Mission
Protecting animals through rescue, rehabilitation, sanctuary and advocacy

Animal Care Centers
The Fund for Animals operates four animal care facilities that provide a healthy environment and skilled care for injured and abused animals. The organization also draws attention to animal cruelty issues and advocates for reforms.

As the country’s largest and most diverse network of animal care centers in terms of geographic locations and species helped, The Fund for Animals not only rescues and provides direct assistance for animals in crisis, but also places an additional focus on preventing cruelty and abuse through our advocacy, education, training, and outreach programs.

All of our animal care centers offer specialized educational opportunities for veterinary professionals, veterinary students, and students of biology, ecology and conservation from around the world. We’ll help millions of animals in the future by educating animal welfare professionals today.

In 2015, The Fund for Animals provided care for more than 3,600 animals in our network of animal sanctuaries:

- Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch and Doris Day Equine Center
- Cape Wildlife Center
- The Fund for Animals Wildlife Center
- Duchess Sanctuary
Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch

The 1,400-acre Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch (CABBR), located in Murchison, TX, is the flagship sanctuary of The Fund for Animals. The CABBR provided permanent sanctuary for more than 850 animals in 2015, representing over 40 different species.

At the CABBR, 2015 brought a year of new arrivals from all over the country. We are proud to have been able to provide lifelong sanctuary to over 35 horses and donkeys, all were rescued for different, unfortunate reasons this year. We also welcomed four sheep from a cruelty seizure case in Florida where they were living in deplorable conditions and seriously neglected. Upon arrival, we were surprised to learn that two of the ewes were pregnant. A couple of months later, they delivered their healthy lambs. Thankfully, these babies will never know the conditions their mothers had to endure.

In the fall, we welcomed Gizmo, a male rhesus macaque, who was retired from a life in biomedical research. He now lives in a large, spacious enclosure at the ranch where he can climb up high to see the birds fly overhead or pick insects out of the tall green grass.

Towards year-end, we brought in several more new residents. We welcomed chickens from a hoarding case, an orphaned fallow deer from a rehabilitation center, and Amelia, our newest resident cow. Amelia was found running the streets of San Antonio, Texas, severely malnourished and injured. Thankfully, after law enforcement had contained her and sent her to their local animal care services, we were happy to welcome her. Now Amelia roams with our herd of over 40 cattle, free to graze on green grass and drink out of deep, cool ponds. She has the companionship of others and she, like the hundreds of other animals that call the CABBR home, are now safe.
This was an exciting year at the Doris Day Equine Center (DDEC), a rescue and adoption program located on the grounds of the CABBR. Our growth trend continued as total placements nearly doubled for the second consecutive year—52 successful placements. Correspondingly, our intakes also nearly doubled. We were able to bring 68 new animals into the program from multiple sources including seizures, rescues, a local slaughterhouse rescue project, and the Bureau of Land Management. We also took in a wider variety of equine than ever including miniature horses, ponies, standard horses, mules, domesticated donkeys, and wild burros.

Among the 92 animals the DDEC assisted in 2015 were Lucie and Spirit. Lucie, a gentle appaloosa mare, was taken off a slaughter truck to Mexico at the 11th hour, while Spirit, an orphaned colt, was removed from his neglectful home by law enforcement. Lucie was quickly adopted locally and is now a trusted companion to the whole family, roaming her new 200-acre home with her 9-year-old boy. Spirit was rehabilitated and has turned into quite the social butterfly. He is now a healthy and happy 7-month-old colt and a volunteer favorite at the center.

In order to make an impact beyond the gates of the DDEC and help exponentially more horses, our partnership with The HSUS and Carter Ranch Horse continued and was expanded in 2015. The Forever Foundation program assists equine rescues across the country by strengthening their horse training capability through online videos, hands-on clinics, and individual coaching by instructor Trevor Carter. New videos were added to address advanced skills such as preparation for riding and new skills challenges tested participants’ accomplishments. A regional hands-on training clinic in Florida was added to the program, and the Texas clinic held at the DDEC was expanded to three days.

This innovative program not only helps horses currently in rescues find forever homes, but will help those who enter the participating organizations’ programs for years to come. Feedback on the program and clinics has been so positive that we have been able to expand plans for the Forever Foundation 2016 and beyond!
Cape Wildlife Center

Cape Wildlife Center, one of New England’s largest and preeminent wildlife rehabilitation facilities, continued to cement its reputation as an exemplary wildlife rehabilitation and training facility this year. In 2015, the Center provided veterinary and rehabilitative care to over 1,700 animals representing 145 different species, ranging from tiny toads to exotic pelagic seabirds to highly-specialized animals, including bats, fishers and foxes, at our 4.5 acres facility in Cape Code, MA. The Center also expanded our educational outreach at an annual training day with more than 80 officers from animal controls and Department of Natural Resources. The Center hosted and co-presented with Tufts University’s Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine on the topic “Take the Lead on Lead,” which attracted educators, veterinarians, wildlife rehabilitators, scientists and others to tackle the challenge of lead poisoning in wildlife. And, our popular “Wildlife on Tap” lecture series sold out, attracting 250 attendees.

Training current and future wildlife veterinarians and animal care professionals continued to be a high priority. Students were onsite from January through December and came to the Center from the United States, Canada, South Korea, St. Kitts, Scotland, the United Kingdom, Spain and Brazil. Center staff also initiated a study to determine the most effective method of hand feeding infant rabbits, which could ultimately increase the survival rate of the New England cottontail, a native species whose population is dwindling.

