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**Barn Owl trapped in a chimney
is rescued by Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA**

San Carlos, CA---An adult Barn Owl who became trapped in a chimney in a house in San Carlos, CA was recently rescued by the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SCPA).

“We received a call on November 9th from a family who had just moved into a house in San Carlos who were hearing odd noises coming from the chimney, and they suspected it was an animal,” said PHS/SPCA’s Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. “Our rescue staff extended his camera phone up the chimney to determine if it was an animal and saw that it was a trapped Barn Owl.”

The PHS/SPCA rescue staff member was able to wedge himself up through the lower section of the chimney to carefully capture the owl and bring it to safety. The rescue effort took about 35 minutes.



“It’s unknown how long the bird had been stuck in the chimney. It did appear to be lethargic and dehydrated, so our staff immediately brought the owl to our Wildlife Care Center in Burlingame for evaluation,” according to Tarbox. “The owl was covered in ash, dehydrated and hungry. We



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were able to clean the bird up and provide it with some much-needed food and fluids. Despite the Barn Owl's harrowing ordeal, thankfully it didn't sustain any injuries. This is one lucky owl!"

After a few days of supportive care, the Barn Owl made a full recovery and was returned to the wild last night in San Carlos close to where it had been found.

PHS/SPCA treats and rehabilitates approximately 1,400 wild animals every year. The PHS/SPCA Wildlife Care Center is funded entirely by donations

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About The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is a local, private, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to animal welfare. Among our major programs, PHS/SPCA adopts fully 100% of the healthy dogs and cats in our care and, through our charitably funded Hope Program, makes well and finds homes for thousands of animals who come to us sick, injured, or too young to survive without supportive care. PHS/SPCA is truly an open admission shelter, not only accepting many pet animals who might be refused at other shelters, but also taking care of injured and orphaned native wildlife from San Francisco through San Mateo and the northern half of Santa Clara County. Our work means 5,700 lives saved each year. Please visit www.phs-sPCA.org to learn about all our programs and services, ways to help our animals and special events.

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