



## ANNUAL 2008 REPORT

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### Dear Members,

Another year gone, and another beginning. And as the story goes, "it was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Lest I sound overly dramatic, let me reassure you that the times at Wildlife Rescue have been less trying than they have been for millions of people out there who face lost jobs and foreclosed homes. Still, it was certainly a challenging year for WRR as we confronted the difficulties inherent in meeting higher costs with less revenue than we had hoped for. It was only thanks to the continued generosity of each of you, many of whom dug even deeper than usual to help us get through, that we could carry on. And I'm pleased to say that we did so without a hitch in our commitment to giving the best possible care to every animal who comes to Wildlife Rescue.

That last sentence speaks to "the best of times." Treating every animal as an individual, fathoming each one's particular needs, and then doing our best to meet them are the essence of our commitment to animal well-being and to the fulfillment of our Mission. In 2008 we had approximately 6,000 wild animals come to WRR, the highest number we have seen in several years. Being in the midst of the worst drought on record had something to do with this, I'm sure, but beyond that it's not easy to know what the reasons were. In any event, through the efforts of our new fulltime staff veterinarian, staff animal caretakers, volunteers, and interns from around the world, all these animals were given what they needed to the best of our abilities. Add to these the 375 animals in wildlife sanctuary, another 300 farmed animals, and several dozen dogs and cats who found their way here (most of whom we have found homes for), and you can easily see that the workload has been considerable. Fortunately, it is work that is driven by people's highest values, including those of altruism and respect for all life, and it is that ethical and even spiritual connection that provides the motivation and inspiration for staying with it.

At the end of '08 we launched our Endowment Campaign, hoping to raise \$6M in immediate gifts or multi-year pledges. This will be crucial to ensuring Wildlife Rescue's long term stability. The Campaign will provide an immediate infusion of endowment support for operations and over the years bequests and other major gifts will increase its size considerably. Endowment gifts are truly gifts in perpetuity and their value to Wildlife Rescue's ability to maintain its high quality service over the foreseeable future is simply immeasurable.

I look forward to '09 being truly the best of times for WRR, despite the economic uncertainties in the present world. The dedicated support of our members and the valiant work of our staff are always the foundation for my optimism, just as the animals I see all around the sanctuary are my motivation.

Sincerely,

**Lynn Cuny**  
Founder/Executive Director

#### MISSION STATEMENT

To rescue and release and to provide sanctuary with dignity.

## REHABILITATION & SANCTUARY OPERATIONS

The drought and the economy brought challenges to WRR in 2008. We have survived the year albeit ending the year with a deficit on the financial statements, but thanks to strong holiday and year-end contributions from our wonderful membership, we are able to begin the new year in a relatively stable position. You can find out more detail about WRR financial matters on the accompanying income/expense statement and balance sheet.

Despite the turbulent times, Wildlife Rescue will always continue to alleviate suffering and save lives. The Agnes G. Cuny Rehabilitation Clinic and Nursery treated thousands of native wild animals in 2008 including 2,700 birds, 3,000 mammals and almost 100 reptiles. The clinic staff made significant advancements in animal care protocols for water birds and reptiles resulting in higher release rates and for the first time in a few years we had no incidents of the deadly parvovirus in our raccoon population.

As of December 21, 2008 the sanctuary was home to 375 members of the wildlife community, 307 animals commonly found on farms and 25 cats and dogs. New arrivals to the sanctuary in 2008 were 2 female African lions who came from a roadside zoo in Mississippi. Not only did these girls receive a wonderful new home, but our lone male who lost his long-time friend in 2007 now has companionship. We also took in several macaques from research facilities and re-situated many of the macaque groups to give them larger enclosures. Other rescues included 14 Thai roosters from a cock fighting ring in Minnesota, 3 Arctic foxes, and a ruffed lemur from an area zoo who is now paired with our formerly lone ruffed lemur. Thanks to generous foundation and individual gifts, we were able to improve the facility and animals' homes with the construction of 6 additional transitional rehabilitation cages, an expanded spider monkey enclosure, new heated winter quarters for the non-native tortoises and one for the brown-capped capuchins, a domestic cat infirmary enclosure and a permanent resident owl enclosure that will allow us to use their old enclosure for its original intent as a rehabilitation flight aviary.

Please see the detailed report on the next page and remember that each of those figures represents an animal with a sad history who was given a second chance at a peaceful life thanks to the caring and knowledgeable medical and caretaking staff at WRR.

Animal care staff was augmented by 43 interns who came from across the United States and from as far away as Japan, Poland and Israel along with 10 long-term volunteers from Great Britain and Germany. These hard-working individuals contributed more than 41,000 hours throughout the year, the equivalent of 20 full time staff members. We continually work to improve the internship program and curriculum so that it not only provides the staff support we need but also that it be a valuable learning experience that graduates individuals who can carry on this work for wildlife. More than 100 individual volunteers provided 6,500 hours of service in transporting animals and donations, doing field rescues, assisting in the clinic and helping with special events. Being able to provide the breadth of services is dependent upon our volunteers and interns and we are grateful for their assistance.

We were pleased to hire a new full-time veterinarian, Dr. Megan McAndrew, DVM who came on-board in July 2008. She is a recent graduate of North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine and is a wonderful addition to our medical team.

