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Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA holding Wildlife Care Center open house

Unique, off-season opportunity for public to visit rehabilitation areas

BURLINGAME, CALIF. – (January 23, 2017) – On Saturday, February 4 from 12-4 p.m., Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) invites the public to tour its Wildlife Care Center, a state-of-the-art facility inside and on the rooftop of its Center for Compassion at 1450 Rollins Road in Burlingame.

Open house guests will learn about the wild animals PHS/SPCA cares for and the reasons they end up needing human intervention. They'll see how the rooftop enclosures resemble natural settings and discover how to coexist with urban wildlife and prevent common injuries to them.

The free event will include crafts, a raffle, and fun, educational activities. Kids and kids at heart can dissect owl pellets and clean glue and oil from feathers, among other activities. Donations of mealworms, raw unsalted peanuts, dove seed, unsalted creamy peanut butter and spray millet are always welcome.

Wildlife rehabilitation work is almost always off-limits to the public; human contact with wild animals must be carefully limited to ensure the best survival and release rate. PHS/SPCA is able to hold this event in February because of the usual seasonal decline in incoming animals.

Many of the 4,000 sick, injured and orphaned wildlife patients arrive spring through late summer and include seabirds, hawks, owls, ducklings and mammals. Care is made possible by donations and dozens of volunteers assisting highly-trained staff. At peak times, staff and volunteers attend to more than 350 wild animals.

For close to 40 years, PHS/SPCA has remained one of just a handful of humane societies in the entire country to provide significant care and rehabilitation services for wildlife.

For more information, contact Lead Wildlife Technician Ashley Damm at 650-340-7022 ext. 456 or adamm@phs-spca.org.

About Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA is a private, open-door, not-for-profit animal welfare organization. Primary programs include animal adoptions; animal rescue and sheltering, including specialty care for domestic animals with medical and/or behavioral challenges; wildlife rehabilitation; animal cruelty investigation; community outreach and education; low-cost spay/neuter; and obedience classes. This vital work is made possible by volunteers and donations. PHS/SPCA receives no funding from national animal welfare organizations. Visit www.phs-spca.org to learn about all PHS/SPCA's programs and services, ways to help the animals and special events.

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