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Welcome

You have reached the hot line for Pacific Wildlife Care of San Luis Obispo County, compliments of Phone and Wireless.

Pacific Wildlife Care is a non-profit organization staffed largely by volunteers and supported financially by our members and donations.

Messages are retrieved from this machine daily between 8 am and 7 pm. Our rehabilitation center, located in Morro Bay, is open to accept animals every day from 9 am to 4 pm.

If you are calling to report an injured or orphaned animal, please be ready to assist us in its capture and delivery to our Center in Morro Bay, holding it overnight if that is necessary.

To bypass the following information you can hit the pound key and record your message after the beep.

Please have paper and pen ready for other important numbers you might need.

If you are calling from Santa Maria or anyplace else in Santa Barbara County, please hang up and dial 805-681-1080.

If you are reporting a marine mammal such as a sea lion, harbor seal, sea otter or elephant seal, please call the Marine Mammal Center at 805-771-8300

If you have found a bat, please call Melinda Alvarado at 323-219-9383

For animals causing a traffic hazard, contact the California Highway Patrol at 805-549-3619.

Please note that it is illegal for members of the public to retain possession of wildlife. Pacific Wildlife Care is licensed by the state of California to care for our County's orphaned and injured wildlife.

Any injured or orphaned animal should be kept in a warm, dark, quiet place. Using a towel or gloves, move the animal safely and carefully into a vented box or paper bag. Please do not hold the animal as this causes additional stress. And never ever try to wash an animal. For more handling instructions and frequently asked questions, visit our web site at www.pacificwildlifecare.org.

It is important to please speak slowly and leave your name and call-back number. Our phone volunteer will return your call, usually within an hour. If you don't receive a return call within 2 hours, please call back and leave another message. Always repeat your phone number slowly, especially if you are calling from a cell phone.

Thank you for caring for California's wildlife and for your interest in Pacific Wildlife Care. We hope you will support our efforts by donating or becoming a member.