

# **30 Years of Second Chances: A Legacy of Wild Hope Continues**

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### Dear Friend of Wildlife,

## Sometimes, the most minor victories bring the greatest joy.

On a hot morning this past summer, our animal care team arrived to find a tiny bobcat kitten – one we'd been apprehensive about – taking her first confident steps on all four legs. Her journey exemplifies everything we stand for at Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center, where every wild life matters, no matter how small.

When this little one arrived with her siblings, she was significantly smaller, and our team noticed something troubling: she held her leg at an odd angle. X-rays revealed her hip and leg were misaligned – a potentially devastating diagnosis for a wild bobcat who would need strong rear legs to hunt and survive.

### But we refused to give up.

Unsure if the kitten had an injury or was born with a genetic defect, our vet team did a deep dive to look for some medical equipment that could hold her growing bones into proper alignment. It was an approach we'd never tried before. Still, your support allows us to innovate and try new approaches when traditional methods aren't enough. Staff found a possible solution at an Italian company that makes small compression braces for cats, and decided to try it out.

Weeks passed with little progress, and we feared the worst. Then came the breakthrough moment. The kitten wasn't just standing; she was playing with toys and walking! Today, she's thriving in our outdoor rehabilitation facility, preparing for release alongside her family and two other orphaned bobcat kittens.





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# That's where you come in.

## Thanks to supporters like you, we had funds to deal with an emergency, even to experiment with a custom-made brace for a struggling young bobcat.

As we celebrate this success and countless others over our 30-year history, Southwest Wildlife is embarking on an exciting new chapter. While I will be stepping down as Executive Director on January 1, I'm delighted to welcome dedicated board member and longtime volunteer Raandi Morales into the role. I'll remain deeply involved as we plan and execute our upcoming move to McDowell Mountain Regional Park. This transformative expansion will allow us to help even more wildlife in need.

Your year-end gift will help us continue providing this level of specialized care while building toward our expanded future. Every surgery, every piece of specialized equipment, every day of rehabilitation comes from your generosity. When you support Southwest Wildlife, you become part of each success story, each recovery, and each return to the wild.

Will you help us write the next chapter of wild hope? Your gift today ensures tomorrow's rescue patients will receive the same chance at freedom as our determined little bobkitten. Please consider donating today to support our ongoing efforts.





With deepest gratitude,

Linda Searles Founder and Executive Director

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