532 animals to our ICU unit. Of the 256 animals that survived their first 24 hours in care, 150 of those animals – or 60% - were released back into the wild. The attached document contains a complete list of species, date admitted, reason for admission, and outcome. Our admissions total is down slightly from 2016, as our hospital unit was closed for renovations and staff training from October 15 – December 10. We networked with other local licensed rehabilitators during that time to get injured animals appropriate care. Our hospital is now fully reopened and operational and we are pleased to welcome a new wildlife rehabilitator, Hilary DeVries, to our care team. Her previous experience includes two years as a Team Leader for WildCare Oklahoma, and experience as a veterinary technician. Thanks to new partnerships with Smith Veterinary Hospital and the Santa Fe Animal Shelter, we now have five veterinarians who are assisting with cases in our wildlife hospital: Dr. Julie Breer, Dr. Bridget Lyman, Dr. Nicole Walrath, Dr. Michelle Salob, and Dr. Sarah Sirica.

As members of the community bring injured wildlife to our facility for rehabilitation, we are in a unique position to provide information and education about wildlife in our state. Our staff spoke to each rescuer about the injuries suffered by the animal they found, including how to prevent such injuries in the future. We also fielded over 600 phone calls from people in New Mexico who had questions about wildlife around their homes and communities.

Wildlife Education

In the period from January 1, 2017 to December 15, 2017, New Mexico Wildlife Center's Education Team has presented sixty-six educational programs for more than 3,000 people. Sixteen of these programs were for the general public, thirty-four were for school-aged children, and six were specifically for college classes. Twenty-four of these programs were held at NMWC and included a tour of our facility and learning about all of our Ambassador Animals. Other programs were held at area schools or outdoor venues, such as Abiquiu Lake and the Rio Grande Visitor Center in Pilar. Seven programs were provided to at-risk youth in Santa Fe County through Santa Fe County Youth Development.

Wildlife education program topic and content varies based on age of the audience, but each program allows participants to meet animals from New Mexico in an up-close setting. This close-up view of wild animals provides members of the audience with unique opportunities to make a personal connection with wildlife. This personal connection then provides the springboard for our educators to teach about wildlife, native habitats, and discuss issues faced by wildlife in our state.

For example, in March we hosted three programs entitled “What’s Wild” for pre-Kindergarten groups. Our educator discussed the differences between wild and domestic animals, leading students to understand why wildlife should be left in the wild and not kept as pets. For older students we address topics like animal adaptations and New Mexico’s native wildlife; these not only help students learn science topics in keeping with state standards, but also allow them to develop a deeper appreciation of our state’s wildlife and wild places, encouraging them to become better stewards of wildlife as they grow into adults.

The Animal Ambassadors participating in these programs are housed onsite at New Mexico Wildlife Center and provide an educational opportunity for visitors to the center. In 2017, more than 1,600 people came through NMWC to complete the self-guided tour of our Ambassador Animals. We also hosted an event for International Migratory Bird Day in May, a Pollinator Party in July, and our annual Open House in October, which was attended by an additional 700+ people. Open House was a tremendous success, with many people new to the Center visiting and learning about wildlife both through formal presentations and informal talks throughout the two-day event. Total number of people reached through our educational efforts was approximately 5,300.

During 2017, NMWC acquired several new Animal Ambassadors for use in wildlife education programs. These include an American Kestrel, a Bald Eagle, a Box Turtle, and a Great Horned Owl. We also placed two birds with other licensed organizations as both required more specialized enclosures and husbandry than we are currently able to provide.

Daily husbandry of our Ambassador Animals is overseen by NMWC’s new Animal Specialist, Shawna Protze; she brings over 15 years of experience in animal care and falconry to the position. Shawna trains our Animal Ambassadors with the assistance of Executive Director, Melissa Moore, and a number of volunteers. We are also pleased to announce that Jenny Tato started in December in the new position of Wildlife Education Coordinator. Jenny brings deep experience in environmental education and a passion for conservation and wildlife to the program. She will be responsible for assisting Shawna with animal care and overseeing our wildlife education programs. In addition to fully developing our new program topics and titles in accordance with state science standards, her presence will allow us to significantly increase the number of programs we are able to offer in 2018.

Please contact us with any additional questions or for further information. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to partner with NMDGF through the Share with Wildlife Program!

Here is a selection of photos from some of our 2017 programs.



One of NMWC's volunteer handlers introduces Oscar, our Great Horned Owl.



A volunteer handler asks a class of students from a summer program what our Bald Eagle, Maxwell, eats.



A preschool student watches Maxwell, our Bald Eagle, on a tour of NMWC's Animal Ambassadors.



A 6th grade student from our summer wildlife camp learns about Basil, our Bullsake.



Participants in an adult continuing education program meet Artemis, a Peregrine Falcon, handled by one of NMWC's volunteers.

