



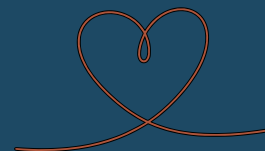
ANNUAL REPORT

HELPING WILDLIFE TOGETHER

2025



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2025 REFLECTIONS

2025 was a year of firsts for the National Wildlife Centre (NWC). We opened Phase One of our wildlife hospital allowing us the space to grow, as we work tirelessly to fulfill our mission.

Project Evolution - Phase 1 Complete



Our new wildlife hospital opened in April 2025 allowing us to take in an more sick, injured and orphaned wildlife, **154 species** from the local area, and beyond.

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.

Rehabilitation Program - began for the first time



A new milestone was reached as we opened our own Rehabilitation program, to allow our patients the time and space to heal. New staff were put in place to develop this program, and preparations began to build new enclosures in preparation for release back to the wild.

Capacity Building - Welcoming New Interns



Two new veterinary interns were welcomed to the team in Manitoba and Ontario to join our veterinary team across Canada in Alberta and Nova Scotia. Additionally, three Rehabilitation Interns began in the fall of 2025. All have committed to fulfilling our mission of excellence in wildlife care for the next generation of wildlife custodians.



We look forward to building on this work in 2026.

Thank you

The NWC Team



WHO WE ARE

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



Local: Operating through both our new Field and Mobile Hospitals in Caledon Ontario, we're reaching every corner of Ontario in collaboration with local wildlife rehabilitators. 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 are also 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.

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 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.

WHAT WE DO

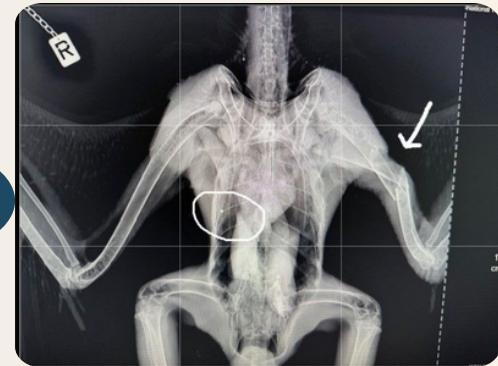
The mission of the NWC is to preserve Canada's wildlife and bring the wildlife community together. We see ourselves as a centralized national hub for wildlife surgery and training with accredited facilities across provinces to expand our reach and build capacity to care for wildlife in Canada.

Wildlife Medicine & Rehabilitation



Education & Conservation

Knowledge Creation & Research



Wildlife Emergency, Preparedness & Prevention

OUR TEAM 2025

Board of Directors



- Dr. Sherri Cox, President
- Tracey Cox, Vice-President & Secretary
- Stephen Helston, Vice-President
- Dr. Krista Halling, Director
- Dr. Susan Gosling, Director
- Dr. Dana Cox, Vice President & Treasurer

