

The Role of Volunteers in the Rescue and Release of Stranded Native Wildlife

Volunteers are the backbone of wildlife rehabilitation. They provide essential support to wildlife rehabilitators and help to ensure that injured or orphaned animals receive the care they need to return to the wild. Volunteers come from all walks of life and backgrounds, but they all share a common goal: to help wildlife in need.



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What Do Volunteers Do?

Volunteers perform a variety of tasks at wildlife rehabilitation centers, including:

- Cleaning and feeding animals
- Monitoring animals' health and behavior
- Assisting with medical procedures
- Educating the public about wildlife
- Fundraising and grant writing

Volunteers may also work with other organizations, such as animal control agencies and veterinarians, to rescue and transport stranded animals. In some cases, volunteers may even be able to foster animals in their own homes.

Why Volunteer?

There are many reasons to volunteer at a wildlife rehabilitation center. Volunteers can:

- Make a difference in the lives of animals
- Learn about wildlife and wildlife rehabilitation
- Gain valuable experience for a career in wildlife management or veterinary medicine
- Meet like-minded people
- Have fun and make a positive impact on the community

How to Volunteer

If you are interested in volunteering at a wildlife rehabilitation center, there are a few things you should do:

- Contact the center and ask about their volunteer program
- Attend an orientation session to learn about the center's policies and procedures
- Complete any required training
- Be prepared to commit to a regular volunteer schedule

Volunteering at a wildlife rehabilitation center is a rewarding experience that can make a real difference in the lives of animals. If you are passionate about wildlife and want to make a difference, volunteering is a great way to get involved.

Case Study: The Rescue and Release of a Stranded Owl

In the spring of 2020, a young owl was found stranded on the side of a road. The owl was injured and unable to fly. A volunteer from a nearby wildlife rehabilitation center was called to the scene. The volunteer carefully captured the owl and transported it to the center.

At the center, the owl was examined by a veterinarian. The veterinarian determined that the owl had a broken wing. The wing was set and the owl was placed in a cage to rest. For the next few weeks, the volunteer cared for the owl, feeding it and monitoring its progress. The owl's wing healed quickly and soon it was strong enough to fly again.

One evening, the volunteer released the owl back into the wild. The owl flew away strong and healthy, thanks to the care it received from the volunteer and the wildlife rehabilitation center. This is just one example of

the many ways that volunteers help to save the lives of stranded native wildlife.

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