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### **We Released a Great Horned Owl on Saturday**

She lost her battle, but we saved her life.

Carlsbad, CA – **A Great Horned Owl who was rescued after losing a territorial battle has recovered from her wounds and was released back into the wild at 5:30 PM on Saturday evening, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The owl was rescued by a man who witnessed the aerial battle over Camp Pendleton. He was able to pick up the Owl and take her to Rancho Coastal Humane Society's San Diego Wildlife Center (SDWC) at 2380 Camino Vida Roble in Carlsbad.**

SDWC Director Trish Jackman says, "She came from Ash Street on base. She needed to be released back into the area where she was living. We scouted for a spot near the entrance to Camp Pendleton and Highway 76 to let her go near where she was rescued."

"As if raising your young isn't hard enough, many species have to fight for nest space." Jackman says, "This Great Horned owl was in a big battle with what we think was a female, Red Tailed Hawk. This owl lost the fight and had talon punctures on her belly. After a little rest, she was ready to get back out there in time to start a new nest."

The weather has been a factor in releasing the Great Horned Owl. "The rain and cold temperatures prevented us from releasing her last week. With clear skies and warmer temperatures this weekend, we were looking good for a Saturday release at 5:30."

Jackman says the time of the release is very important and dusk is ideal. "That way she can find her way before the crows spot her. We've been feeding her up so she won't have to hunt at that time."

"Baby Season" began recently at Rancho Coastal Humane Society's San Diego Wildlife Center with the arrival of the first baby cottontail rabbits. The bunnies will soon be joined by squirrels, hawks, raccoons, owls, and other wildlife. In preparation for the influx of baby animals, the San Diego Wildlife Center will hold its first "Baby Shower" to collect supplies and other donations on Saturday, March 9, 2019.

For more information about Rancho Coastal Humane Society's San Diego Wildlife Center and the Baby Shower visit [sdwildlife.org](http://sdwildlife.org), "Like" SDWildlifeCenter on Facebook, visit the San Diego Wildlife Center at 2380 Camino Vida Roble, Unit G, in Carlsbad or call 760-621-6888.