Staff & Veterinary Team



Dr. Sherri Cox
Co-Founder and Medical Director



Dr. Nellissa Stalenhoef
Senior Wildlife Veterinarian



Octavio Perez
Co-Founder and Facility Manager



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Wildlife Veterinarian



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*Fundraising & Outreach
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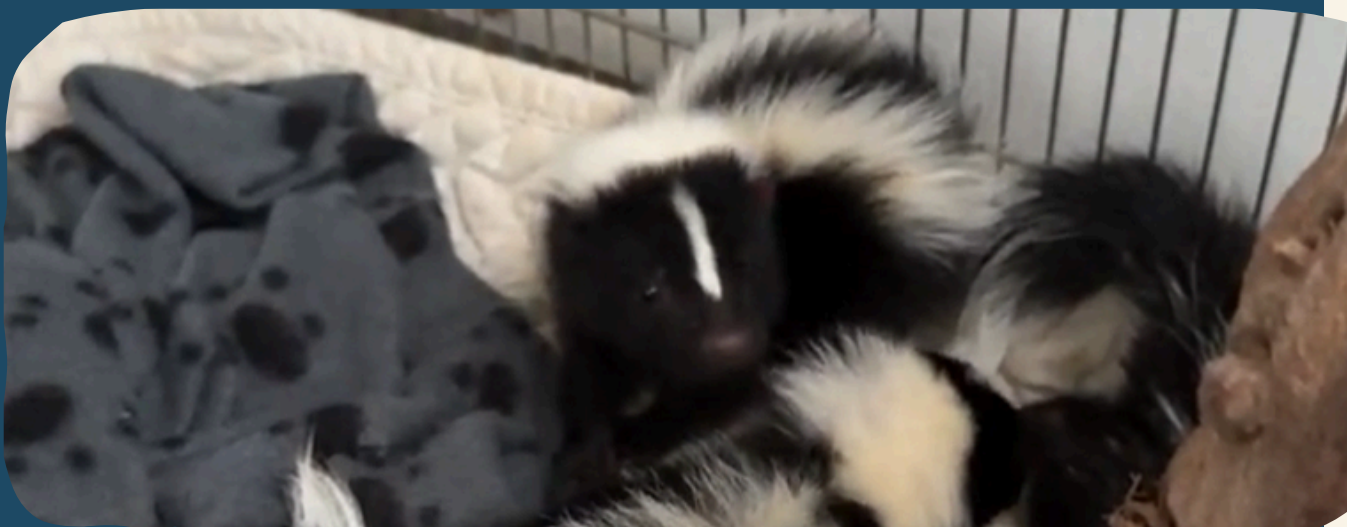
OUR PARTNERS 2025

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.

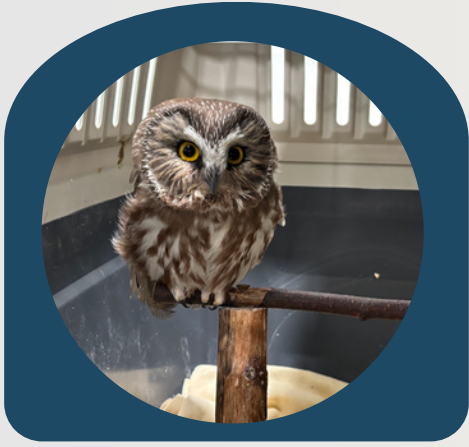


Wildlife Rehabilitation Partners

- **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)**
- **Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre (Île-des-Chênes, Manitoba)**



IMPACT 2025



466

Birds



736

Mammals



48

**Other (Reptiles
& Amphibians)**

We opened mid-year. Thanks to you:

1,250 +

WILD PATIENTS ADMITTED

5,500 +

HOTLINE CALLS RECEIVED

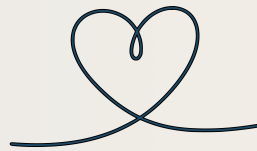
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SPECIES RECEIVED TREATMENT

YEAR IN REVIEW

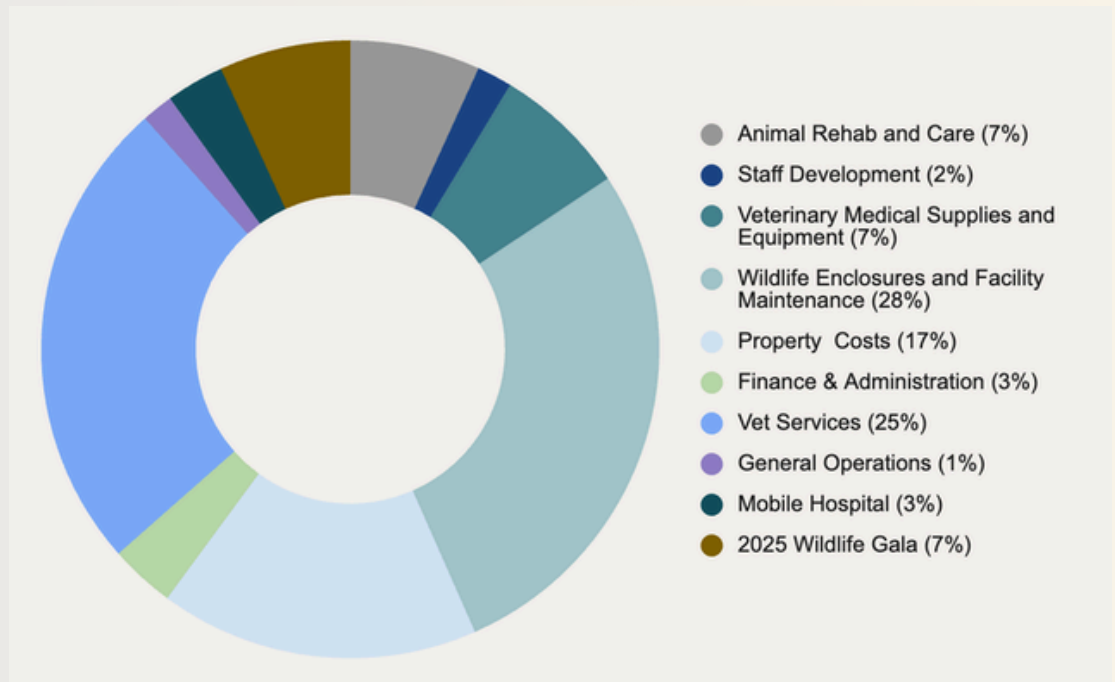
EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Provided training through virtual webinars, including 270 veterinarians and clinic staff with a focus on wildlife medicine (December 2025).
- Onboarded and trained 2 new veterinary interns in Manitoba, and Ontario, totalling 18 new wildlife veterinarians (July 2025)
- Supported training of 32 new students in the Master of Wildlife Biology program at the University of Guelph (Graduated June 2025).
- Provided learning as a guest speaker to Bolton and District Probus Club (February 2025)



