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## CRITTER CREEK WILDLIFE STATION FUND RAISER

### RUMMAGE SALE

As part of our fundraising events, we are having a rummage sale. We need garage/yard sale items (please no clothing). If you are doing some spring cleaning and have items you're not sure you want to give away or are too valuable to give away then those are the items you can donate to Critter Creek. We need these items before April 1st so collect up your goodies and give us a call 338-2415 or email us at [crittercreekwildlife@hughes.net](mailto:crittercreekwildlife@hughes.net).

The sooner the better for our preparations.

### SILENT AUCTION

Artists and craftsmen—we would love works donated for our silent auction. Also contact us to set up a booth at the event. If you provide a service or have a business, would you be willing to donate a gift certificate?

### KID'S CORNER

Sand search, bean bag toss, games, and art projects such as jewelry making, sculpting and painting will be part of the fund raiser. Kids can participate for a small donation.

### ANIMAL DISPLAYS

Come visit our information booth. Learn more about the wildlife in the Central Valley. The "skin" collection originally from Fresno State will be on display. Each hour a permanent bird of prey resident from Critter Creek will be presented. We will be answering any questions you have about each visitor. T-shirts will also be on sale.

We will be sending out a flier with more details as April 7th nears. Please set aside that date and encourage others to plan to attend. This event will take place at The Grove (formerly Hobb's Grove) located between Reedley and Sanger. It should be great family fun! If you have any questions please contact us at (559)338-2415 or email at [crittercreekwildlife@hughes.net](mailto:crittercreekwildlife@hughes.net).

Save The Date  
Saturday, April 7th

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## Permanent Resident

Luke: Genet

Several types of genets live in East Africa from arid regions to forests. The common genet is about a foot long (tail not included). They have long tails and spots that are rounded and elongated. Genets also have retractable claws adapted to climbing and catching prey.

“Genets are mainly nocturnal but are often spotted during the day in the rainy season. Although considered arboreal, they spend much time on the ground hunting prey and taking shelter in escarpments and rocky outcrops. Genets can squeeze their slender, flexible bodies through any opening larger than their head. They also climb trees to hunt nesting or roosting birds. Female genets are thought to be territorial, as they generally return to the same area if captured and released, while males do not.”



“Genets mature in 2 years and live about 8 years in the wild. Much longer life spans have been recorded in captivity.”

“The genet is classified as a carnivore, but it actually is omnivorous and will eat whatever is most available. This can be small mammals (especially rodents, shrews, and bats), birds, and their eggs, frogs, millipedes, centipedes, scorpions and various fruit. Genets have the reputation of being wasteful killers, often eating just the head or breast of their prey. Some species have adapted to cultivated areas and human settlements, where they have developed a taste for poultry.” (African Wildlife Foundation)

Recently genets have become popular pets, selling for \$1400 for a youngster. Fish and Game found Luke at a residence advertizing him for sale on Craig’s List.

## OPEN HOUSE

The Saturday after the Fund Raiser at THE GROVE in Sanger, we will be having our **Spring Open House** on **APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m.** We hope all those who enjoy our events on April 7<sup>th</sup> will travel to Critter Creek for a first-hand look at our facility. April 14th will be our last Open House until next fall since baby wildlife season will be in full swing over the rest of spring and summer. Make sure you save the date and bring friends.

## SPECIAL THANKS

At the end of each year, we are required to renew a number of permits from the Department of Fish and Game and Fish and Wildlife Services. This year a new requirement went into effect for our Restricted Species Permit. The new regulation required that all felines and non-human primates possess a unique identification. For our animals, microchipping versus tattooing, etc. was the best option. It was a stressful day, but all of the animals did well under the tranquilizer and came off of the drugs without a problem.

We wish to thank Dr. Ken Stocks from the **San Joaquin Vet. Hospital** for his time and expertise. He graciously donated his Sunday morning to help us meet this new permit regulation.



Dr. Ken Stocks working on Shasta



An exhausted Dan comforting a newly microchipped Cheena.



Microchip compared to grain of rice

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