



Ohio Community Wildlife Cooperative 2022
Wildlife Rehab in Ohio: Who, How and When
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WHAT IS WILDLIFE REHABILITATION?

Caring for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife with the goal of release back to the wild.



Permits

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife
- Division of Wildlife
- USDA Department of Agriculture
- Cuyahoga County Board of Health
- Cleveland Metroparks

WHAT IS WILDLIFE REHABILITATION?

What is involved?

- Intakes
- Phone calls
- Visitor questions
- Emails



WHAT IS WILDLIFE REHABILITATION?

What else involved?

- Teachers
- Mentors
- Construction Workers
- Psychiatrists
- Animal People
- Innovators
- Conservationists

WHAT IS WILDLIFE REHABILITATION?

How do we treat our wild patients?

- Fluids/assist feeding
- Hand feeding orphans
- Bandages/wraps
- Administer medications
- LOTS of cleaning
- Releases!



WHAT IS WILDLIFE REHABILITATION?

What else do we do?



2021 stats

- Intakes – 3,495 1329 DOA
- Total species - 169
- Phone calls - 5174
- Visitor questions
- Emails – 1148

We don't (and can't) do everything

We do not -

- Trap wildlife
- Relocate animals to "safer areas"
- rescue "lost" turtles
- Pick up animals
- Take unwanted pets
- Tag Monarchs
- Recommend a favorable food for local wildlife



What we are not:

- The Police/911
- Division of Wildlife
- For profit

Natural reasons wildlife is admitted

- Weather related
- Predator prey interactions
 1. Crows and Cottontails
 2. Hawks and their prey



Natural reasons wildlife is admitted



Human-related reasons wildlife is admitted

- Cats



Cats kill 3.4 BILLION songbirds annually in the United States

Palm Warbler (Western)



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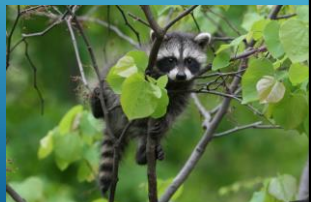
- Cats
- Window collisions
- Dogs
- Car collisions
- High tension wires
- Electrocution
- Shot
- Oiled
- Greased
- Kidnapped
- Entrapment
- Habitat destruction
- Rodenticide
- Lead poisoning
- Glue traps
- Snap traps
- Unknown relocation
- Fishing string/hooks
- "Rescued"
- Holiday decorations
- Garden/blueberry netting
- Pesticides
- Behavioral stranding
- Raised illegally
- Confiscated
- Landscapers/tree trimmers
- West Nile Virus
- Cruelty

CAR COLLISIONS



Animals we don't take

- Mute Swans
- Red-eared Sliders
- Raccoon
- Adult White-tailed Deer
- Non-native, invasive species
- Domestic animals



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Thank you!