NMWC Program Schedule

Friday, December 15, 2017

Program Date	Time	School/Organization/Group	At NMWC?	Ages	Grades	# of Students	# of Educators	Animals
Saturday, January 07, 2017	9:00-Noon	Abiquiu Lake Eagle Watch	<input type="checkbox"/>			32	2	Maxwell
Friday, January 27, 2017	11-12:30	Santa Fe Community College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		College	14	2	Oscar, Artemis
Wednesday, February 08, 2017	11:30 - 1:00	Sierra Club (lobby day at capitol)	<input type="checkbox"/>			200	2	
Thursday, February 09, 2017	11:00 - 4:00	CNM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		College	10	2	
Wednesday, February 22, 2017	1:00 - 2:00	Santa Fe County Youth Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	12 - 18		18	2	Radar, Sienna, Sol, Che
Saturday, February 25, 2017	11:00 - 2:00	Wild Birds Unlimited	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult		100	3	Artemis, Sienna
Tuesday, February 28, 2017	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Camisa Elementary Science Night	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Ages	Elem	40	2	Radar, Artemis
Monday, March 13, 2017	10:30 - 12:00	Santa Fe School for the Arts & Sciences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6, 7, 8	1st, 2nd	20	2	

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Tuesday, March 21, 2017	11:00 - 12:30	NNMC Animal Science & Pre-Vet Club	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		College	15	1	
Wednesday, March 22, 2017	9 - 10:30	NNMC Enviromental Class	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		College	18	2	
Friday, March 24, 2017	10:00 - 12:00	RENESAN Institute for Lifelong Learning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adult		20	3	Oscar, Artemis
Monday, March 27, 2017	10:30 - noon	Family Strength Network	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5, 6	Pre-K	20	2	
Tuesday, March 28, 2017	11:00 - 12:00	Enos Garcia Elementary (in Taos)	<input type="checkbox"/>		Pre-K	18	2	Oscar, Artemis, Basil
Thursday, March 30, 2017	10:00 - 11:00	Las Cumbres Conjunto Pre-School	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Pre-K	19	2	Oscar, Artemis, Basil
Wednesday, April 19, 2017	9:00 - 12:00	Jemez Pueblo	<input type="checkbox"/>		Middle	85	2	Artemis, Sol, Basil
Saturday, April 22, 2017	2:00 - 4:00	Desert Montessori	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Ages		75	1	Oscar, Sienna, Basil

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Saturday, April 22, 2017	11:00 - 2:00	Meikle Fine Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Ages		150	4	Maxwell, Oscar, Artemis, Sienna, Aurora, Basil
Friday, April 28, 2017	9:45 - 11	Acequia Madre Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/>		K, 1st, 2nd	60	2	Oscar, Artemis, Sly, Basil
Tuesday, May 02, 2017	9:30- 11:00	Gonzales Community School	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		2nd	47	3	Oscar, Artemis, Sol, Basil
Friday, May 05, 2017	10:30 - noon	Taos Homeschoolers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		K-12	15	2	Oscar, Sienna, Sol, Basil
Saturday, May 06, 2017	10 - 4	Taos Outdoor Education Day	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Ages		100	1	Basil
Saturday, May 06, 2017	11	LADD Skate Team	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adult		20	1	Oscar, Artemis, Sol, Basil
Tuesday, May 09, 2017	10 - 11	Amy Biehl Community School	<input type="checkbox"/>		3rd	25	2	Oscar, Sol, Sienna or Artemis, Basil
Wednesday, May 10, 2017	10:00 - 11:00	Santa Fe County Youth Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	12 - 18		18	2	Maxwell

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Saturday, May 13, 2017	11 - 12:30	Pilar Visitor Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Ages		35	1	Oscar, Artemis, Basil
Wednesday, May 17, 2017	10 - 11:15	Family Learning Center	<input type="checkbox"/>		Pre-K	36	2	Oscar, Artemis, Sly, Basil
Saturday, May 20, 2017	10 - 2	New Mexico Wildlife Center IMBD Event	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All Ages		75	0	
Tuesday, May 23, 2017	9:30 - 11:00	Pinon Elementary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1st	41	2	Artemis, Sol, Sly, Basil
Thursday, May 25, 2017	10 - 11:30	Taos Inegrated School for the Arts (TISA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		3rd	16	2	Fergie, Lefty, Maxwell, Oscar, Artemis, Lefty or Sienna or Artemis
Friday, June 02, 2017	2 - 3	Tribal Youth Environmental Summer Camp	<input type="checkbox"/>		College, High	12	1	Oscar, Artemis, Sol
Wednesday, June 07, 2017	6:30 - 7:45 pm	Girl Scouts	<input type="checkbox"/>		K, 1st, 2nd,	32	1	Sienna, Sol, Sly, Basil
Friday, June 09, 2017	10-11:30	Pueblo of Pojoaque Boys & Girls Club	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		K-12	30	2	Oscar, Artemis, Sol

