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Healthy Brown Pelicans Returning To The Wild This Week in Southern California

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Media Invited to View June 13th Release in San Pedro

Where: White Point Park,

1801 W Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro, CA 90732 ([Map](#))

When: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 1 PM

San Pedro, CA. – Following weeks in care, young Brown Pelicans that came in anemic, exhausted and emaciated, will be returned to coastal waters this week. A handful of pelicans that have recuperated at International Bird Rescue will be released in San Pedro on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 1 PM. The media is invited.

The birds scheduled for release are among 50 Brown Pelicans that have flooded the center since late April. The sudden surge of birds showed signs of emaciation, hypothermia, and anemia. They were found weak and grounded, unable to fly: in streets, residential front yards and even on airport runways in Southern California.

At one unusual event, two confused pelicans buzzed the crowd at an outdoor college graduation ceremony in Malibu, CA. One pelican landed among the surprised crowd.

“Pelicans are amazing and resilient birds and we have helped give them the time and care they needed to recuperate, now many of them are ready to go back home,” said Kylie Clatterbuck, Wildlife Center Manager in Los Angeles. “As wildlife rehabilitators our ultimate reward is being able to release healthy birds back into the wild.”

It’s still not known what is causing the grounding of these sick and starving birds. It could be related to changing ocean conditions, including warming water temperatures and the lack of available fish.

Bird Rescue’s Northern California center has also seen an increase in pelican intakes during this same period. At least 35 pelicans have come into care at its San Francisco Bay-Delta wildlife center.

Bird Rescue continues to ask for the public’s help in caring for these Brown Pelicans in need. Donations can be made online at www.birdrescue.org or mailed to the center directly. We encourage anyone who spots a sick pelican to call their local animal control or contact us directly at 310-514-2573.

About International Bird Rescue: International Bird Rescue (“Bird Rescue”) has been helping seabirds and other aquatic birds around the world since 1971. Our team of specialists operates two year-round aquatic bird rehabilitation centers in California, which care for more than 5,000 birds every year. Bird Rescue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to mitigating human impact on sea and water birds.

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