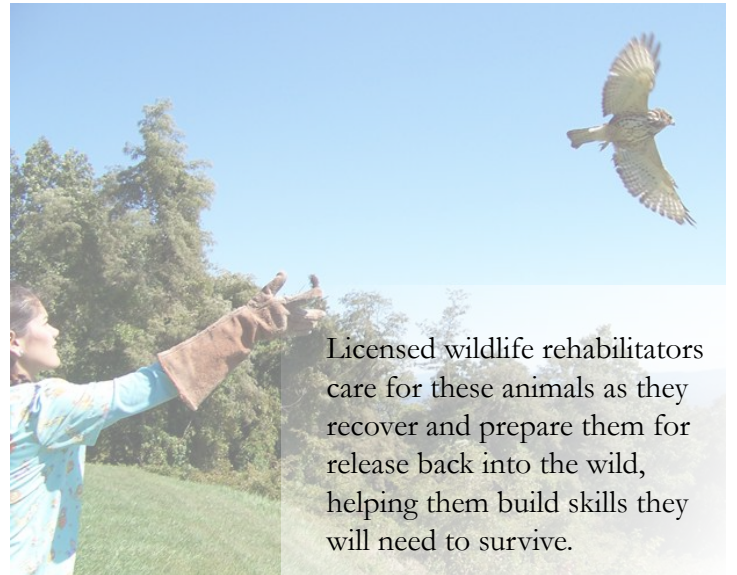


The successful rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife depends on a network of caring individuals and specially trained professionals dedicated to working together with the mutual goal of keeping wild animals healthy and free.

Knowledgeable staff and volunteers at wildlife rescue centers and hotlines respond to hundreds of phone calls from the public about concerns with injured or orphaned wildlife. They provide resources and guidance for evaluating situations, preventing wildlife problems, and helping wild animals in need.



Dedicated rescue and transport volunteers and members of the public find and contain animals that need to be brought to a wildlife hospital or wildlife rehabilitator for care.



Licensed wildlife rehabilitators care for these animals as they recover and prepare them for release back into the wild, helping them build skills they will need to survive.

Veterinarians provide treatments and medications to help wildlife heal their injuries and illnesses and they study how these problems facing wildlife change over time.



Other professionals like animal control officers, conservation officers, and biologists rescue wildlife in need and help enforce regulations to protect wildlife and wild places.



From Rescue to Release

Write a Patient Story

Find the story of a specific patient that was treated at the Wildlife Center of Virginia and write a fortunately/unfortunately story about its time from rescue to release. Patient stories can be found at: www.wildlifecenter.org/critter-corner/archive-patients

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It Takes a Village

Find the story of a specific patient that was treated at the Wildlife Center of Virginia and identify key human characters that appeared and how they contributed to the animal's story. Patient stories can be found at:
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Discussion Questions

These discussion questions are designed to be used as a resource that inspires conversation, critical thinking, and promotes a “big picture” understanding of topics covered in each episode. Questions may be answered individually, or out loud in a group setting.

Key terms and vocabulary that will help educators and students engage in discussion include: rehabilitation, non-profit organization, “it takes a village”

“Rehabilitation” is a word that can be used to describe a specific kind of medical care and treatment for both humans and wildlife. What similarities exist for rehabilitation in humans and wildlife? What are some differences?

Many animal rescue facilities, including the Wildlife Center of Virginia, are non-profit organizations. Do you think this presents challenges in caring for wildlife that other businesses might not face? Are there any benefits to being a non-profit organization when it comes to caring for wildlife?

The medical tools and techniques available to wildlife veterinarians and rehabilitators have improved greatly during the recent past, but prevention is always the most-effective form of keeping wildlife healthy. What are some examples of things you could do to prevent a wild animal from becoming injured in the first place?

Cooperation between many different people is essential for successful wildlife rehabilitation. See how many individuals you can link to one another when it comes to caring for an injured animal. For example: a veterinarian receives an animal patient the animal was transported by a volunteer in their car the car needed fuel to drive, which was delivered by a trucker to a gas station the delivery was ordered by a gas station employee etc.

