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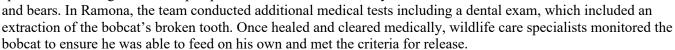
Bobcat Believed to Have Been Struck By Car Returns to Wild

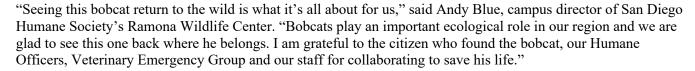
San Diego Humane Society's Project Wildlife Team rehabilitates bobcat before release

RAMONA, CA — A bobcat, who spent three weeks in care with San Diego Humane Society's Project Wildlife team, returned to the wild this afternoon. The adult male was released by Project Wildlife staff in Mission Trails Regional Park, not far from where he was initially found on Jan. 18, 2023 by a good Samaritan who called San Diego Humane Society's Humane Law Enforcement for help. Humane Officers responded and transported the injured cat to the Veterinary Emergency Group in Encinitas where he was triaged and given supportive care overnight.

The bobcat arrived to San Diego Humane Society on Jan. 19, 2023 with injuries indicating he had likely been hit by a car. Project Wildlife's veterinary team at the Pilar & Chuck Bahde Wildlife Center in San Diego immediately administered pain medication, performed radiographs and treated the bobcat for abrasions and minor contusions.

Once stabilized, the bobcat was moved the next day to the organization's Ramona Wildlife Center, where Project Wildlife's staff specialize in caring for native apex predators such as bobcats, coyotes





San Diego County is one of the most biologically diverse areas in the United States with the greatest number of endangered species. People from all over the county bring wildlife patients to San Diego Humane Society's Project Wildlife program for rehabilitation and care. Each year, SDHS gives nearly 13,000 injured, orphaned and sick wild animals a second chance. In 2020, SDHS announced the Ramona Wildlife Center, where they specialize in caring for native apex predators and birds of prey, including hawks, owls, eagles, coyotes, bears, bobcats and, under special pilot authorization, mountain lions.



Suggested Tweet: A bobcat, believed to have been hit by a car, has returned to the wild after being rehabilitated by #ProjectWildlife's medical team at @sdhumane's Ramona Wildlife Center. The bobcat was treated for abrasions and minor contusions, and given a dental exam and X-rays before being released.

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