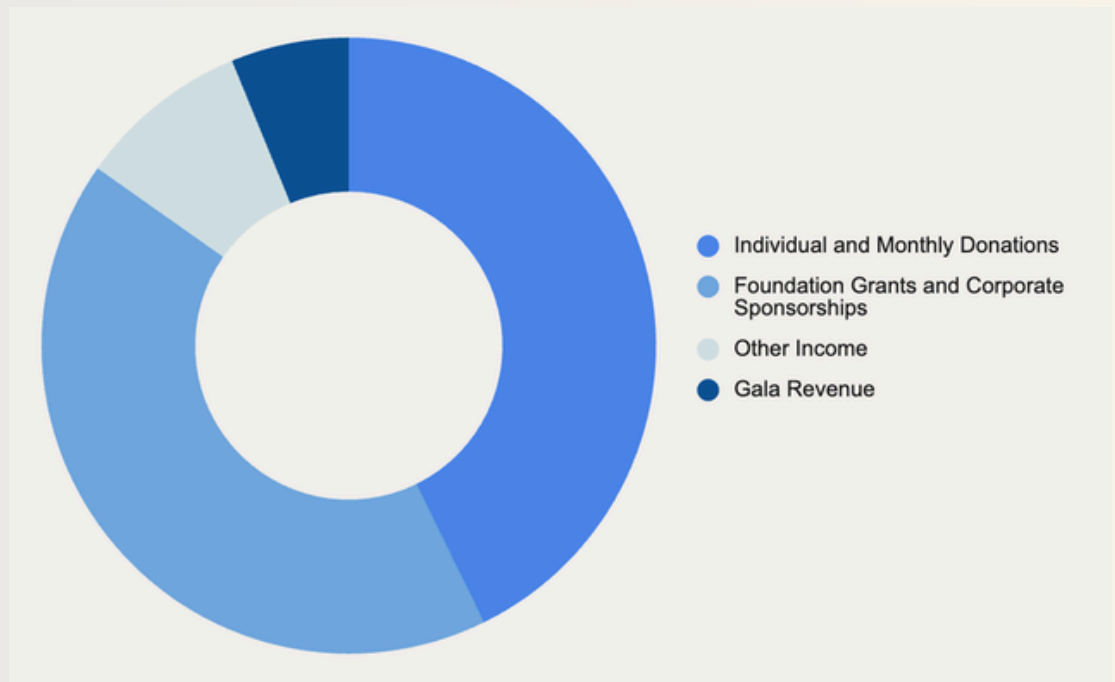
A YEAR IN REVIEW

Expenses
\$960,630



+ Capital Project
Fawn Enclosure
Completion of Phase I
\$85,000

Revenue
\$966,453



PATIENT SPOTLIGHT

SNOWY OWL DEC, 2025



Arriving with a badly fractured wing, surgery was required to give her the best chance of returning to the wild. Her beautifully patterned feathers reminded us just how perfectly Snowy Owls are made for the Arctic. Even her feet are covered in thick feathers like tiny winter boots. This beauty healed well in care, and once pins were removed, she was transported to one of our partner rehabilitators for flight testing and subsequent release.



