



# ANNUAL 2009 REPORT

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## **WRR Mission Statement**

To rescue, rehabilitate, and release native wildlife, and to provide sanctuary, individualized care, and a voice for other animals in need.

## **Founder's Report**

**A**t this time of year, as we prepare our Annual Report, I often find myself reading the reports of other nonprofit organizations. Combined with what I read in the nonprofit press, the news during these times is mostly distressing. For Wildlife Rescue as well, 2009 was challenging, although compared with many others we have much to be thankful for. Knowing it would probably be a difficult year we managed to cut our expenses by 14% compared to '08, but unfortunately our income was down as well. Nevertheless, although the year ended with a deficit, thanks to our members and some timely foundation support, we enter 2010 on a hopeful note. Still, our eyes will be on budgetary performance month-to-month even more than usual. You can find more about these fiscal issues later in this Report.

Although revenue is surely part of what fuels Wildlife Rescue's operations, the most important elements are inherent in our vision and the commitment of those who share it—staff, board of directors, volunteers, supporters, and anyone else who cares about what we do for animals. We had one of those experiences last year which confirms the truth of this and which embodies, I believe, all those elements that set us apart and keep us going. I am referring to the opening of the Roger & Phyllis Sherman Animal Care Complex in San Antonio.

Mr. & Mrs. Sherman and the Sherman Foundation have been firm supporters of WRR for many years. Their commitment to the protection of all animals has been unstinting. As they decided to close the Foundation in '09 they approached us with an offer which, after discussion, turned into a grant that fully funded purchase of a property at 137 Earl St. in San Antonio which has become a drop-off place for wildlife in need as well as an educational center and small scale cat rescue and adoption venue. I have no doubt that having this facility in San Antonio, which is the source of most of the wildlife that is brought to us for care, will result in a huge increase in our survival rates and reduced suffering. No longer will injured and orphaned animals have to wait until volunteers, the public or WRR personnel can bring them to the clinic in Kendalia; now they receive care immediately at our new site. The new Complex allows instant intervention as well as serving as a temporary rehabilitation location for youngsters until they are ready to come to the sanctuary and prepare for release. Adult and seriously injured animals will be stabilized and then brought to Kendalia. This is an immense benefit to the care we provide, and more to the point, to the wild animals who receive it.

When I alluded above to this being a sort of epitome of what distinguishes Wildlife Rescue, these are the sorts of things I had in mind. Generous, committed supporters combine with WRR to turn their visions into reality for wildlife. Through the synergy of shared aspirations, new ways of doing what we do arise, ways that result in great benefits to all the animals for whom we exist.

2010 will probably be another difficult year financially. But we will not only surmount every difficulty, we will continue turning vision into reality and demonstrating the full truth of our Mission: **To rescue, rehabilitate, and release native wildlife, and to provide sanctuary, individualized care, and a voice for other animals in need.** Thanks to all of you—donors, foundations, staff, volunteers, interns, apprentices—for all you do in helping fulfill this Mission and in making this world more hospitable to our animal kin.

## REHABILITATION & SANCTUARY OPERATIONS

Like so many people and other non-profit organizations, 2009 was not an easy year for WRR. We survived the third year of drought, the magnitude of which had not been seen in many decades, and just as the lack of rain took its toll on our land, the economic crisis took its toll on our fundraising endeavors. Raising the critical funds to provide food, medicine and expert care for the thousands of animals in our hands every day proved more difficult, yet in the end, our loyal members and foundation grantors dug deep and came through for WRR and the animals. No one in the rehabilitation clinic or sanctuary wanted for anything, and we are most grateful for that. You can find out more detail about WRR financial matters on the accompanying income/expense statement and balance sheet.

No matter what the economy or climate brings, Wildlife Rescue will always continue to alleviate suffering and save lives. It is in these times that our services are often most critical. The Agnes G. Cuny Rehabilitation Clinic and Nursery treated thousands of native wild animals in 2009 including 2045 birds, 1974 mammals and 1182 reptiles. In July and August we worked to help hundreds of egrets in San Antonio's Brackenridge Park where hatchlings and fledglings were falling from overcrowded nests in a denser than usual rookery. Staff and volunteers worked with City and Park officials to create a soft landing area on the hard sidewalks and the more daring individuals waded into the San Antonio River to retrieve the birds who had fallen in the water and could not make it up the sides of the vertical concrete banks. The clinic's intake and treatment of these birds increased from a normal 40-50 per year to over 250 in one month alone. WRR also led the rescue of 106 cats from a home in Johnson City, Texas. After the property owner's death, the cats were slated to be rounded up and killed by the county. We proposed a humane solution, and with the help of Austin Humane Society, Spay-Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) and other area shelters, we were able to save all of their lives.

As of December 31, 2009 the sanctuary was home to 366 members of the wildlife community, 312 animals commonly found on farms and 49 cats and dogs. Some of our newest residents included 20 marmosets from a college laboratory on the west coast, a former "pet" spider monkey and macaque monkey, 11 other rhesus and long-tail macaques from various laboratories, Gracie the calf who was rescued off the streets of San Antonio and 2 cougar cubs who were orphaned in California when someone killed their mother. Please see the detailed report on the next page.

