



Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation, Inc.
"To rescue, release, and provide sanctuary with dignity."

About Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

To provide rescue, rehabilitation, and release of orphaned, injured, and displaced wildlife, and to provide sanctuary with dignity for non-releasable and non-native wild animals.

Founded in 1977 in San Antonio, Texas, by Lynn Cuny, who remains its Executive Director, Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation (WRR) was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 1978. Its mission is to provide rescue, rehabilitation, and release of orphaned, injured, and displaced wildlife, and permanent sanctuary care in large natural habitats to non-releasable animals. Among the latter are indigenous wildlife, exotic animals victimized by the pet trade and roadside zoos, and retirees from research facilities. In addition, WRR provides advice and assistance in dealing with human-wildlife encounters in a non-lethal manner.

Demand for WRR services increased so rapidly that by 1980 it had to move from the Cuny home and backyard to a 4-acre site outside of San Antonio. In 1986, it became necessary to move again, this time to a 21-acre facility near Boerne, Texas. In 1999, a large gift from an individual supporter enabled WRR to purchase a 187-acre site in Kendalia about 20 miles from the Boerne facility. We completed our move onto the new property in the spring of 2004.

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation is widely recognized as a superior rehabilitation and sanctuary facility and is accredited by The Association of Sanctuaries (TAOS). It provides a permanent home for a variety of mammals (e.g., wolves, bears, jaguars, cougars, and primates) and many species of migratory birds and non-indigenous reptiles. In 2005, over 7,000 animals were brought to WRR, mostly from surrounding areas, but many from around the country; the majority of these were rehabilitated and released or given permanent sanctuary.

WRR maintains a 24-hour emergency hotline and is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It is supported by a membership of over 8,000 individuals and is assisted by 150 volunteers. The organization has a staff of 20 and anywhere from 8 to 15 interns who come from the U.S. and abroad to work at the sanctuary and gain experience and training in wildlife rehabilitation and animal care. Whether through training, education, advocacy, or direct animal care, WRR fulfills its commitment to wildlife protection and ethical, sustainable relations between humans and the natural world.

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