In response to the emerging need for expert care of the state’s imperiled bat population, the Center built a bat flight aviary, nursery and treatment ward. The ward, located on the top floor of the Center’s rabies vector building, will enable bats to develop cardio and muscular strength while having access to natural food sources.

Each achievement this year advanced the Center’s goals of addressing emerging needs relating to wildlife, advocating for practices which benefit animals and people, and advancing the expertise and success of wildlife rehabilitation.
The Fund for Animals Wildlife Center

The 13-acre Fund for Animals Wildlife Center (FFAWC) in Ramona, CA, is devoted to rehabilitating native wildlife, focusing primarily on predator rehabilitation and release of animals such as mountain lions, coyotes, bobcats, eagles, hawks, and owls.

We started 2015 off with the successful release of our first three bear patients and with only a few months’ break, started receiving a new batch of orphaned cubs. In addition to four bear cubs, over 600 other wild animals in need of rehabilitative care, representing more than 60 native species, received specialized care at the FFAWC this year. The drought conditions of Southern California continued to impact native wildlife; lower numbers of orphaned babies were received while higher numbers of failure-to-thrive juveniles and human-impacted adults were brought in for treatment. Most notably, there was a large rise in the local population of roadrunners that were brought in for rehabilitative care; usually an elusive species that rarely comes into contact with humans, several patients were tended to and released this year.

The FFAWC continued to provide specialized training to its staff and volunteers by updating internal training programs to address the new species added in recent years and incorporating online webinars with such topics as animal handling techniques, zoonosis safety, and disaster preparedness. Student interns and volunteers provided over 15,000 hours of service donated to the operations of the center.

Thanks to the generous donation the center’s largest update of 2015 was the much needed refurbishment of a 20-year-old flight cage used to recondition atrophied wing muscles in eagle and osprey patients. The revitalized habitat was modified to meet current rehabilitation standards with new features including a pond and waterfall to encourage sourcing of natural water supplies, nest boxes so young birds can move outside to observe older birds flying overhead, as well as changes that make it easier for staff to work in the aviary and monitor the patient’s as they prepare to be returned to the wild.
Duchess Sanctuary

The 1,120-acre Duchess Sanctuary outside of Oakland, OR provides lifetime sanctuary to 200 horses rescued from abuse and exploitation.

Two badly neglected mares were welcomed to the sanctuary in 2015. Local law enforcement asked for help with a nearby situation involving multiple horses in need, and we were in a position to take the two horses in the worst condition. After spending their first week after surrender at the veterinary clinic, Birdie and Dorita arrived at Duchess and have been eating non-stop ever since. Both had severe rain rot, neglected feet, and parasites. Enormous amounts of feed and hours of care, along with veterinary and farrier work, have started them on the road to recovery. We look forward to seeing them fit, healthy, and happy in the months to come.

This year the sanctuary also provided temporary foster care for four equine belonging to other welfare agencies – two pony mules, a Paint gelding, and a Quarter Horse mare. While we are not always in a position to accept additional equine into our family, being able to support other rescues in this manner was rewarding.

Wildlife sightings have increased on the property with a herd of elk now spending most of the winter on the sanctuary. Egrets, cormorants, geese, and cranes have also been spotted using our nesting platforms and raptor perches in the large pond.

Improvements at the sanctuary in 2015 included repairs to fencing, roads, and other facilities, and the purchase of a new tractor with a backhoe attachment. Spring and fall open house events were the best attended to date and a great way to engage the local community. Additionally, our staff participated in some exchange opportunities with CABBR for professional development experience, and found great opportunities for collaboration.
Advocacy

Beyond providing direct animal care at all of our centers, The Fund for Animals also works to prevent cruelty and abuse before animals end up in crisis, through our advocacy and education campaigns.

In February, the Fund and other animal protection and conservation groups filed a petition with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to reclassify African elephants from threatened to endangered status. In July, the Service proposed to amend its regulations to generally prohibit interstate commerce in ivory, require permits for the import of all elephant trophies, and to regulate the intake of captive elephants into the United States. The Fund and co-petitioners filed comments largely in support of these regulations.

In June, the USFWS published a final rule that granted a legal petition filed by The Fund and other organizations to list all chimpanzees, including captive animals in the U.S., as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). The increased federal protections for captive chimpanzees is expected to curb the use of these intelligent, social animals in invasive biomedical research, interstate trade as pets and use by the entertainment industry. Under the ESA, a permit for any activity that would involve harming, harassing, killing or the use of chimpanzees in interstate commerce is required.

One large victory for animals happened in December when the USFWS published a final rule in response to a petition by The Fund and other groups to add African lions to the list of species protected under the ESA. The Service’s rule lists lions in West, Central, and Northern Africa as Endangered and lions in Eastern and Southern Africa as threatened. Permits will be required for all otherwise prohibited activities, which can only be issued for conservation purposes. An accompanying Director’s Order will disqualify hunters with a history of violating wildlife laws from obtaining trophy import permits for any species. In combination, these new requirements will substantially decrease the number of wild lions shot by U.S. hunters, and will make the domestic trade in lion meat illegal.
Financials

Fund For Animals
2015 Financial Outlook

Bequests 3,705,499
Contributions and Grants 3,116,919
Other Income 72,974
Total Revenue 6,895,392
End of Year Net Assets (12/31/15) 6,026,548

Expenditures

Supporting Services 994,311 12%
Animal Protection Programs 7,100,895 88%
Total 8,095,206 100%

Supporting Services Breakdown

Management and General 350,559 4%
Fundraising 643,752 8%
Animal Care Programs 7,100,895 88%
Total 8,095,206 100%
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