

OWCN Opens New Facilities for Wildlife Care

The newest facility in the Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) has opened at UC Santa Cruz. The **Oiled Wildlife Veterinary Care and Research Center** provides sea otter rescue and wildlife pathology. The new center carries out a joint program between the California Department of Fish and Game and the UC Santa Cruz Institute for Marine Sciences at Long Marine Laboratory, which is located just next door.

The **Marine Wildlife Care Center** at Humboldt State University opened last February. It serves as classrooms for the wildlife department until there is an emergency—it then converts to a rescue and recovery center, with participation of university science faculty, animal care staff and students. The facility, designed for the care of oiled seabirds found offshore and along the California coast from Point Arena to the Oregon

border, includes washing stations, triage rooms and recovery housing.

Other new seabird facilities are being built in **San Francisco** and **Los Angeles**. These new OWCN members will offer rescue and rehabilitation services as well as education on seabird health, including K-12 educational programs, opportunities for veterinary students to participate in rotations or externships, and graduate level educational projects.

California's Oiled Wildlife Care Network

The **Oiled Wildlife Care Network** (OWCN) maintains permanent facilities and trained personnel in a state of constant readiness for response to an oil spill emergency. OWCN personnel provide the best possible treatment and care for wildlife exposed to petroleum products in the environment. The OWCN, managed by the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine's **Wildlife Health Center**, comprises 21 wildlife organizations and rescue and rehabilitation stations, a competitive research grants program and comprehensive training programs.

- North Coast Marine Mammal Center, Crescent City
- Marine Wildlife Care Center, Humboldt State University, Arcata
- Wildlife Health Center, School of Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis
- Bird Rescue Center, Santa Rosa
- Wildcare, San Rafael
- The Marine Mammal Center, Marin Headlands—Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Sausalito
- International Bird Rescue Research Center, Berkeley
- Lindsay Wildlife Museum, Walnut Creek
- Peninsula Humane Society Wildlife Care Center, San Mateo
- Oiled Wildlife Veterinary Care and Research Center, Long Marine Laboratory, UC Santa Cruz
- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Monterey SPCA
- Pacific Wildlife Care, San Luis Obispo
- Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network
- Marine Mammal Center of Santa Barbara
- Los Angeles Bird Treatment Center, Fort MacArthur, San Pedro
- The Marine Mammal Care Center, Fort MacArthur, San Pedro
- Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center of Orange County, Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy
- Friends of the Sea Lion Marine Mammal Center, Laguna Beach
- Sea World of California, San Diego
- Project Wildlife, San Diego



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