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Barn Owls Rescued from Cell Tower

Sometimes our wildlife friends get into trouble and luckily for them, PW is here to help! One morning in early spring electric workers discovered a Barn Owl nest while servicing a 60-foot cell phone tower. Ironically, the workers were attempting to cap the tower in order to prevent birds from nesting inside. PW's Raptor Team responded, and as you can see, ***went to extraordinary lengths to rescue the young mating pair!*** Without PW's expert help, these owls might have been killed or harmed during removal from the tower. However, thanks to PW, the birds were rescued humanely and after receiving examinations, fluids and plenty of rest, were released back to the wild.

Burrowing Owl Recovery Project

PW is actively working to recover San Diego's population of Burrowing Owls — one owl at a time. This unique, long-legged little owl makes its home in underground burrows in wide open landscapes. Due to habitat loss, San Diego's population of Burrowing Owls has decreased from around 600 in the 1980s to ***less than 100 today.*** This summer, PW teamed up with biologists at the Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve to establish a breeding colony at the reserve. PW brings rehabilitated owls to the reserve where each is outfitted with an artificial burrow. Once the owls acclimate to their new burrow, the owls are 'released' by removing temporary caging to allow them to find mates and establish a colony.

PW Education Program Recognized by Community

Do you know what to do if you find a baby bird? How about ways to protect our local wildlife? Well, even if you don't, thanks to PW the next generation of San Diegans does! This fall, PW's Education Program received much-deserved accolades from SDG&E and CBS8 when the program was selected to participate in the 2011 ECO Ambassadors People's Choice campaign ***for exemplifying environmental stewardship, innovation and responsibility.*** PW's Education Program reaches thousands of children each year, imparting knowledge about wildlife conservation and giving children a chance to see wild species up-close and personal.