One of the most exciting new developments of 2009 was the acquisition of a property at 137 Earl Street in San Antonio that serves as a drop off location and satellite rehabilitation clinic. Named for the generous family who funded its creation, the Roger & Phyllis Sherman Animal Care Complex opened in early 2010. Future plans include adding an efficiency apartment for a live-in caretaker and creating a small educational center.

Facility improvements and expansions included a new home for permanent resident owls, an addition to the spider monkey enclosure and the renovation of the wildlife rehabilitation clinic upper level to create individual rooms for ailing animals who will be able to recover in a quiet location away from the bustle of the main clinic floor.



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## REHABILITATION & SANCTUARY OPERATIONS

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Animal care staff was augmented by 47 interns who contributed approximately 42,000 hours. They came from 17 US states as well as England, France and Canada. We are proud to have one the premiere animal care internship programs in the world. Few other facilities offer the breadth and variety of experience that can be gained at Wildlife Rescue. More than 100 individual volunteers provided almost 8,000 hours of service in transporting animals and donations, doing field rescues, assisting in the clinic and helping with special events. We were also home to a group of Northwestern University in Illinois for one week. They chose to spend their "alternative" fall break here helping care for the animals. We were all impressed with the hard work and maturity of this group of collegiates. To supplement our staff and provide an additional level of training to future animal caretakers, we created a new training program for Apprentices. In this 1-year experience, Apprentices continue learn more advanced rehabilitation techniques, take on greater responsibility in the clinic and work in the sanctuary with non-native wildlife.

We gave away another Mercedes-Benz C300 Sport at our 19th annual *Win a Wild Ride to Save Wildlife*. Despite the financial times, we had a wonderful crowd and raised \$116,000 to support our work. Rainy weather put a damper on the *Walk on the Wild Side* 5K fundraiser. We had a small crowd and are looking forward to revamping the event and a much bigger turnout in 2010. Through Earth Share of Texas, a federation of the leading environmental organizations in the State of Texas, WRR received \$49,600 in unrestricted contributions all donated through employer-based payroll contribution programs in the public and private sectors.

H-E-B continues to provide nearly all the produce needed to feed the wildlife in the clinic and sanctuary, representing an annual savings of \$75,000. In November, a new donation program was launched involving Wal-Mart stores that will supply the meat needed to nourish our carnivores and omnivores – another savings of \$65,000. We truly appreciate the support of these two corporations.

As always, the individuals, foundations and corporations who give so generously to Wildlife Rescue each year make all of this possible. Without you, we would not be here to help the animals who need us. Thank you.



**Angela Grimes**  
Executive Director & COO



**2009  
REHABILITATION  
& SANCTUARY  
STATISTICS**

**Highlights of Wildlife Rehabilitation Statistics**

Birds	2,045
Mammals	1,974
Reptiles	<u>82</u>
	<b>4,101</b>

**Sanctuary Residents**

**Wildlife**

Wild Birds	108
Candids	15
Felids	27
Primates	163
Reptiles	27
Other Mammals	<u>26</u>
	<b>366</b>

**Farmed Animals**

Domesticated Birds	123
Mammals	<u>189</u>
	<b>312</b>

**Companion Animals**

Dogs	7
Cats	<u>42</u>
	<b>49</b>

**2009  
FOUNDATION  
SUPPORTERS**

- Ahimsa Foundation
- Amy Shelton McNutt Charitable Trust
- The Barker Foundation
- Faye L. and William L. Cowden Charitable Foundation
- Hollomon Price Foundation
- James A. "Buddy" Davidson Charitable Foundation
- Kronkosky Charitable Foundation
- Prentice Foundation
- San Antonio Area Foundation
- Talbert Family Charitable Fund

\* Foundation grants of \$2500 or more are recognized.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Audited Figures

<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	1,330,128
In-Kind Donations	108,006
Special Events (Net of Expenses)	64,540
<b>Revenue</b>	
Earnings from Investments	14,433
Thrift Store (Net of Expenses)	16,753
Rental	9,685
Other Income	27,968
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,571,513</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Program Services: Animal Care	1,317,043
Administrative	33,885
Fundraising	161,818
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,512,746</b>
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	2,338,205
Net Assets Released from Restriction	156,550
Net Assets at End of Year	2,553,522

## BALANCE SUMMARY

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	191,957
Endowment Investments	104,857
Accounts Receivable	163
Pledges Receivable	16,486
Prepaid Expenses & Other Current Assets	13,929
Fixed Assets	2,768,012
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,095,404</b>
<b>Current Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Current Liabilities	47,969
Accrued Liabilities	31,657
Deferred Revenue	18,442
Long Term Liabilities	427,328
Net Assets	2,570,008
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>3,095,404</b>

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lynn Cuny, Founder/CEO  
Ron Aaron  
Tim Ajax  
Michael Murray, Vice Chair/Treasurer  
Sissy Sailors, Chair

