“Great Gray Owls of Yosemite”

A free multimedia presentation by Chief Wildlife Biologist Steve Thompson

Wednesday, March 20, Best Western Community Room

Doors open at 5:30—Meeting at 6:00—Program at 6:30

Light Refreshments, Children Welcome when accompanied by an adult

A unique opportunity to see and hear how high tech research reveals owls that live among us.

The unique Great Gray Owls of Yosemite, left to evolve after glacial ice separated them from their plentiful Canadian brethren 30 millennia ago, are both a mystery and concern to the scientists charged with protecting them.

With fewer than 200 in existence in this small pocket of the Sierra Nevada, the slightest disturbances by humans can drive the extremely shy birds from their nests, disrupting sporadic mating cycles that ebb and flow annually depending upon food availability.

During the last ice age 30,000 years ago, a small population in and around what would become the glacially carved landscape of Yosemite was cut off from the others to evolve on their own in a warmer, less snowy climate.

These owls, now numbering just a couple of hundred, are on California’s endangered species list. This summer, researchers found a way to abandon their traditional heavy-handed trapping, banding and the blasting of owl calls in favor of the kind of discrete, sophisticated technology used by spies and forensic scientists.

“These owls exist nowhere else in the world, and where they do occur is a pretty amazing location,” said Joshua Hull, a researcher with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and adjunct professor at the University of California, Davis.
Candidates for the Board

This year there are five seats open for election to the board of directors: the three seats that come up for election each year, and an additional two seats that were filled temporarily by the board this year. The nominating committee has presented this slate as their recommendation of candidates for these five seats.

Rebecca Hutcheson
Chris Johnson
Angie Phillips
Pat Stacy
Steve Wright

Hutcheson, Johnson, and Stacy are already serving on the board at this time. We truly appreciate their willingness to serve another term. Any additional candidates may be nominated from the floor during the election at the general meeting in March. Qualification for nomination is membership in good standing for more than six months.

President’s Message

by Pat Stacy

Our shelter fix-up project for this last year was to do the much-needed renovation of the kitchen and dog bathing area.

Old tub installed in 1982. The brown is permanent hard water stain; the walls were completely deteriorated from leaking pipes.

New walls, plumbing, and sink.

Black ramp on the left pulls out to allow dogs to walk into tub; side of tub is hinged for ease of entry. This means kennel personnel do not have to lift large, heavy dogs in order to bathe them.

During the year 2012, the SPCA found good homes for 176 dogs and 117 cats. Thank you for helping us save 283 lives.
Before and after the Christmas Party
Thank you Everyone for all the wonderful donations/Gifts/Treats/Supplies

Winning Essay
By Andi Moore, 7th grade
Mariposa Elementary School, Ms. Hamilton’s class

I am thankful for a lot of animals in my life, but I am mostly thankful for my new puppy. We rescued her from an animal shelter in Bloomingdale IL. My puppy’s name is Bailey and she is dark chocolate labradoodle mix. When we found Bailey she was the last dog I looked at, but I knew that she needed a better home then the shelter. While my dad and step mom where signing the paper, I sat by Bailey and looked at her and I knew that not only she needed me to help her get better I knew that I needed her. Why? Because it was time for me to take responsibility in life, and adopting an animal was one of the. And that’s why I am so grateful for my new dog. She has been there for me, and I have been there for her. That’s why I am so thankful that dogs an animal are her today. Without animals we wouldn’t have a lot of things like cartoons, zoos and even animal shelters. So I that God today that I have Bailey has me and I especially have her.

The Grinch Who Stole Christmas made an appearance at the SPCA Christmas Open House on Dec. 16th. We don’t think he scared anyone away. Gifts for the animals and donations were “over the top.”

Andi Moore, the winner of the essay contest, and Maureen McDonald, SPCA Kennel technician

The contest was open to all schools in Mariposa County. Funded by an anonymous donor, it was an effort to involve young people in humane education. Three schools participated: Woodland, El Portal, and MES. Rite Aid of Mariposa donated ice cream gift certificates to each of the 56 children who participated. The SPCA wishes to thank all these students and their teachers for their love of animals.
SPCA Shelter Office and Kennels
Recognized all over the Central Valley of California as # 1 in cleanliness and healthy, adoptable animals.

The following merchants have supported the SPCA by allowing “Doggie Banks” to be placed in their businesses.

Bootjack Market
Castillo’s Mexican Café
Chocolate Soup
Coast Hardware
Cousin Jack’s
Dr. Ritter Veterinary Hospital
Fremont House
Groomingdale’s
H&R Block
Happy Burger
Knight’s Parlor
Linda’s Hair Salon
Lucky Logger Liquor
Lynda’s Hair Emporium
Mariposa Brewing Company
Mariposa Feed
Mariposa Glass
Mariposa Library
Mariposa Market Place
Mariposa Museum
Mariposa Shipping
Mariposa TV
Miner’s Inn
Miners Inn Wine Shop
Miners Shack
Mountain View Grocery
Napa Auto Supply
Pizza Plus
Red Fox
Sierra Telephone
Sierra Wine
Sievert Supply
Sportsmen’s Den
Subway
Sugar pine
Synchronicity
Take and Bake
The Company Store
Trent’s Beauty Parlor
Triangle Market
True Value Hardware