

# WWCC Pelican Sponsorship Program



## Pelican Rescue

We are creating a Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center (WWCC) Pelican Safety and Rescue Team consisting of 2-3 team leader rescuers and ~10 other safety volunteers. These volunteers will locate and observe/guard sick or injured Pelican(s) until a trained rescuer arrives to determine if the bird needs to be captured and taken in for rehabilitation. A WWCC trained rescuer will capture the bird if necessary and bring it to the center or Animal Control will capture it and bring it to the center. To become a volunteer for this program, please attend the next volunteer orientation for the center (see volunteer page on our website at [wwccoc.org](http://wwccoc.org)).

## Pelican Sponsorship

Photos and information about the bird(s) will be posted and updated on our website and social media in order to solicit a sponsor who will make a \$1,000 donation to the center to sponsor the bird. Sponsorship benefits include: being invited to the facility to help prepare fish for their sponsored animal, observing a feeding, attending the release, and possibly opening the door of the crate to free the bird at the release. Sponsors can be an individual person, family, team, classroom, boy/girl scout troop, business, etc. or it can be given as a gift. Sponsors will receive a certificate of appreciation from the center. If there are no Pelicans currently needing a sponsor, please email us at [wwccinfo@gmail.com](mailto:wwccinfo@gmail.com) to get on a waiting list.

## Pelican Release

Once the bird has a clean bill of health and is determined ready for release back into the wild by the medical team, the sponsor and sometimes the public will be invited to attend the scheduled release of that bird. The release will be scheduled to coordinate with the sponsor's availability. Pictures and video will be taken of the release and made available to the sponsor and our social media team.

## Program Goals:

- To educate and involve the public in the rescue, rehabilitation and release of pelicans
- To help create awareness about the center and our programs
- To obtain medical data for future studies regarding pelican health and behavior
- To raise funds for the center to help local wildlife