

WILDLIFE CENTER OF SILICON VALLEY REPORT FOR SVACA MARCH 2019

For 26 years, the mission of the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley has been to provide superior care for, and rehabilitation of, injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley community. Through our programs we foster a positive coexistence between the public and wildlife, and encourage an interest in wildlife conservation issues.

In 2018 we took in 5,690 animals. This was an increase of 103 animals compared to the 2017 total of 5,587. Below is the 2016-2018 breakdown of animals received from each SVACA city jurisdiction:

Animals received from SVACA jurisdiction, 2016-2018

	2016	2017	2018
Campbell	171	244	205
Monte Sereno	17	16	7
Mountain View	271	217	258
Santa Clara	404	437	440
SVACA total	863	914	910
Year Total	5388	5587	5690
% From all SVACA cities	16%	16%	16%

Here is how your funding helps WCSV:

Animal Care

With the funding you provide us, we are able to help over 160 species of local wildlife every year. Below are a few of their stories.

- **Common Barn Owls** - In June we admitted two fledgling barn owls from Mountain View that were found orphaned on the ground at a construction site. Under our care, they were able to mature and increase their weight and strength. We were able to release them after a month in our care.
- **Virginia Opossum** - In October a SVACA officer brought in a young opossum from Santa Clara that had severely injured its paw in a rodent snap trap. The animal's paw had multiple lacerations, and the tendons were exposed. It was a very painful injury, but after nearly a month in our care, she was able to be released completely healed.
- **American Crow** - In November a SVACA officer brought in an injured crow from Mountain View. The bird had string tangled around its wings and feet, which led to injuries to its shoulder and both of its wings. Luckily, the injuries weren't serious, and after a month in our care, we were able to release the crow.

Outreach and Education

Through our outreach program, we are able to help more animals by getting the word out through the events we do. We know they make a huge impact, because we see more people volunteering and bringing in animals due to the information they get from us when we are in your communities. In 2018, we did seven events in the cities of Santa Clara and Mountain View, which reached 2,600 people (see table below). We anticipate reaching even more residents in the cities you serve this year through not only our regular attendance at community events, but through our expanded K-12 school programs. We have made it our goal to reach as many classrooms, club meetings, and girl/boy scout badge meetings as we can. We have received positive feedback from teachers and parents alike. We offer this as a free service, which benefits those schools that don't have access to any sort of environmental or wildlife education. We are also working with educational professionals to amend our programs to meet state science standards.

Date	Event	City	Attendees
4/7/2018	Wildflower Day - Ulistac Natural Area & Restoration Project	Santa Clara	1,000
4/13/2018	Arbor Day/Earth Day City of Santa Clara	Santa Clara	500
4/18/2018	NASA Ames Earth Day Street Fair	Mountain View	500
4/19/2018	Mission College Eco Fair	Santa Clara	300
9/13/2018	Speaker Presentation at Saint Lawrence Elementary School	Santa Clara	30
11/1/2018	New Valley High School Volunteer Event	Santa Clara	200
11/10/2018	Annual Fundraiser American Association of University Women	Mountain View	70
		Total	2,600

Thank you very much for supporting WCSV and our mission.

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