Our Mission: Protecting animals through rescue, rehabilitation, sanctuary and advocacy

Animal Care Centers

As one of 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.

The Fund for Animals operates four animal care facilities that provide a healthy environment and skilled care for injured and abused wildlife, animals used by the pharmaceutical industry and captive wildlife rescued from deplorable situations such as roadside zoos and traveling shows.

Education is vital to our mission of protecting animals, which is why 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 2016, The Fund for Animals provided care for more than 3,520 animals in our network of animal sanctuaries:

- Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch (TX)
- The Fund for Animals Wildlife Center (CA)
- Duchess Sanctuary (OR)
- Cape Wildlife Center (MA)
The 1,437-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 800 animals in 2016, representing over 40 different species.

In 2016 we welcomed 90 new animals, including 60 equine, to the ranch. All were rescued for different, unfortunate reasons. Part of the equine intakes included three Mongolian and Tibetan asses, new species to CABBR.

In addition, we were happy to offer a home to a second Asian water buffalo, who we named Earthel. Earthel was saved from being sent to slaughter and brought to the ranch. She is happy to call her new pasture home and has made friends with our other water buffalo, Tank. During the summer months, Earthel and Tank can be found soaking in their large pond completely submerged up to their nostrils.

You may remember that in the winter of 2016, we welcomed Amelia the cow. Amelia was found running the streets of San Antonio, Texas, severely malnourished and injured. After law enforcement had contained her and sent her to their local animal care services, we were happy to receive and welcome her. Unbeknownst to us at the time, Amelia was pregnant when she was rescued.

We welcomed a white-faced capuchin monkey, Jackie, from the exotic pet trade. Jackie was seized from Los Angeles Parks and Wildlife Department after living a life in a large bird cage and we were happy to provide her a home with our other capuchin monkeys!
We were happy to also welcome her calf, Waldo. He was born on the ranch during the spring of 2017. Thankfully, Waldo will never know the conditions his mother had to endure.

This was a year of transition for the Doris Day Equine Center (DDEC), a rescue and adoption center located on the grounds of the CABBR. In order to make an impact beyond the gates of the DDEC and help exponentially more horses, we have decided to expand our partnership with The Carter Ranch Horse and focus on our training program instead of individual adoptions. This program, the Forever Foundation, builds capacity of equine rescues across the country by strengthening their horse training capability through online videos, hands-on clinics and individual coaching. This program replaces force, fear and harsh mechanical aids with natural horsemanship; a holistic approach to training. Through the kindness, communication and leadership fostered by the Forever Foundation program, the Center has become a national resource in assisting equine facilities in the development of standardized training programs.

The Center’s training also helps to enhance the skills of other equine rescues that rehabilitate and work with difficult horses, expanding the overall capacity of groups to take in horses with past traumatic experiences. Rescued horses with a foundational-level of training are far more adoptable and the likelihood of long-term adoption success is significantly higher.
The 13-acre Fund for Animals Wildlife Center (FFAWC) is devoted to rehabilitating native wildlife, focusing primarily on predator rehabilitation and release of animals such as bears, coyotes, bobcats, eagles, hawks and owls.

In 2016 we completed the remodel of our 140-foot flight aviary. Over 800 wild animals, representing more than 60 native species, received specialized care at the center. For example, a bald eagle recovered from the West Nile Virus in the comforts of our newly redesigned aviary.

The closure of several Southern California rehabilitation operations increased demand for our services. Private citizen rescuers are having a harder time finding resources for the animals they find but many were willing to drive the extra distance to bring animals to our center. Instances like these, spurred the creation of agreements with Riverside County Parks and Recreation to ensure we would have an easier time securing release sites for the animals we rehabilitated. Twenty four county-run parks now offer safe release areas for these newly rehabilitated animals.

The FFAWC continues to maintain a robust volunteer program, working with local groups on one-day projects such as The Boys Team Charity, hosting Marines in need of local service hours while they complete boot camp at nearby Camp Pendleton, or simply working with community volunteers who want to give back. Student interns and volunteers provided over 14,000 hours of service to the operations of the center in 2016 alone.

