



American White Pelican released at Brantley Lake State Park


Desert Willow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is a non-profit organization located in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Wild animals too young to survive on their own, which are injured, or come to the center for other reasons receive medical care and nurturing until they are rehabilitated and able to be released back into the wild. Our goal is to be able to raise a young animal without "imprinting" (accidentally making them tame) so it may return to its natural home in the wild.



Release of two Bobcats to the wild.




Bobcat kittens in "foster care".



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Wildlife Recovery in Southeast New Mexico



Successful Bald Eagle Release

The eagle, nicknamed Pecos, was recovered in Artesia, NM by NM Department of Game and Fish after a concerned citizen called. He was then delivered to the Desert Willow Wildlife Rehabilitation facility.

While visiting in the area, Dr. Kathleen Ramsay was designated to receive the very quiet bird. She transported the bird while administering fluids, to the Cottonwood Rehab facility. By the time of his arrival 6 hours later, he had regained strength and become more aggressive.



Placed in quarantine, Pecos was examined, x-rayed and admitted for care. He remained there for 1 month, until he was transferred to Santa Fe Raptor center for flight training for 2 weeks. Once flight training was completed, he was returned to Cottonwood Rehab facility and transported back to the Carlsbad Area for release after 2 months of care.



These three different facilities work as a cohesive network for the support of the wildlife in New Mexico and surrounding states. The expense associated with this one animal's rehabilitation and release is estimated to have been \$1,500. This is for medicines, treatments, food, x-rays, supplies. No charge from the facilities or veterinarians.

We need your support to continue. Donations of funds, time or supplies help ensure that our injured wildlife can be released to their native habitat/territory.



We help bunnies and bats too!

Did You Know? Desert Willow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, located in Carlsbad, New Mexico treats several different species of animals including migratory birds, bobcats, rabbits, and turtles.



Desert Willow is one of the few places in southern New Mexico that can rehabilitate deer due to New Mexico law. This prohibition was put into place to stop the spread of chronic wasting disease. On average six mule deer fawns are successfully raised and released each year. Costs for rehabilitating a fawn average \$10 – 15 dollars/day for feed, water and medications. Most deer that come into the facility require worming, and many require additional medications to recover from stress and/or injuries.