



ANNUAL REPORT 2024



Message from the NWC

2024 Reflections

2024 was a year of construction for the National Wildlife Centre (NWC). As we reflect on the past year, we're thrilled to share our journey of preserving wildlife and building capacity while building Phase 1 of our Wildlife Hospital to treat Canada's precious animals. We take great pride in the progress we've made toward fulfilling our mission.

Below are the highlights:



Project Evolution Initiative - Phase 1 Progress

Our new structure was erected in 2024 - our Wildlife Field Hospital. This milestone was a vital step toward helping more sick, injured and orphaned wildlife in need.



Mobile Wildlife Hospital - On the Move

Our mobile hospital continued to deliver essential wildlife medical care in many areas of the province of Ontario, supporting our rehabilitator partners, and other wildlife custodians with life-saving medical intervention for their wildlife patients.



Capacity Building - Welcoming New Veterinary Interns

Another three veterinary interns were welcomed to the team, in Manitoba, Alberta and Ontario, all committed to fulfilling our mission of excellence in wildlife care for the next generation of wildlife veterinarians.

We look forward to building on this progress in 2025.

Thank you

The NWC Team

Who Are We?

Established in 2014, the NWC works at the interconnection of humans, Canadian wildlife, and the environment through a 'One Health' concept.

We help native wildlife through our programs aimed at conservation goals to protect ecosystems, populations of wild animals, and the health of individual animals. We seek to be recognized for our leadership, creation, and transfer of knowledge to others, highest quality and standards, and excellence in caring for wildlife.

Our Vision

Our vision is to be a Centre of Excellence for wildlife surgery, medicine, rehabilitation, conservation and education for current and future wildlife rehabilitators and veterinarians in Canada.



Our Mission

The mission of the NWC is to preserve Canada's wildlife and bring the wildlife community together. We see ourselves as a centralized national hub for wildlife surgery and training with accredited facilities across provinces to expand our reach and build capacity to care for wildlife in Canada.

We organize our goals around four critical pillars:



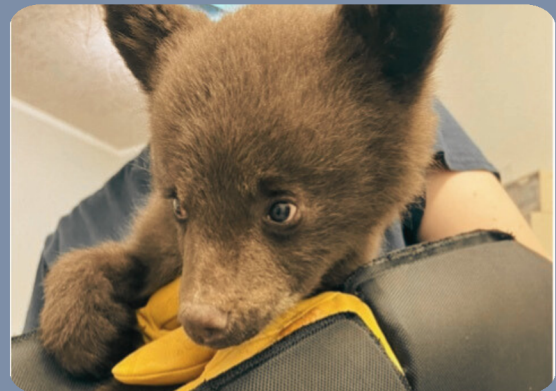
Wildlife Medicine & Rehabilitation



Education & Conservation



Knowledge Creation & Research



Wildlife Emergency, Preparedness & Prevention

Our Presence

Local

Operating primarily through our mobile vet hospital, we're reaching every corner of Ontario in collaboration with local wildlife rehabilitators. With construction underway for our Wildlife Field Hospital in Caledon, Ontario, we're gearing up to grow our capacity. We are anticipating over 10,000 calls annually from the public and committed to providing compassionate care to more than 5,000 animals each year.



National

Through dynamic partnerships with wildlife rehabilitation centres and a network of veterinary medical interns, we're making a difference across the country. Together, we're forging new pathways, sharing best practices, and pioneering innovative approaches to elevate the welfare of Canada's precious wildlife.

Partners

The NWC collaborates with, and offers assistance to wildlife rehabilitators throughout Ontario and across Canada. Dr. Sherri Cox also extends her support to various governmental agencies in addressing wildlife-related matters, including municipal animal services, local and provincial police departments, and governmental ministries.

