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Saturday, July 21ST

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Last tour begins at 1:30 p.m.



New Permanent Resident: Archie the Red Fox

Archie is our third and newest red fox resident. He comes from the south valley via Bakersfield's Animal Emergency and Urgent Care facility. These vets were generous

enough to treat and staple his leg injury and drive him halfway to Critter Creek. Then Bruce Lowe transported him the rest of the way. He has been recuperating in one of the cages connected to our new natural habitat enclosure, Fox Haven. Once he has recovered, we hope to introduce him to Ruby and Amber, our other red fox residents.



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Baby Snaps



Even as babies, raccoons are clever enough to use available materials for their comfort. Take this little guy as an example. He figured out how to make his cage cover into a quite relaxing hammock. It was so well constructed we could open and close the door without disturbing him.

The pond in the waterfowl enclosure, Web Foot Wash, is back holding water (NO LEAKS).so far, thanks to Tom, Andy and Adam for getting the liner in place and the plumbing going again. Good thing too because we have nearly 25 baby ducks to raise for release. Pictured is a momma duck with her eleven youngsters enjoying their first plunge in the pond.



Who Says Cats Don't Like Water!

Once the days began to reach over 95 degrees, we noticed that Shasta was playing in his water bucket. We found a small horse trough, put it in his cage, filled it with water and got out of the way. He has hours of fun splashing about, spreading water everywhere, and getting toys, blankets, and people sopping wet.





Shasta will need his adult sized enclosure by this fall. Obviously it will definitely have a good sized pond. Supporters interested in donating towards Shasta's new 50' - 60' enclosure can have their money go directly towards this project. Any person or group donating over \$500.00 can have their name on a plaque on the side of the enclosure. The drawing below is just one of several plans we are considering for Shasta's new enclosure. Shasta is already 9 months old and pushing 75 pounds of pent up energy in need of running space.

