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Four Baby Grey Foxes Reunited With Their Mother

Burlingame, CA—Just in time for Mother’s Day, the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) assisted with the reunification of four baby grey foxes and their mother in Hillsborough last week.

“A concerned resident in Hillsborough found four baby grey foxes in her backyard and after waiting nearly a day to see if the mother fox was around, she called us for help,” said PHS/SPCA Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. “We brought the babies back to our Wildlife Care Center where they were being kept warm in an incubator and being fed a mother’s milk replacement formula. Two days later, the resident noticed the mother fox had returned and was looking for her kits, so we so we brought them back and it was a happy reunion.”

Grey foxes are native to the San Francisco Bay Area. They are unique in that they climb trees, unlike other types of fox breeds. They are most often active during the daytime and can be distinguished by the black strip of fur that runs the length of the top of their tail.

“We placed the babies in a box with a towel covering them near where they were first found and crossed our fingers that the mother would return. Around dusk she did return and took her babies back one by one to their den,” according to Tarbox. “If the mother hadn’t come back for her babies, we would have brought them back to our shelter and cared for them until they were old enough to be returned to the wild.”



To learn more about how to determine if a young animal has been abandoned and requires human intervention please visit www.phs-spca.org.



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PHS/SPCA's Wildlife Care Center successfully rehabilitates 1,200 to 1,400 animals each year and is funded entirely by donations.

About Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

Peninsula Humane Society is a private, open-door, not-for-profit animal welfare organization. Primary programs include animal adoptions; animal rescue and sheltering, including specialty care for domestic animals with medical and/or behavioral challenges; wildlife rehabilitation; animal cruelty investigation; community outreach and education; low-cost spay/neuter; and obedience classes. This vital work is made possible by volunteers and donations. PHS receives no funding from national animal welfare organizations. Visit www.phs-spca.org to learn about all PHS' programs and services, ways to help the animals and special events.

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