Improvements around the property for 2016 included the construction of an owl mew by an Eagle Scout, construction of a corvid flight aviary by an intern and the installation of four additional raised vegetable beds in our Harvest Garden. Volunteers helped replace weather-worn catwalks for our San Nicolas Island Cats, re-roofed a gazebo over our picnic table and built two tree stands in our rehab bear enclosure so it is ready for our next batch of cubs. A new volunteer focusing on our landscaping projects helped replant over two-dozen young trees to make sure they are now growing in locations that will help us provide shade and habitat for future enclosures which will be beneficial for years to come!
The 1,120-acre Duchess Sanctuary outside of Oakland, OR provides lifetime sanctuary to a herd of about 200 rescued horses and donkeys.

Three horses and four donkeys were welcomed to the sanctuary in 2016. All were rescued from slaughter. The donkeys include one mom and son pair and two orphans. The babies in particular have been tremendously entertaining for staff, volunteers and visitors alike. The horses included our very first Paso Fino, a gaited breed of Spanish origin.

Duchess is also home to a variety of native wildlife. The local elk herd spent most of the winter on the sanctuary, moving from pasture to forest and back again, safe from hunters and danger. We saw one of our black bears on a wildlife camera in September, looking healthy. In December we were excited to see five majestic bald eagles, four adults and a juvenile.

Improvements at the sanctuary in 2016 included the construction of a new special needs pasture and shelter for residents that require more individualized care as they age, renovations to other special needs accommodations and our handling facility and emergency lighting installation in the hospital barn and shop. Thanks to a generous donor, a new draft-sized stock trailer was purchased.

In addition to successful annual Spring and Fall Open House events where the general public is invited to visit, a Holiday Open Barn was added to the schedule and was very well attended.

Spring and fall photography workshops were sold out and tremendous fun for all of the participants. Our volunteer hours increased by almost 30% over the previous year, with more than 75 individuals contributing their time.
Cape Wildlife Center continued to provide exemplary animal care, innovative programs and exceptional educational opportunities.

By late summer, it had provided 9,000 hours of training to current and future veterinarians and wildlife professionals, a new annual record for The Fund’s externship programs.

In September, the Center’s day-long program for animal control officers attracted more than 75 attendees from throughout Massachusetts. The event provided eight continuing education credits and was partially subsidized by the state.

Operationally, the Center remained the only rehabilitator in a multi-state region caring for North American river otters. The Center followed up last year’s successful rearing of an orphaned otter with the rearing of two otters in 2016!

The two otters came in separately, each just weeks old and required hand-feeding and veterinary care. In addition, one was seriously ill. In saving her life, Cape Wildlife Center became the first facility known to have diagnosed and treated a river otter for Babesia, a tick-borne disease. The diagnosis and response to treatment will be published in a professional journal and shared with wildlife professionals.

We are the only facility in the region with the habitat and skilled care necessary to raise these engaging creatures, who require months of specialized diets, housing and handling.

The Center’s innovative and popular “Wildlife on Tap” lecture series sold out again this year, attracting hundreds of attendees. Collaboration with our affiliated HSUS colleagues remained enthusiastically strong and The Center hosted its third training event for the historic Massachusetts Farm Ballot Initiative. We worked on other issues including community cats, toxicology and legislative initiatives.

In late fall, The Center began the challenging task of closing the facility and working with the new group who would take over operations in 2017. Key programs and staff were transferred to South Florida Wildlife Center in order to preserve and grow the educational, outreach and volunteer programs that proved so successful at Cape Wildlife Center.
Financials
Fund For Animals
2016 Financial Outlook

Bequests $1,422,598
Contributions and Grants $4,046,750
Other Income $70,128
Total Revenue $5,539,476
End of Year Net Assets (12/31/16) $3,992,528

Expenditures
Supporting Services $905,676 12%
Animal Care Programs $6,667,820 88%
Total $7,573,496 100%

Supporting Services Breakdown
Management and General Fundraising $425,363 6%
Animal Care Programs $6,667,820 88%
Total $7,573,496 100%
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