

# We're There

## Providing Sanctuary and Healing



Whether it's an orphaned bobcat kitten, a horse rescued from abuse, an owl struck by a speeding SUV, or a victim of the exotic pet trade, animals in need find refuge at care centers operated by The HSUS and its affiliate, The Fund for Animals. In 2012, the centers rescued, rehabilitated, and provided sanctuary to more than 16,000 animals. To expand their services, increase the quality of care, and enrich the lives of the animals they serve, the centers also made significant habitat and facility improvements in 2012.

### BLACK BEAUTY RANCH

Murchison, Texas

In 2012, America's largest and most diverse animal sanctuary welcomed new animals—from tigers and a camel to pigs, horses, and more. Black Beauty Ranch also completed a new visitor center and farm animal habitat, upgraded housing for former research chimps, and broke ground on a veterinary hospital. Director Ben Callison cites the projects as the year's biggest accomplishments, "incredibly important for helping animals moving forward."

### DUCHESS SANCTUARY

Douglas County, Oregon

More room to gallop and explore—that's what resulted from the improvement of previously unusable acreage at the 1,120-acre Duchess Sanctuary. After replacing old fencing, installing a water system, and building a road and a shelter for the horses, staff introduced the herd to two new pastures. "They galloped around a while, exploring everything," says ranch manager Jennifer Kunz, "then quickly found their new fa-

vorite spots under shade trees." The 200 acres of new grazing area should help reduce feed costs for the sanctuary's 187 horses and ease pressure on the existing pastures.

### SOUTH FLORIDA WILDLIFE CENTER

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Razing and rebuilding, adding and enlarging—the nearly 13,000 wild animals needing treatment and rehabilitation at The HSUS's South Florida Wildlife Center in 2012 necessitated a number of upgrades to and expansion of its facilities. A new raccoon habitat welcomed its first occupants in 2012, while sea, marsh, and shore birds will benefit from new and larger aviaries and habitat. In addition, says executive director Sherry Schlueter, restoration of a wetland area on the property will provide habitat for native wildlife—and a beautiful backdrop to wildlife education and other events held in a new open-air pavilion.

### CAPE WILDLIFE CENTER

Barnstable, Massachusetts

When Superstorm Sandy hit the East Coast in fall 2012, many seabirds were blown ashore. Fortunately, the Cape Wildlife Center was prepared to care for the disoriented birds in a new 3,500-gallon saltwater pool. "The pool really kept their stress down," says director Deborah Millman. "It's made a vital difference in the way we rehabilitate birds who live on or near the water." Maintained at ocean temperatures, the pool allows

staff to test the birds' diving and underwater swimming skills before their release. Loons, storm petrels, and a pelican were among those who benefited from time in the water.

### THE FUND FOR ANIMALS WILDLIFE CENTER

Ramona, California

Nearly 500 native wild animals recuperated at The Fund for Animals Wildlife Center in 2012, and director Ali Crumpacker looks forward to increasing that

number. Construction of a new wildlife care center, begun in 2012, "will allow us to provide medical and rehabilitative services for three times as many patients at one time," she says. The 4,800-square-foot building will include state-of-the-art rooms for radiology, diagnostic lab work, and surgery, along with several ICU and recovery areas, enabling the center "to provide the best possible care to every patient who comes through our doors: snakes, falcons, bobcats, cougars, and more."



Clockwise from far left: Kept as a backyard pet before being brought to Black Beauty Ranch, dromedary camel Saudi and his new pal Omar enjoy the Texas sunshine; an orphaned bobcat kitten is examined at The Fund for Animals Wildlife Center in California, where she recovered before being released back into the wild; two juvenile herring gulls recuperating at the Cape Wildlife Center check out the new saltwater pool; at Duchess Sanctuary in Oregon, formerly abused, neglected, and homeless horses finally live the life they deserve; the new raccoon habitat at the South Florida Wildlife Center is a hit with these masked marvels.

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