A POSSUM HIT BY A CAR. An osprey recovering from gunshot wounds. They are just two of the many animals to already take advantage of a new 4,800-square-foot medical center at The Fund for Animals Wildlife Center in Ramona, Calif. (shown above).

Featuring state-of-the-art equipment and a recovery room with a viewing window that allows staff to monitor the animals without disturbing them, the facility can treat three times as many orphaned or injured wild animals than was possible in the past.

Here’s a look at recent construction at other care centers.

◆ New in-ground pools inside recently enlarged flight habitats at the South Florida Wildlife Center provide a picturesque space for waterbirds to regain strength and prepare for release. The deeper pool (shown above) allows pelagic birds to practice diving and swimming, while a shallower pool is perfect for shore and marsh birds. A new pelican pool is also nearing completion.

◆ A new 6,000-square-foot hospital barn at Duchess Sanctuary, made possible by funding from Celine Myers and The Ark Watch Foundation, allows specialized care for the sanctuary’s nearly 200 horses. Every stall has an attached outdoor turn-out, and the barn is fully equipped for treating a range of conditions.

◆ Meeting the medical needs of more than 40 species requires a unique facility like the new Dr. John Hensley Veterinary Hospital, which will serve the Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch and Doris Day Equine Center. The 3,600-square-foot hospital is equipped for surgeries, medical procedures, dentistry, and diagnostic testing for primates, exotics, equines, and farm animals.

◆ Always striving for innovative ways to improve wildlife care, staff and volunteers at the Cape Wildlife Center recently built a hydrotherapy pool. Its constant stream of cleansed water removes contaminants, speeds waterproofing of feathers, and reduces stress on rehabilitating birds. Each spring, it will also serve double duty as a training pond for ducklings and other baby waterbirds.