

# Wildlife Fawn Rescue



Since 1989 Wildlife Fawn Rescue is the only Sonoma County Center licensed for the long-term care of Deer.

## OVERVIEW

There are no words to describe the deep satisfaction derived from this very unusual, specialized work with fawns. Our work is urgent. Our work is vital. What would these defenseless creatures of the wild do without Wildlife Fawn Rescue? Their future depends upon us. Our future depends on getting the job done and getting it right.

This work is never dull, never boring, a constant challenge. But the immense satisfaction in meeting that challenge far exceeds the effort. There is stress but there is fulfillment. There can be deep sadness but there is also great joy.

Our work is always an emergency. It can never be planned. A fawn cannot schedule a time to need our help. Like a fireman, or policeman, when the call comes, we must go. Our image depends on being able to deal with the public calmly and with assurance during emergencies. We must gain their trust and keep it.

Fawns are not Bambis. Raising fawns is not fun, nor entertainment. We deal with wild animals and they must be kept wild. An unusual concept which presents unique situations. A fawn's hoofs are razor sharp. They kick. They come to us with heartbreaking injuries. The piercing cry of a fawn sinks deep into the psyche. A sound you will never forget.

At Wildlife Fawn Rescue the fawn comes first. Always. All decisions are made with the welfare of the fawn in mind. We do not hold captive deer for exhibit. It is

our policy all fawns must be returned to the wild. We must understand the species and work according to the laws of nature, not by our preconceived ideas.

We must have the inner-strength to handle every aspect of this work in order to be able to advise, lead and train volunteers, encourage them to learn our successful methods and stay with us longterm. We assign areas of work to make our job easier. We answer phones and respond to calls, rescue animals, evaluate their condition and if necessary take them to a vet for treatment and instruction for convalescence. We have expert volunteers to take on a big part of this burden.

There is no place to stop. We are never so overloaded that one more fawn cannot be accepted and given proper care. This can mean 100 or more fawns in one season. But if #104 needs our help we are here. Our door is always open. We respond seven days a week, year round.

We run on high-octane adrenalin. But at the end of the day, when exhaustion sets in, we know we have learned, we have reached a goal and left a small light shining. A life has been saved, an emergency has been met.

To watch the growth or slow recovery of a fawn, then witness it bound joyfully across a field, eager to be free, makes this work worthwhile. We have only just begun!

~ Marjorie Davis



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