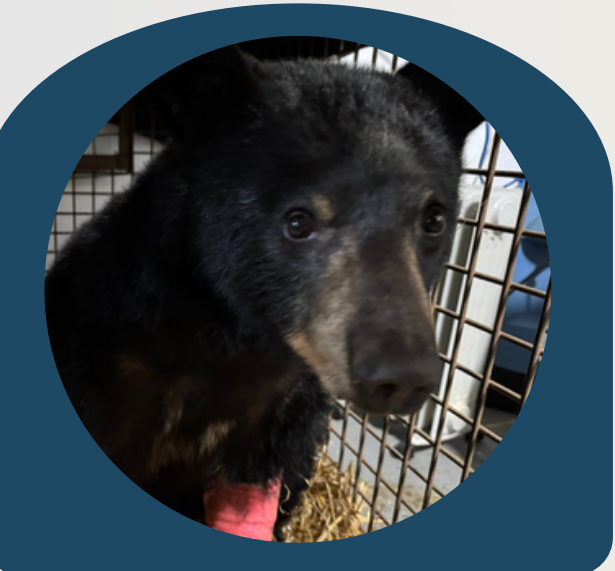
PORCUPINE NOV, 2025



This juvenile Porcupine was found at the side of the road with an abrasion to his tail and signs of trauma - likely hit by a vehicle. In addition, he was covered in both ticks and lice. Thanks to the patience of our rehab team, our Interns were able to remove all of the parasites and our veterinary team carefully treated the wounds. The little fellow happily recovered indoors at the hospital and is free again!

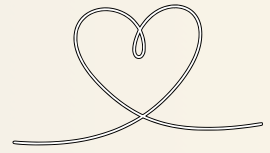


BLACK BEAR DEC 2025



This two-year old bear was found unconscious on the side of the road. He had sustained internal injuries and a wound to his front leg preventing him from standing. Once treated at the NWC hospital, this young bear was transported to a partner rehabilitator who will care for him until his release in 2026. To date, he is recovering well - his wounds have healed and his appetite is back. He was lucky to be found!

MEDIA REACH



Ontario black bear cub survives gunshot to head

[CTV News](#)

September 8th, 2025

As Avian Flu Spreads, The World Needs More Wildlife Rehabilitators

[University of Guelph News](#)

June 17th, 2025

National Wildlife Centre Named Official Charitable Partner

[Osprey Valley Open website](#)

July 8th, 2025

New Caledon Wildlife Centre a platform for wildlife custodians

[Penticton Herald](#)

June 5th, 2025

New wildlife hospital opens doors to injured and orphaned animals across Ontario

[CTV News Website](#)

May 16th, 2025

Social Media Reach

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



7.2K Followers



1.5K Followers



1.4K Followers



BUILDING OUR FUTURE



Project Evolution Initiative

Phase 1:

- a) Hospital Complete
- b) Species Enclosures - In Progress

Phase 2:

Centre of Excellence. The larger centre will serve as our national headquarters, clinical unit, and training hub.



A Milestone Year: Opening Our Wildlife Hospital

The opening of our wildlife hospital at the end of April 2025 marked a major milestone for our organization. Since welcoming our first patients, demand for wildlife assistance has exceeded expectations, with a steady stream of calls, admissions, and requests for support from across the region.

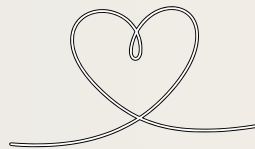
The hospital has quickly become a vital resource for injured, orphaned, and distressed wildlife, highlighting the need for accessible wildlife rehabilitation services in our community. While the pace has been challenging, it has been incredibly rewarding to provide care to so many animals in need.

This strong demand has reinforced the need for continued growth. In 2026, we will expand our outdoor enclosures to accommodate more wildlife patients and begin planning for Phase 2 of the hospital's development, increasing our capacity and impact for years to come.

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

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