



# YGGDRASIL

## URBAN WILDLIFE RESCUE

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## 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 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 squirrel team leader, and volunteers 70 hours a week running operations of our wildlife center, while also raising her 2 year old son. No compensation is given for her work with our organization.

**Richard Travis:** Richard Travis is a Wildlife Artist and writer. As a Naturalist and activist, he volunteered with the San Francisco Zoo and the Gorilla Foundation, providing enrichment and stimulus to the captive primates and assisting in animal care. Richard is the author of educational children's stories geared towards teaching children about nature, wildlife, and the environment. In addition to being on the Board of Directors, he currently holds the position of Secretary and also volunteers 50 hours a week doing general animal care at out facility. No compensation is given for his 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 Murrey 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 Washington State School of Veterinary Medicine. 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.