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Wednesday, June 14, 2017	4:00 - 5:00	PEEC, Living Earth Adventure Program	<input type="checkbox"/>		Middle	28	2	Artemis, Sienna, Sol, Basil
Friday, June 16, 2017	1:00 - 2:00	Town of Taos	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Ages		60	2	Maxwell, Artemis, Sol, Basil
Saturday, June 17, 2017	1:00 - 8:00	Eagle Nest Bear Benefit	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Ages		150	3	Maxwell, Artemis, Sol, Basil
Saturday, June 17, 2017	11 - 2	Cameron Veterinary Svcs 5th Ann. Celebration	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Ages		50	2	Oscar, Sienna, Harley
Wednesday, June 28, 2017	11:00 - 12:00	Santa Fe Animal Shelter Critter Camps	<input type="checkbox"/>	10, 11, 12		10	1	Sol, Basil
Thursday, June 29, 2017	10 - 11	Santa Fe County Youth Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	12 - 18		18	1	Oscar, Sienna
Thursday, July 06, 2017	11:00 - 12:30	Santa Fe Community College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		College	15	2	
Saturday, July 08, 2017	10 - 2	New Mexico Wildlife Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All Ages		47	0	

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Wednesday, July 12, 2017	10 - 11	Abiquiu Public Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Ages	Elem, Middle	42	1	Sol, Basil
Wednesday, July 19, 2017	6:30 - 8:00 pm	PEEC	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Ages		34	1	Oscar, Sienna, Sol
Friday, July 21, 2017	10 - 11:30	Pueblo of Pojoaque Boys & Girls Club	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6, 7, 8, 9		26	2	
Monday, July 24, 2017	10:00 - 11:30	City of Rio Rancho - Cabezon Kamp Rio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9, 10		14	2	
Wednesday, July 26, 2017	11:00 - 12:30	Santa Fe Mountain Kids!	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Elem	16	1	
Thursday, July 27, 2017	10 - 11	Santa Fe County Youth Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	12 - 18		18	1	
Monday, July 31, 2017	10 - 11	Espanola Public Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Ages		30	1	
Wednesday, August 02, 2017	11 - 12	Santa Fe Animal Shelter Critter Camps	<input type="checkbox"/>	12, 13		10	1	

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Saturday, August 05, 2017	10 - 2	Yoga Source	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Ages		200	5	
Wednesday, September 06, 2017	5:00	NNMC - Intro to Env Scvi	<input type="checkbox"/>	18	College	19	1	
Tuesday, September 12, 2017	9:30 - 11:00	El Castillo Seniors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seniors		13	2	Lefty, Oscar, Sol
Wednesday, September 13, 2017	10:30	La Casita Preschool	<input type="checkbox"/>		Pre-K	12	0	Sienna, Sly, Pancho, Basil
Thursday, September 14, 2017	10 - 11	Santa Fe County Youth Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	12 - 18		18	1	Sly, Basil
Wednesday, September 27, 2017	10 - 11	Santa Fe County Youth Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	12 - 18		18	1	
Monday, October 23, 2017	10:00 - 11:00	Taos Charter School	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		3rd	24	0	
Tuesday, October 24, 2017	9:30 - ish	Sunset Mesa	<input type="checkbox"/>		K, 1st, 2nd,	220	0	
Monday, November 06, 2017	4:00	Girl Scouts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8, 9, 10		10	0	

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Wednesday, November 08, 2017	9 - 12	Jame H Rodriguez El	<input type="checkbox"/>		5th	60	1	Maxwell, Sly, Pancho
Friday, November 10, 2017	1:00	UNM Taos	<input type="checkbox"/>		High	12	2	Oscar
Wednesday, November 15, 2017	9 - 12	Abiquiu Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/>		K, 1st, 2nd,	88	0	Maxwell, Sienna, Sly, Pancho, Patches, Basil
Thursday, November 16, 2017	11 - 1	Fayette Street Academy	<input type="checkbox"/>	6, 7, 8, 9, 10		32	0	Oscar, Sienna, Sol, Sly, Patches, Basil
Saturday, November 18, 2017	10:30 - 1:00	Pecos National Historical Park (program @ Eldorado Library)	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Ages		65	0	Oscar, Sol, Pancho
Tuesday, November 21, 2017	9:00	Alcalde Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/>			26	2	
Thursday, November 30, 2017	1 - 2	Santa Fe County Youth Development	<input type="checkbox"/>		12 - 18	18	1	Oscar, Aurora
Saturday, December 09, 2017	1 - 3	Eldorado Country Pet Store	<input type="checkbox"/>		All Ages	25	0	Sienna, Pancho

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Tuesday, December 12, 2017	10 and 1	Pablo Roybal Elementary/PVS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Pre-K	70	0	Sienna, Harley, Pancho, Patches