



## How Can I Help?

### Volunteer or Intern!

- Part-time or full-time internships
- College credit for independent study
- Work study positions available
- Volunteer in your spare time

We are always looking for volunteers and interns to help with animal care. We especially need help during the spring & summer months with all of the orphaned babies. It is a wonderful opportunity to gain hands-on experience with native wildlife. We are also looking for help with grant writing, fundraising and habitat construction.

### Make a Donation!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please add me to your email list.
- Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.

## Yes I would like to support CWC ...

- Patron \$100
- Contributor \$50
- Supporter \$25
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
**Centre Wildlife Care**  
**PO Box 572**  
**Lemont, PA 16851**



## Educational Programs

### "Think globally . . . act locally"

CWC offers a variety of educational programs to student groups or any group that would like to increase awareness of native wild animals.

We also provide programs for birthday parties.

### Programs Available:

*"Take a Walk on the Wild Side!"*

A program with live mammals, birds, & reptiles.

*"Bats are the Good Guys"*

See a live bat!

*"My Cold Blooded Friends"*

A program with live reptiles.

*"Wildlife Rehabilitation"*

Slide show.



## CWC Fast Facts:

- **Funded only by donations** (NO state or federal funding)
- Accepts **all native species** of wildlife: mammals, birds & reptiles
- **Licensed** by the PA Game Commission & the US Fish & Wildlife Service
- **Non-profit** 501c3 organization operated by a **volunteer staff**
- Cares for over **1000 animals** each year
- 50% of the animals arrive in May/June as orphaned babies
- Works closely with local veterinarians
- Accepts animals from not only Centre County but also surrounding counties
- Located in Port Matilda, PA
- Founded in 1995 by director Robyn Graboski (also a volunteer)

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## What is Centre Wildlife Care?

Centre Wildlife Care (CWC) is a 501c3, non-profit organization, dedicated to caring for injured, orphaned, sick and displaced wildlife for the purpose of releasing them back into the wild. Care is provided to mammals, birds and reptiles. CWC also provides education about wildlife to the public.

## Who is CWC?

**CWC is run by volunteers and is funded solely by donations.** The director, Robyn Graboski, is a trained and Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator and has been rehabilitating wildlife since 1988. Robyn is licensed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service to possess and care for compromised wild animals.

## What CWC is not

CWC is not an animal control agency and has no law enforcement or animal seizure jurisdiction. CWC is not a care or adoption facility for domesticated animals such as dogs and cats. CWC is not a political activist organization and does not engage in efforts to change existing laws regarding hunting or animal rights issues.



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## How Centre Wildlife Care Benefits the Community

Many people find wild animals that have been injured by cars or even the family pet. Others find animals that have become homeless after doing construction, landscaping or tree removal. Often these families are concerned for the well being of the animals and want to help, but do not know what to do next. CWC is a resource that can help!

### Animal rehabilitation:

- CWC has the licensing & skill to provide professional care to wild animals for the purpose of releasing them back into the wild.

### Education:

- Provides regular training to volunteers, local police and wildlife personnel on how to handle rabies exposures and other wildlife issues.
- Provides educational programs to community members and school groups on wildlife and natural history.
- Provides training opportunities through internships, work study and job training.

### Human Health Issues:

- Works closely with the Health Dept. and other agencies for rabies testing and monitoring of emerging diseases to protect human health.

### Community Service:

- Provides assistance to local police with situations involving wild animals.
- Provides community service opportunities to individuals, groups, students, and youth offenders.

CWC also has been called by local police to assist with exotic pet species wandering neighborhoods, such as alligators, boa constrictors, rat snakes, iguanas and emu.



## I just found a wild animal that needs help. What do I do?

**Don't endanger yourself!** Be careful not to get bitten! If you come across a dangerous wild animal, call CWC, the PA Game Commission or 911 for assistance.

### Contain the animal if possible.

Using gloves and a towel, place the animal in a small covered box in a warm quiet place. Use paper towels or a soft cloth for bedding. Once an animal is contained, do not handle it!

If an animal is hard to catch, maybe it doesn't need our help.

### Call for assistance ASAP!

Don't keep a wild animal overnight or any longer than necessary. In many cases, a wild animal that can be caught is in serious condition. Babies must be placed in an incubator ASAP.

### DO NOT offer any food or water (especially milk).

The animal's health status should be evaluated first. Feeding a sick or injured animal can do more harm than good.

### Is it OK if I keep it?

**It is illegal** to possess a protected wild animal without a proper permit or license. State law in Pennsylvania protects ALL native species of mammals, birds and reptiles. Federal law also protects all native species of birds with the exception of house sparrows, European starlings and pigeons. This includes the bird itself, the feathers and the nest.

Wild animals are just that .... Wild Animals. The animal may be cute and manageable as an infant, BUT when this animal reaches maturity, it may become mean or hurt itself trying to get out of cage, etc. Wild animals have special care and housing needs. They cannot be cared for or housed the same as a pet .... because .... they are not pets. This is the purpose of a wildlife rehabilitator, to provide appropriate care to wild animals until they can be released.

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## What Do I Do If . . .

### My cat or dog brings in a live animal:

Do not put it back! Usually when animals are caught by a dog or cat, they are seriously injured, although they may not appear to be. Call us.

### A rabbit's nest is run over with a mower:

If the rabbits are not injured, cover the nest with "dry grass" and leave it alone. Rabbits are very dedicated mothers, but they only feed their young at night. You probably won't see the mother returning.

### A bird hits a window:

Place the bird in a box for about an hour or two. If it completely recovers, let it go. If not, call us.

### A turtle is crossing the road:

Move the turtle off the road in the direction it was heading if possible. It is not recommended to move the animal from its home range. If the turtle is injured, call us; we can help.

### A baby bird falls out of the nest:

Many times baby birds **can** be put back. However, it is important to determine if the bird is OK before placing it back into a nest. Some baby birds (fledglings) normally come out of the nest before they can fly. If you're not sure if an animal needs help, please call us.

### A nest with eggs needs to be moved:

It is not recommended to move a nest if at all possible. The mother may not find it because there is no sound (from baby birds) to attract her.

### A fawn is found lying in a field by itself:

Fawns are often found lying quietly in a field alone while the mother is foraging. If you find one and it is not crying or injured, leave it there and check back in 12-24 hours. Even if it is crying, the mother will usually come back for it.