WIC receives over 5,000 injured, orphaned and ill wild animals each year from concerned citizens, veterinarians, and law enforcement. And WIC answers over 20,000 phone calls, providing guidance to those seeking help with
Thank you for your generous support!

Quite simply your donations enable us to save lives at Wildlife in Crisis. Like the Red-throated loon pictured above who was rescued by WIC on Christmas Day. This loon crash landed onto wet pavement on a city street thinking it was a body of water. Sadly, this is a common occurrence and WIC receives many loons each year who mistake black asphalt for water. Loons are quite helpless on land. After several days of rest recuperating from scrapes and trauma, and a few nutritious meals, we were able to successfully release this loon where he belongs—far away from busy streets.

We would not be able to provide care for over 200 species of native birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians without you! Every dollar you give directly benefits the patients at WIC. Please consider making an end-of-year donation to WIC.

In order to give each species the specialized care they need it is imperative that we restrict the amount of human contact they receive at WIC. It is a delicate balance of nurturing and seclusion that allows us to successfully rehabilitate our patients. Wounded wildlife must be kept quite and calm throughout their recovery. Each orphaned baby must be raised with others of their own species for proper socialization and receive minimal human contact during their stay at WIC. We achieve this through our resident intern program. WIC interns are assigned specific species to care for in order to provide necessary continuity of care. And our local volunteers assist with our permanent resident animals who require careful care, monitoring and enrichment.

Each patient at Wildlife in Crisis has their very own story of survival to tell. Here are just a few of those stories from 2014:

Endangered and Threatened species at Wildlife in Crisis:
Least Bittern

Each year WIC receives many threatened and endangered species in need of care. This fragile, petite bird was brought to WIC entangled in fishing line and impaled with fish hooks. We were able to remove the offending line and hooks. After a course of antibiotics and quiet rest this threatened bittern was released into an appropriate habitat. A significant outcome, especially for this threatened species.

Fishing line, hooks and lures are a serious threat to wildlife and we see hundreds of cases each year at Wildlife in Crisis.

Endangered and Threatened species at WIC

Common Nighthawk

The common nighthawk is not so common. They are an endangered species. They are ground nesting birds who feed on insects mostly at dawn and dusk. They are vulnerable to cars and predation. This nighthawk was brought to Wildlife in Crisis after being struck by a car. He suffered a fractured wing and head trauma. After several months of recuperation at WIC, he was released in a protected wetland area rich in insects. An important outcome considering the decline of this beautiful species.

Orphans at Wildlife in Crisis:
Before

Baby Raccoon

After

This baby raccoon was found in an attic several weeks after his mother and siblings had been trapped and killed. By the time his weakening cries were heard, he was barely clinging to life. He was brought to Wildlife in Crisis where we gently bathed his emaciated, hypothermic little body with warm water and placed him in an incubator. Once warmed, we administered subcutaneous fluids a little at a time until he was strong enough to swallow KMR, a milk replacement formula which we fed every hour. Day after day, week after week he grew stronger until finally we could place him with other orphaned baby raccoons with similar harrowing histories. After several months of meticulous care, he was placed in our large outdoor habitat in preparation for release and a second chance at life in the wild.

Orphans at Wildlife in Crisis

Fawns

Like all of the orphaned babies at Wildlife in Crisis, fawns are raised in groups and given specialized care from a single caregiver during their stay at WIC to prevent imprinting. Orphaned fawns are brought to Wildlife in Crisis for many reasons, including car strikes to mother and/or fawns, dog attacks, impaled or stuck in fences, gunshot, arrows and pesticide poisoning. One case scenario that we try very hard to prevent is the unnecessary taking of wildlife from
their parents. Often people think that fawns are orphans when they are not. Mother deer only return to their fawns a few times a day, so if you see a fawn alone it does not mean that it is an orphan. There are many answers to frequently asked questions like these on the WIC website. wildlifeincrisis.org
Just a few of the charismatic 2014 Orphans at WIC representing over 200 species.

Finches, Woodpeckers, Woodchucks, Squirrels, Opossums, Owls, Fox, Bunnies

All of these babies and many thousands more were cared for at Wildlife in Crisis during 2014. All have their own important story to tell and all are equally precious to all of those who care for them at WIC. Each is raised with others of their own species and nurtured with appropriate diets and housing needed for proper growth. These are all "after" photos. These animals arrive at WIC in very rough shape and it takes many months to get them to the point where they are ready for release.

DONATE NOW
The Resident Interns at Wildlife in Crisis work 14 hours per day caring for our patients. They are dedicated, compassionate young biologists who take meticulous care of species ranging from hummingbirds and bats to fox and white-tailed deer at WIC.

Volunteers at Wildlife in Crisis:
As a volunteer-run hospital, we count on volunteers for everything from fundraising, carpentry, plumbing, landscaping, laundry, web design, education, animal transport and assisting interns with patient care and facility maintenance at WIC. The dedicated volunteers at WIC are very special people with love in their hearts for wildlife in need.

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WIC was founded in 1988 and each year WIC cares for over 5,000 injured and orphaned wild animals. WIC relies entirely on donations to care for debilitated wildlife.

For more information about WIC and for answers to frequently asked questions about wildlife visit our website at: www.wildlifeincrisis.org.
To see heartwarming stories of the animals cared for at WIC visit www.facebook.com/wildlifeincrisis.
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