Wildlife Rehabilitation Partners

- Alberta Institute for Wildlife Conservation (Madden, Alberta)
- Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary (Rosseau, Ontario)
- Bluewater Centre for Raptor Rehabilitation (Plympton-Wyoming, Ontario)
- Bear With Us Centre for Bears (Sprucedale, Ontario)
- Hope for Wildlife (Seaforth, Nova Scotia)
- Procyon Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Centre (Beeton, Ontario)
- Shades of Hope Wildlife Refuge (Pefferlaw, Ontario)
- Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre (Île-des-Chênes, Manitoba)



Our Team

Board of Directors

- Dr. Sherri Cox, President
- Tracey Cox, Vice-President & Secretary
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- Dr. Krista Halling, Director
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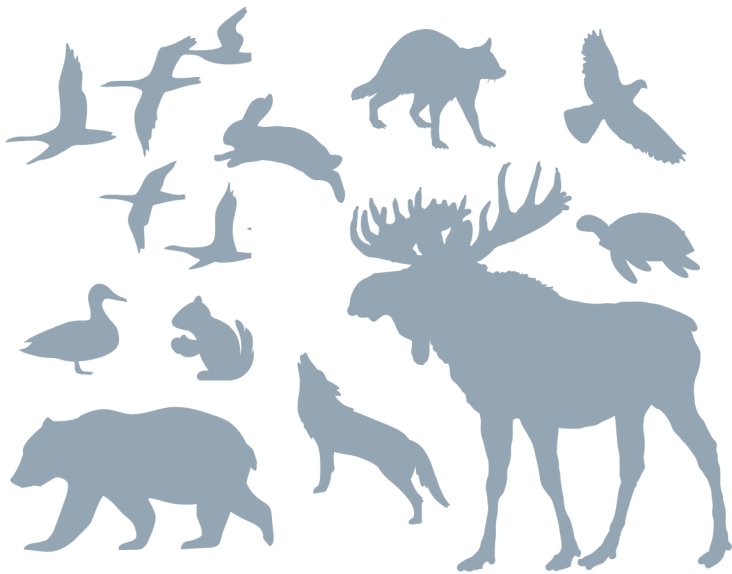


Dr. Taryn Ellis
Wildlife Veterinarian

Year in Review



Animals Treated (Total Admissions)



Local Mobile Hospital

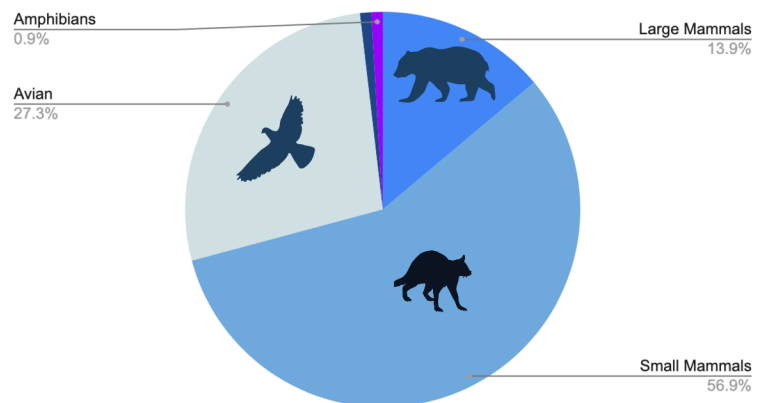
216 animals treated

51 species admitted

National Reach

Our dedicated wildlife rehabilitator partners admitted over 4,000 sick, injured, and orphaned wild animals in 2023, many of whom need NWC's medical support.

Admission by Species



Note: data from mobile wildlife hospital

Year in Review



Education & Training

- Onboarded and trained 2 new veterinary interns in Manitoba, and Ontario.
- Supported training of 32 new students in the Master of Wildlife Biology program at the University of Guelph (September - December 2024).
- Provided training through a virtual webinar program to 270 veterinarians and clinic staff with a focus on wildlife medicine (December 2024).
- Provided learning as a guest speaker to Bolton and District Probus Club (March 2024)

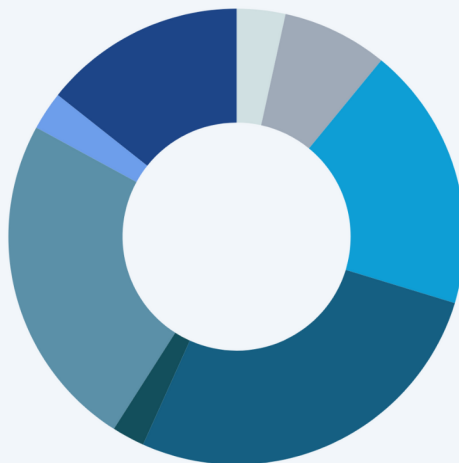


Year in Review



Expenses

\$852,510



- Staff Development (3%)
- Veterinary Medical Supplies and Equipment (7%)
- Wildlife Facility (19%)
- Property Costs (27%)
- Finance & Administration (2%)
- Vet Services (24%)
- General Operations (3%)
- Mobile Hospital (14%)

