

## CATS BELONG INDOORS!

Cats cause over 90% of the most serious and fatal injuries to native wildlife. This baby squirrel was severely injured by a free-roaming pet cat! It suffered before being admitted for care.



### Is That Baby Animal In Need Of Help... or is it just 'Home Alone'?

**BUNNIES:** 3-4" long, eyes open, ears up - on their own and don't need to be 'rescued'. Find a nest? Lay an X of twigs over the nest. If moved next day, mom's been there. She hides to keep predators away and feeds only 1-2 x/day. Leave them and keep people and pets from the area. On their own at 3 wks of age.

**SQUIRRELS:** Found on the ground? Put babies in a small box, attach to nearest tree and leave - give mom a chance to find them (24 hrs)! Fully furred, bushy tails, eyes open, walking, but following or approaching you may need help - call for advice. Note: squirrels always have heavy infestations of parasites - don't handle with bare hands. Even tiny squirrels *can* bite.

**BIRDS:** Feathered young hopping on the ground, are fledglings learning to fly. They spend a few days there while parents feed them—please leave them! Not feathered, covered only in down? Special care needed—try to locate nest and put baby back or call for advice. Parent *will not* reject it because you touched it.

**RACCOONS/SKUNKS:** Young may be out in daylight. Leave them—mom's usually not far away. If sick or injured or still there 24-48 hrs later, call for advice before moving! They need specialized handling, housing, treatment, and care. Raccoons can be carriers of serious zoonotic diseases. Never attempt to keep or raise them—there are serious risks. Young skunks can spray!

**OPOSSUMS:** Harmless and non-aggressive unless cornered. Often found in garages/sheds. Leave a door open so they can leave when they feel safe. Dead or injured females in spring/late summer may have live babies in their pouch that can be removed and brought in for care. At 6-8" long they are ok on their own.

**RAPTORS/OWLS:** Injured or orphaned they can stills inflict serious injury to an inexperienced person trying to help. Call for advice before attempting a capture. These birds need very highly specialized handling, housing, and diets.

**BATS:** Do NOT handle bats with bare hands! If an injured bat is found outside and has had no contact with you or your pets, it should be taken to a wildlife custodian for care, in a taped shut escape-proof box.

**NOTE:** ALL injured *adult* wildlife can cause serious harm to those attempting to 'help'. **NEVER give food or water to an orphaned or injured animal - you can cause its death!** Place the animal in a covered box with a towel in bottom, in a warm, dark, quiet place away from pets and people. Call us immediately.

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Please contact us before bringing in wildlife! Email preferred.

## Niagara Wildlife Haven - WISH LIST

gently used or new items we need!

