



# CARING FOR WILDLIFE

## WHAT WE DO

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine's Wildlife Hospital cares for injured animals brought to us for care and treatment. Our goal is to treat and rehabilitate these animals so that they can be released back into the wild. We receive approximately 2,000 wildlife cases each year with an approximate release rate is 30 percent.

## WHY WE DO IT

Progress and expansion into previously undisturbed areas have placed increased external pressures on wild animal populations, and the number of injured wildlife cases will continue to rise as land within the south is developed. With board-certified specialists available in many areas of veterinary medicine, clinicians in our Wildlife Hospital are uniquely positioned to deliver the utmost care for wild animals. It also provides our students with hands-on experience in the practice of veterinary medicine.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Our program relies on private donations. Your gifts will help cover the cost of food, housing, and veterinary procedures and treatments. Costs vary greatly with species and type of injury, ranging from \$50 for basic care to more than \$3,000 for orthopedic surgery.

## INJURED WILDLIFE

We provide care for injured wildlife native to Louisiana. Wildlife cases can be brought to the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital's Small Animal Clinic during regular business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m.). We can also accept wildlife cases between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m., but no later than 10 p.m. On weekends, we can accept cases prior to 10 p.m.

Keep safety in mind when transporting a wild animal (both your safety and the animal's). Call animal control if necessary. You can call your local veterinarian or our Wildlife Hospital for advice on the animal before interacting with it.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to carry out conservation medicine by providing veterinary care for injured wildlife, conduct conservation research, and educate the public about wildlife conservation in the state of Louisiana.

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