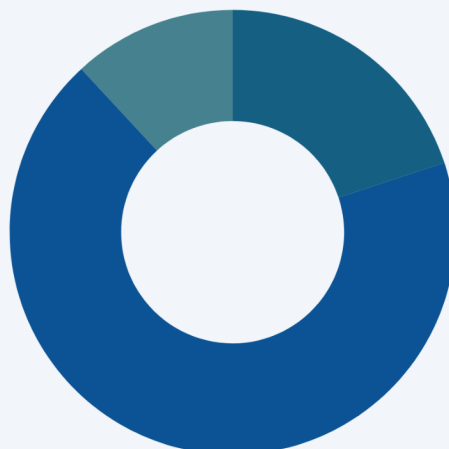
\$337,306



Capital Project:
Wildlife Field Hospital
\$515,204

Revenue

\$885,614



- Individual and monthly donations
- Foundation grants and corporate sponsorships
- Other Income

Patient Spotlight

Eastern Grey Squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*)

This young Eastern Grey squirrel was one of the lucky ones. Although he suffered a broken humerus (front leg bone), he recovered well and was released early in the summer.



Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)

This Common raven was found in rough condition. X-rays showed an old bone break where his radius and ulna bones had fused together. Surgery was required to separate the bones and pins were used to align them. This raven had a long road to recovery, but healed well in care.



Black Bear (*Ursus americanus*)

This Black bear required surgery to his elbow due to a gunshot wound. The surgery was successful and the bear recovered at Bear With Us Centre for Bears. He was released once healed and healthy.



Patient Spotlight

Snapping Turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*)



This Snapping turtle was hit by a car and sustained a jaw fracture and an injured eye. After medical treatment and care, she fully recovered and was released. Snapping turtles take 15 to 20 years to reach maturity. Since they often venture out in search of mates, food and nest sites, we see them crossing roads in summer. Unfortunately they are too slow to get out of the way of moving vehicles, so we must all be vigilant!

Northern Raccoon (*Procyon Lotor*)

At only 90 grams and about 2.5 weeks old, this orphaned raccoon kit arrived with an injured left front leg (radius/ulna injury). The NWC medical team successfully repaired this injury. The road to recovery was smooth, and this little one healed quickly.



Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*)

This Striped skunk sustained wounds to her head and body. X-rays showed six broken ribs and a collapsed lung. Surgery and pain medications ensured correct and comfortable healing. This skunk was released.



Photo Courtesy: Bear With Us

Media Reach



Rehabilitation Centre for Wildlife Nears Completion

CTV News
July 2024

A Spotlight on Wildlife Medicine Excellence: NWC's Feature in Explore Magazine

Explore Magazine
June 2024

Call of the Wild Spring 2024 Edition

On Route Magazine
June 2024

Bobcat on the Mend

CTV News Atlantic
February 2024

Social Media Reach

Our social media audience has been steadily growing, with increased reach and followership.



6.1K Followers



1.5K Followers



1.4K Followers

Building Our Future



Phase 1 Hospital Nears Completion

We are thrilled to announce that the Phase One Field Hospital is close to completion, We anticipate an early spring 2025 opening to the public, in time for baby season.

We are gearing up to receive hundreds, possibly thousands of calls annually, and intend to ensure every native animal gets the compassionate care it deserves.

The future shines brighter than ever for Canada's invaluable wildlife.

Project Evolution Initiative

Phase 1: Constructing the Wildlife Field Hospital, allowing us to immediately care for wildlife (in progress).

Phase 2: Building a Centre of Excellence. The larger centre will serve as our national headquarters, clinical unit, and training hub.



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The NWC is grateful for the support of our donors and supporters, including a diverse range of individuals, foundations, and corporations who all come together in support of Canada's wildlife.



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