- ◆ Towels, Blankets, Diapers, Receiving blankets, Comforters, Quilts, Sheets, Fleece, Flannel bedding, Pillowcases.
- ◆ Paper towels, Kleenex, Q-Tips, Toilet paper (animal bedding).
- ◆ Electric heating pads (no auto shut off), Snugglesafe® heat discs.
- ◆ Incubator, Brooders, Heat lamps; Pipe heating cables.
- ◆ UVB full spectrum lights - 75, 100, 150 watt and night lights (black) for heating; Lamp holders—clip on, or stands, Outdoor extension cords.
- ◆ Timers, for turning lights on and off, indoor and outdoor types
- ◆ Water bowls/buckets—heated electric; Ceramic crocks & bowls - tip proof; Water bottles—cage mounted, Food crocks or dishes.
- ◆ Desktop Computer sufficient HD size & RAM for our desktop publishing needs, Colour laser printer, Photocopier (heavy duty) or B&W Laser w/ heavy duty rating, Printer, Paper, Envelopes
- ◆ Digital SLR camera and lens; Flip video recorder.
- ◆ Cages and kennel cabs - all sizes; 'Pocket-Pet' totes with lids; Ferret/ Cat Condo cages; Parrot and bird cages—large & small; Screened Reptariums; Terrariums; Stainless steel cage banks; Dog runs.
- ◆ Rubbermaid totes - with lids, all sizes, Garbage cans w/lids and Plastic compost & recycle containers.
- ◆ Medical & surgical supplies & equip: Rolled cling bandages; Cast padding rolls; Disposable vinyl gloves; Needles & syringes; Vetwrap/Coban; Antibiotics; Eyedrops; Anesthetic machine; Exam table; Stretcher; Microscope; Centrifuge; Blood sugar & Pulse/Ox meter, Penlights, Otoscope,
- ◆ Stuffed animals - all sizes and types; Kids toys & blocks—durable plastic (e.g. FisherPrice); Plastic beach toys; Dog chew toys-rope toys; Kids Sandboxes, Kiddie Wading Pools (hard sided)
- ◆ Lumber & materials for caging: 4x4's, 2x4s, 1x2s; Exterior plywood (4' min. sz pcs); Fence/Deck boards 6' long; Tin/Aluminum or Siding (for cage roofs/windbreaks); Styrofoam foam core wall insulation sheets; Paper-back insulation batts,
- ◆ Wire mesh, welded—1" or 1/2" - 16 gauge, 3-4 ft wide rolls.
- ◆ Litter pans; Kitty litter - clumping, scented/unscented.
- ◆ Pine or Aspen shavings (no cedar); Absorbent animal bedding (non allergenic types, no cedar) in plastic bags.
- ◆ Dry puppy/dog or kitten/cat kibble, high quality brands—(low-cal diet food can't be used).
- ◆ Esbilac® and KMR® powdered milk replacer formula; Exact® bird hand-feeding formula; Oxbow® Critical Care, Fox Valley formula (US order only—contact us for details).
- ◆ Bird seed: Dove, Finch, Parrot, Songbird, Sunflower seeds, Chicken/ Duck/Gamebird starter & grow pellets (non-medicated).
- ◆ Walnuts, Chestnuts, Acorns, Peanuts, Mixed nuts (in shells).
- ◆ Rodent Block; Small animal feed mix; Rabbit pellets
- ◆ Fresh fruit, Vegetables - in season.
- ◆ Crayfish, Minnows, Earthworms, Turtle/Reptile & Fish food.
- ◆ Garbage bags—Heavy gauge-XL/L/Sm; Garbage bag tags.
- ◆ Paper Compost Bags- Lg/Md; Biodegradable compost bags-Lg/Sm.
- ◆ Bleach; Disinfectants; Tide® powder; Dawn® Dish soap
- ◆ Welding gloves; Heavy leather gloves; Cotton/Gardening gloves
- ◆ Old housecoats; Lab coats; Scrubs; Smocks.
- ◆ Screened gazebo (aviary); Pop-up tent, Portable display unit, Folding tables/chairs (for educational displays), Card tables.
- ◆ Portable electric heater (working order); Gas power generator (for power outages); Heavy-duty oversize industrial washer/dryer; Freezer stand up or chest - Lg & Sm size, Refrigerators. (In good working order please).

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Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre authorized by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and licensed by Canadian Wildlife Service.

**Licensed, specialized care and rehabilitation for injured or orphaned native wildlife in Niagara for all species. Lifetime sanctuary for parrots, reptiles and small exotics.**

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There is one earth



...and we all share it!



# Niagara Wildlife Haven

Niagara Wildlife Haven (NWH) is a not-for-profit organization that provides skilled care for sick, orphaned, or injured wildlife in Niagara and beyond. Authorized by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Canadian Wildlife Service, our rehabilitation centre is open year-round. We offer wildlife conflict resolutions, and educational programs to the public. Wild animals are a natural resource and belong to all of us; we are collectively responsible for them.

Niagara Wildlife Haven receives NO funding from any city, regional, provincial, or federal government, even though these agencies continue to refer calls and finders of injured and orphaned wildlife to us. They rely on us to provide these animals and you, the public, with these services. We do that gladly, however to continue to operate year round we depend entirely on donations made by compassionate individuals. We ask for your help by making a donation (in any amount) to help offset care costs, for all wildlife admitted. Your help is needed to continue to keep these doors open for wild animals in need.

