



YGGDRASIL URBAN WILDLIFE RESCUE

Meet Our Board of Directors



Lila Travis: Lila Travis has been a Wildlife Rehabilitator, Naturalist, Educator, and Squirrel Behavioralist for the last 20 years. With college training in biology, ethology, wildlife triage, and anthropology, and with decades of experience working with animals, children, and teaching environmental education through lecture and hands-on experiences, it was a natural next step that she should co-found Oakland's Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center. She currently holds the position of director and volunteers 60 hours a week running operations of our wildlife center, while also raising her 6 year old son. No compensation is given for her work with our organization.

John Alcaraz: John Alcaraz was the Head Primate Keeper at S.F. Zoo for 35 Years, and a pioneer in rehabilitation of captive ape mothers, teaching them how to care for their young. Previously, he worked as the director of the Reptile House at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, and also worked with Marlon Perkins on the show, "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom". Currently he is retired and in addition to being on our Board of Directors, he holds the position of advisor for animal care. His decades of wildlife rehabilitation with both exotic and native species has proven invaluable in our work. No Compensation is given for his work with our organization.





Dr Jorge Garcia: Dr. Garcia has extensive academic and clinical training in primatology, laboratory animal medicine and zoological medicine. While serving his residency at the University of California, Davis, he had advanced training in non-domestic animal medicine and participated in all aspects of the Zoological Medicine Service. He was described as “an exquisite bird surgeon” by Dr Murray Fowler, whom he trained under for many years. Dr. Garcia has

provided advanced training in non-domestic animal medicine for the University of California, Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. He also assisted in several government-funded projects for the California Department of Fish and Games and served as a Preceptor for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens and the California State Department of Public Health.

Dr. Garcia is recognized as a prominent teacher, lecturer and presenter. He currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at the School of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University and as a consulting, overseeing veterinarian for Yggdrasil Urban Wildlife Rescue & Education Center. No Compensation is given for his work with our organization.

David Parkhurst: David Parkhurst has a background in engineering and is the founder and director of the *Nicaraguan Windmill Repair Project*, a nonprofit organization which actively built and repaired water pump windmills for rural residents of Nicaragua without regular access to fresh drinkable water back in 1986-1992. He joined our Board in 2012, bringing nonprofit management skills, creative construction skills, and a love of animals to the table, as well as dedicated use by Yggdrasil Urban Wildlife Rescue of property he owns in San Francisco. No Compensation is given for his work with our organization.