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## REHABILITATION & SANCTUARY OPERATIONS

In addition to our hands-on animal caretaking, our Education and Advocacy Department worked in the community to spread our message of respect and compassion for wildlife. Staff and volunteers gave presentations in area schools and community centers and reached more than 1,000 people. Our advocacy efforts included Free Lucky, a campaign to have an elephant living in deplorable conditions at the San Antonio Zoo transferred to The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. Among many other small and large initiatives, we also worked with City of Boerne officials to pass legislation sanctioning feral cat colonies so that these innocent animals will not be killed en masse by Animal Control and we spoke with San Antonio Parks Department personnel about safeguards and protection for feral hogs and other wildlife who live in the state's public lands.

Our 18th annual *Win a Wild Ride to Save Wildlife* was the most exciting and successful year for this gala event to date. This year's drawing was for a 2008 Mercedes-Benz C300 Sport and one lucky winner is now driving this luxury vehicle. The event raised more than \$130,000 for the animals. In addition to *Win a Wild Ride to Save Wildlife*, 2008 brought the 1st annual *Walk on the Wild Side*. The Walk fundraiser was a fun, family event that not only raised money, but also brought together members and friends for a beautiful day in Boerne. We extend a special thank you to Frost Bank for their signature sponsorship of *Walk on the Wild Side*.

The current financial situation requires even greater vigilance with regard to operating expenses and creativity in how to cut costs without lowering our standards of animal care. We stepped up our efforts for in-kind donations of food and supplies we use every day in the clinic and sanctuary by beginning to establish relationships with corporations who manufacture the items the animals need.

WRR opened The Squirrel's Nest Thrift Store just in time for holiday shopping. This warm and charming store is located on Main Street in Boerne in a historic home. It is managed by Rebecca Decker who keeps the place stocked with bargains and treasures, all donated from our members and the community. This shop had a wonderful opening month and we are confident that it will provide a sustainable source of revenue that will be used exclusively for animal care here at the sanctuary.

While many people are tightening their belts and non-profits across the country are seeing a decline in individual donations, we were happy to see that public and private sector employee contribution campaigns are on the rise. Through Earth Share of Texas, a federation of the leading environmental organizations in the State of Texas, WRR received \$55,679 in unrestricted contributions all donated through employer-based payroll contribution programs.

The coming year will continue to present challenges for fundraising and expense control and we don't know what the severe drought will mean for wildlife and nature, but regardless of economic or climactic conditions, WRR will always be here for the animals.

To our donors, volunteers and all who have touched Wildlife Rescue this year, we extend our gratitude. Each of you has played a critical part in saving the lives of the animals we all cherish and for that, we thank you.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela". The script is fluid and cursive.

**Angela Grimes**  
Associate Executive Director

**2008  
FOUNDATION  
SUPPORTERS**

Ahimsa Foundation  
 Albert & Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation  
 Amy Shelton McNutt Charitable Trust  
 The Arnold J. and Irene B. Kocurek Family Foundation  
 The Barker Foundation Inc.  
 The Bridge Foundation  
 Edward Gorey Charitable Trust  
 Greater Houston Community Foundation  
 The Harris K. & Lois G. Oppenheimer Foundation  
 Harry Tappan & Winnie C. Tappan Perpetual Charitable Trust  
 The Hollomon Price Foundation  
 Hutchinson Community Foundation  
 The Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation  
 Joan and Herb Kelleher Charitable Foundation  
 Kronkosky Charitable Foundation  
 The New England Anti-Vivisection Society  
 Prentice Foundation  
 The Roger & Phyllis Sherman Foundation  
 San Antonio Area Foundation  
 San Antonio Children's Foundation  
 Stan and Gerry Sigman Foundation  
 The Summerlee Foundation  
 Talbert Family Charitable Fund

**2008  
REHABILITATION  
& SANCTUARY  
STATISTICS**

**Highlights of Wildlife Rehabilitation Statistics**

<b>2,711</b>	<b>Birds</b>
<b>3,039</b>	<b>Mammals</b>
<b>87</b>	<b>Reptiles</b>
<b>5,837</b>	

**Sanctuary Residents**

**Wildlife**

111	Wild Birds
17	Candids
26	Felids
170	Primates
28	Reptiles
22	Other Mammals
<b>375</b>	

**Farmed Animals**

125	Domesticated Birds
182	Mammals
<b>307</b>	

**Companion Animals**

4	Dogs
21	Cats
<b>25</b>	



## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Unrestricted Income & Expense Statement

## BALANCE SUMMARY

As of December 31, 2008

Audited Figures

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Income

Unrestricted Contributions	\$810,832
Fundraising	\$293,156
Special Events	\$87,158
Revenue	\$51,810
In-Kind Donations	\$117,092
Net Assets Released from Restriction	\$120,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,480,048</b>

### Expense

Program Services: Animal Care	\$1,381,031
Education	\$7,985
Administrative	\$68,382
Fundraising	\$130,982
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,588,380</b>

### Current Assets

Checking/Savings	\$87,508
Investment	\$91,806
Accounts Receivable	\$2,078
Promise to Give	\$156,550
Donated Inventory	\$2,000
Fixed Assets (net of depreciation)	\$2,629,918
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,969,860</b>

### Current Liabilities & Equity

Current Liabilities	\$11,842
Accrued Liabilities	\$25,165
Long Term Liabilities	\$438,098
Net Assets	\$2,494,755
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$2,969,860</b>

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Lynn Cuny, Founder/Executive Director

Wally Folks

Joel Hailey

Jay Miller, Chair

Michael Murray

Sandra Randol, Treasurer

Sissy Sailors, Vice Chair & Secretary

Martha Scott

Courtney Walker