PROTECT CALM ZOO

What Does Wildlife Rehabilitation Cost

Wild animals come to rehab due to injury, illness, orphaning, or human-related impacts (vehicle strikes, window collisions, etc.). To ensure we are doing it right, CALM Zoo uses trained staff, veterinary services, proper nutrition, and safe recovery space. CALM does not make money from wildlife rehabilitation.

Due to current capacity, CALM is only taking oiled wildlife and endangered species when able but if the measure passes, CALM will be able to serve more California native species again.

What Goes Into Caring for One Animal?

- **Veterinary care** (exams, diagnostics, treatment)
- **Staff time** (feeding, cleaning, monitoring, treatment)
- **Food and nutrition**
- **Extended housing and recovery**
- **Preparation for release**

Cost Breakdown by Animal Type

Small Mammals & Songbirds
(squirrels, raccoons, doves, etc.)

Typical Stay
Days to several weeks

Cost Per Animal
$500–$1,500

Raptors & Medium Mammals
(hawks, owls, foxes, etc.)

Typical Stay
Weeks to months

Cost Per Animal
$1,500–$5,000+

Large Mammals
(coyotes, bobcats, etc.)

Typical Stay
1–4 months+

Cost Per Animal
$3,000–$9,000+

Oiled Wildlife

Typical Stay
Varies

Cost Per Animal
$1,500–$6,000+

San Joaquin Kit Fox
(endangered)

Typical Stay
Extended

Cost Per Animal
$3,000–$10,000+

Sandy, one of our resident coyotes, has benefited from wildlife rehab.

The Big Picture

Most wildlife rehabilitation cases fall between $500 and $5,000 per animal. Some animals recover quickly, while others require months of specialized care before they can safely return to the wild. The cost for most rehabilitation cases vary based on severity of injury, length of stay, species-specific needs, and level of veterinary intervention.

Phase 2 Connection

The Master Plan's Rehabilitation and Animal Operations Hub will expand rehab facilities, allowing CALM to serve more native California species beyond their current capacity limits.

With an increased focus on rehabilitation and releasing wildlife, it was important to develop a true Rehabilitation & Animal Operations Hub to optimize its expanding animal care operations as well as showcase this important work to visitors.

Rehab Entry
Dedicated intake area that provides safe, efficient access for wildlife entering CALM Zoo's care.

Veterinary Support Building
A dedicated on-site facility for the clinical care that CALM Zoo's animals need.

Rehab Building
A dedicated rehabilitation space for the wildlife in CALM Zoo's care.

Animal Holding Building
On-site holding facilities to support the safe and humane care of animals throughout the rehabilitation process.

Flight Aviaries (x3)
Three full-scale aviaries give birds the space to recover, rebuild strength, and prepare for release.

Large Mammal Yards
Large outdoor area to support mammal rehabilitation.

Avian Yards
Dedicated outdoor yard space sized for the birds in CALM Zoo's care.

Commissary Building
A two-story building with commissary and intern housing.

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