ANNUAL REPORT 2017
2017 BY THE NUMBERS

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This is always the most difficult letter for me to write. Not because I have any bad news to share but more because it is time to tell you about the nuts and bolts of the past year. I am much more comfortable telling you about the animals. So allow me to do just that, while speaking about a few other matters as well.

As I write, the summer solstice will soon be upon us. While this quarterly solar system phenomenon of alternating solstices and equinoxes is as regular as could be, things here in Central Texas are more changeable. After many years of Wildlife Rescue's receiving around 7,000 animals for rehab and release annually, the past couple of years have seen that number accelerate to near 9,000, and we appear on course to exceed that in 2018. While I'm glad that people have the confidence in WRR to rescue and then bring all those animals in for our care, it is definitely alarming that so many are suddenly in such need, a level that is also reflected in the phenomenal number of calls we receive asking for help in dealing with human-wildlife conflicts. These involve animals we usually never see because we're able to help resolve the situations nonlethally and to the callers' satisfaction, but the increase is definitely worrisome. Let us hope these numbers stabilize and Central Texas wildlife face fewer threats to their rightful places within this landscape.

2017 saw the opening of the expanded WRR Sherman Animal Care Complex in San Antonio, and thank the stars for that. This means that we have more space available to provide care for the increased intake and its location in the City from which most injured and orphaned wildlife come to us makes its presence all the more valuable.

Thanks to some very generous bequests and other gifts from members and foundations we have been able to upgrade some of our sanctuary facilities. Since the animals who live in these will spend the remainder of their lives at Wildlife Rescue, the quality of their housing is especially important. We completed two new nonnative bird and reptile enclosures and at the same time were able to expand and improve those of several other groups. There are around 600 sanctuary residents, divided roughly in half between wild and domesticated animals. This number will remain around this level because with lifetime care we have no choice but to limit intake for space reasons, while helping in every way to find other quality sanctuaries to take those we cannot. Animals in rehab, on the other hand, have very different needs and we are committed to taking every one of them since they will receive care and as soon as possible be released. We have never varied from this commitment but the higher numbers are creating special challenges.

In our view, animal and environmental protection go hand-in-hand, and based on this we are working to generate as much of our electricity as possible from renewable sources. We have one wind turbine, a couple of years ago received a grant to solarize our new apprentice housing area, and have now done the same for the Kendalia wildlife hospital. Some of the larger animal warm houses are also on solar electricity. We will continue adding solar capacity as we are able to raise funds to pay for it since this both saves on expenses and reduces generations of atmospheric greenhouse gases.

Lastly, I'm sure most of you know that last year was Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation's 40th anniversary. Since I was in my twenties when I founded it, I take note that I am not as young as I was but also that I am no less involved and committed to our Mission. It meant more than I can tell you to see at our anniversary events so many supporters who have stood beside me every step of the way. Wildlife Rescue was a labor of my love in its origins but has necessarily been a labor of love plus dollars in its continuation with thousands of you alongside me. I thank you, one and all.

Lynn Cuny
Founder/President

FROM THE FOUNDER

In 2017, 101 volunteers contributed more than 5,000 service hours. In addition, WRR’s world-class apprenticeship program accepted 20 college graduates who worked over 13,800 hours learning the natural history, diets, enclosure set-ups, and care protocols of native species and nonnative permanent residents at Wildlife Rescue. These fine students will go on to become the next generation of wildlife rehabilitators, veterinary technicians, conservationists, and environmental educators.

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ANIMALS RECEIVED

4,513 MAMMALS
4,294 AVIAN
166 REPTILES
2 AMPHIBIANS

* 225 additional animals received were transferred to other facilities or became permanent residents.

ANIMALS IN SANCTUARY

213 MAMMALS
151 PRIMATES
36 NATIVE ANIMALS
26 NONNATIVE
197 FARMED ANIMALS
130 MAMMALS
67 AVIAN
85 AVIAN
49 NATIVE
36 NONNATIVE
70 COMPANION
36 REPTILES

GROWTH & EXPANSION

In 2017 the Perry and Ruby Stevens Charitable Foundation contributed to the construction of a new aviary and enclosure for nonnative birds and reptiles.

In SEPTEMBER a grant from the Kronkosky Charitable Foundation and contributions from Roger & Phyllis Sherman and other individuals made it possible to purchase and remodel a new and significantly expanded Roger & Phyllis Sherman Animal Care Complex in San Antonio.

By the close of the year, the SACC was receiving and assessing 80% of all incoming cases, allowing veterinary staff at the wildlife hospital in Kendalia to focus more on specialized care.

Founder/President Lynn Cuny stands at the new location at 1334 Basse Road, San Antonio, 78212.

WRR’s commitment to clean energy is stronger than ever.

In 2017, our wildlife hospital and 20% of animal warm houses in Kendalia began to draw energy from solar panels. WRR’s goal is to be 100% reliant on clean energy by 2020.
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (audited)

Income $3,736,440

**SUPPORT**

- $1,335,641 Contributions
- $1,055,096 Bequests
- $814,364 Grants
- $119,874 In-Kind Donations

**REVENUE**

- $372,743 Investments
- $37,527 Rental
- $1,195 Miscellaneous

Expenses $2,479,941

- $300,149 Administration
- $175,265 Fundraising

Net Income $1,229,663

More than 80% of these funds were transferred into our endowment or invested in facility upgrades; the remainder supported animal care.

FINANCIAL POSITION YEAR 2017

Total Assets $9,498,607

- $130,943 Cash/Grants Rec.
- $4,172,850 Endowment
- $5,194,814 Fixed Assets (net of depreciation)

Total Liabilities & Net Assets $9,498,607

- $260,190 Current Liabilities
- $524,129 Long-Term Liabilities
- $8,714,288 Net Assets
### OUR MISSION

TO RESCUE, REHABILITATE, AND RELEASE NATIVE WILDLIFE, AND TO PROVIDE SANCTUARY, INDIVIDUALIZED CARE, AND A VOICE FOR OTHER ANIMALS IN NEED.

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