We hear about letting nature take its course, but it is documented that over 90% of all wild animals admitted to rehabilitation centres are there as a direct result of human activities and cat predation on wildlife - not 'nature'. Every animal admitted receives skilled help based on its needs. We work cooperatively with veterinarians, government agencies, and make ourselves available to all area SPCA's and other agencies that refer to us, in and out of Niagara. *We are the only facility in Niagara of this size licensed for all species and admit an average of 1,000 wild animals per year.* NWH is the only hope these animals have. There is no health insurance for injured wildlife—we rely on your compassionate donations to help wild animals. Your donations are the only thing that can help us keep the doors open. Our ethics allow each animal to retain its wild nature, become self sufficient, and be returned to optimum health, and released when it is fully functional and ready.

We offer wildlife educational outreach programming to schools, community groups and other interested groups. Presentations are tailored to any age group, interest level or created to focus on special issues. We also operate a lifetime, last-stop sanctuary for parrots, exotic birds, reptiles, and small exotic mammals. Please contact us for more information. If you're interested in helping out as a volunteer, or have items, products or services to donate, please see our website or contact us by email.

### Rehabilitation and the Law

Under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, **"the finder of any wild animal, must, within 24 hours, if it is sick, injured or immature, turn it over to a veterinarian, or to an Authorized Wildlife Custodian."**

It is *illegal* to rehabilitate wildlife without an authorization from the Ministry of Natural Resources, or to attempt to keep or raise a wild animal as a pet.

Birds are protected under the Federal Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994. These laws were enacted for the protection and preservation of *all* our native wildlife. Please respect them!

This raccoon was burned when a homeowner lit a fire in a chimney she had nested in expecting to chase her out. She recovered and was successfully released.



Keep your home maintained to prevent wildlife from moving in! If you discover wildlife in your home, call an experienced, professional removal company that practices ethical, humane relocation methods that do not orphan wildlife or harm them.

### You Can Help Niagara's Wildlife!

- ◆ Don't use fertilizers or pesticides or other chemicals on your lawns, they are highly toxic to wildlife and **do** leach into the ground and water supply.
  - ◆ Don't feed your pets outside! Don't feed wildlife!
  - ◆ Keep your home well maintained, garbage secured in covered cans, cap chimneys, etc. Your home is your castle - look after it.
  - ◆ **Keep your cats indoors and your dogs on a leash.** See your veterinarian & vaccinate your pets as required for their protection.
  - ◆ Don't 'rescue' fledgling baby birds, take baby bunnies from nests or pick up any fawns. Let their mothers raise them. Teach your children **not** to touch wildlife.
  - ◆ If you have to 'chase' a wild animal to capture it, it does not need your help — please, leave it be.
  - ◆ If you find injured/orphaned wildlife, **never feed or give them water** – get immediate help.
- Only Authorized Wildlife Custodians have the necessary education, skills, permits and training to rehabilitate native wild animals. Take the animal to an authorized facility as quickly as possible. **Become a volunteer!***



## Niagara Wildlife Haven Donation Form

Yes, I would like to make a non-tax deductible donation! Make payable to: Niagara Wildlife Haven

Name	
Address	
City	
Prov/ Postal Code	
Phone	
Email	
Donation Amount	\$

*Consider a monthly donation by sending a series of post-dated cheques to support the rehabilitation of our native wildlife! Thank you!*

Mail to:  
Treasurer - Niagara Wildlife Haven.  
c/o 461 Wright Street, Welland, ON L3B 2K6

98% of cottontail rabbits admitted are kidnapped by humans who think they are abandoned because they don't 'see' the mother. She does not remain on the nest and only visits it 1-2 times/day to feed. Lay twigs over the nest. If twigs are disturbed next morning – leave them -mom's there! Let their natural mom raise them!



*"When we return wild animals to nature, we merely return them to what is already theirs. Man cannot give wild animals their freedom, he can only take it away."*

*Jacques Cousteau*

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