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"Parks Make Life Better!"

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**ATTEMPTS TO CAPTURE GOOSE WITH ARROW LODGED IN ITS NECK
LEAD TO HAPPY ENDING AT FRANK G. BONELLI REGIONAL PARK**

SAN DIMAS – There's a happy ending affecting a Canadian Goose making her home at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park, where she's been living with an arrow illegally shot and lodged in its neck for several weeks.

Members of the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control and the Inland Valley Humane Society this morning arrived at the park to once again try to capture the bird to remove the arrow and provide it with appropriate medical treatment. They were at the park yesterday, with no luck capturing the bird as it kept evading attempts to capture it.

At approximately 7:30 a.m. today, the goose was lured via feeding to the East Shore of Puddingstone Reservoir, and an attempt was made to cast a net over the bird. Although the attempt failed and the bird flew off, the arrow was dislodged by itself and fell to the ground, where it was recovered by the Department of Animal Care and Control and turned over to the Inland Valley Humane Society. The bird did not seem to be in distress.

"We're extremely happy and relieved that there's a happy ending and that the goose seems to be safe and in good spirits," said John Wicker, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. "We've been trying diligently to capture this goose for the past three weeks with no luck as it kept flying away, so it's a great feeling to know that the arrow is now gone, and that the goose, hopefully, will now live a normal life. I wish to thank the Los Angeles

County Department of Animal Care and Control, the Inland Valley Humane Society and everyone who offered their assistance to enable us to help this innocent bird.”

Marcia Mayeda, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control, echoed similar sentiments. “We’re happy to have been a part of the efforts to help the injured goose,” she said. “We are glad to see that the goose is no longer suffering and we believe that the goose will recover as animals in nature typically do.”

The Department of Parks and Recreation first became alerted to the goose and its condition on Dec. 1 by a park visitor. Since then, park staff, volunteers, and members of the Inland Valley Humane Society and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife made several attempts to capture the goose to provide it with the necessary medical attention, but without success, as the fully functional goose kept flying away.

The Department of Animal Care and Control was called upon yesterday for assistance, and they spent several hours at the park, nearly capturing the goose, but it kept flying away. Today, however, there was a happy ending, as the arrow was dislodged by itself.

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Lt. Alonzo Real with the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control holds the arrow that dislodged itself from the goose Wednesday morning.