



## Help us Build the New Home of the National Wildlife Centre.

*Helping You Preserve Canada's Wildlife.*

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# Help Save Our Precious Canadian Wildlife.

## About the National Wildlife Centre

Unlike domesticated animals, such as dogs and cats, wild animals have few medical personnel trained to take care of them if they become sick, injured or orphaned. At the National Wildlife Centre (NWC), we want to change that.

## Our Goal

At NWC, our goal is to respond to a growing need in the community to help respond to wildlife in need.

To do that, we will educate, train and work with a network of authorized wildlife rehabilitators and veterinarians across Canada so we can provide assessment, diagnostics, treatment and care for Canada's wild animals.

Since the NWC was established in 2014, the centre has cared for more than 5,000 wild animals spanning approximately 200 species, including those that are threatened or endangered.





## Our Vision

Our vision is to be a **Centre of Excellence based in Caledon, Ontario** for wildlife surgery, medicine, rehabilitation, conservation and education for current and future wildlife rehabilitators and veterinarians in Canada.

In pursuit of this vision, we are guided by the **One Health** concept, a viewpoint that considers the interconnectedness between **animals, humans and the environment**. These interconnections value wild animal health and welfare as part of the overall ecosystem.

All three elements are intertwined. Together they comprise one ecosystem.

If one or more of these components becomes threatened, the health and viability of the overall ecosystem is impacted. By caring for and protecting Canada's wildlife, the NWC is caring for and protecting Canada's ecosystem at the same time.





# HELP US BUILD OUR PERMANENT HOME

We have accomplished great things in six years. It is time for our next evolution - growth and permanency. **We have purchased 100 acres in Caledon, Ontario to build a new wildlife Centre**, so that more professionals can be trained and more animals treated nationally.

We have raised over \$1,825,000 to date and are currently raising funds to meet our goal of \$6 million.

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\$1.825M Raised

\$6M Goal



Through a \$1 million pledge by the Gordon and Patricia Gray Animal Welfare Foundation and \$500,000 from the De Gasperis Family, as well as a number of generous contributions from others, we have already been able to achieve 30% of our campaign goal.

We are asking the **Town of Caledon** to become a partner in this world-class facility.

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Caledon, Ontario



**13,000 sq. ft.** National Centre of Excellence hoping to break ground **Summer 2021**

**3,000+** indigenous wild animals for medical diagnostics, treatment and/or rehabilitation each year.

We expect to receive **10,000+ phone calls** per year from the public

Will be open **365 days** a year



Established in 2014 we were the first accredited wildlife hospital in Ontario, and now provide medical support in Nova Scotia and Alberta



Over 5000 native wildlife treated since 2014, encompassing over 200 species



Over 100 rehabilitators, conservationists, wildlife veterinarians, and educator partners



5 wildlife veterinarian interns trained since 2014

NWC will host **national and international** veterinarians, students, scientists and rehabilitators to learn, and share best practices and create new practices for the betterment of Canada's wildlife.



## WE ORGANIZE OUR WORK AROUND THESE AREAS



### 1. WILDLIFE MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

- ✓ Advanced diagnostics and treatment for sick and injured animals.
- ✓ Medical care and oversight for animals within a network of trained wildlife rehabilitators.
- ✓ Rehabilitation for sick, injured, and orphaned animals.
- ✓ Rescue and release when the public is unable to safely bring an animal to the centre and requires treatment.
- ✓ Treatment for animals affected by hazardous noxious substances or affected by other disasters.



### 2. EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION

- ✓ Rehabilitators receive training, ongoing education and connection to our medical staff for advice and assistance.
- ✓ Veterinarians learn in-depth knowledge about Canada's wildlife, how to diagnose and treat their illnesses and injuries.
- ✓ Public education programs are delivered: **e.g. co-habiting with urban wildlife.**
- ✓ NWC supports scientists and others in the quest to ensure healthy individuals and populations of wild animals.
- ✓ Emergency responders will have learning, discussion, and hands-on training labs to be prepared and respond to incidents.



### 3. KNOWLEDGE CREATION AND RESEARCH

Vast opportunities to build knowledge of clinical medicine, by documenting through the maintenance of electronic medical records various clinical signs, treatments, and the results, to epidemiologic studies, to common illnesses and injuries seen in the wildlife centre: We have an opportunity to share new information for wildlife responders around the world.

Post release studies and husbandry studies are additional areas where we can share what we learn with responders, the public, and the scientific community.

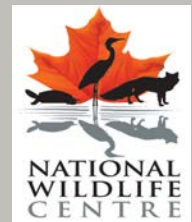
Many other opportunities for knowledge creation and dissemination exist, and we will evaluate ideas that support the vision and mission of the organization.



### 4. WILDLIFE EMERGENCY PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS

Oiling incidents happen – from petroleum to non-petroleum based spills, from a few animals to hundreds of thousands of animals affected. The oil spill preparedness and response planning section seeks to create a cohesive and consolidated national oiled wildlife response plan in Canada.

Other disasters or hazardous, noxious substances can also negatively impact wildlife. NWC seeks to help plan, prepare, and respond to such emergencies in conjunction with local, national, and international organizations and governments.





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## The National Wildlife Centre works at the intersection of humans, Canadian wildlife and the environment

The importance of the interconnection between a healthy ecosystem and the health of the animals that form an integral part of this ecosystem, contributes to a healthier environment for humans. We act as environmental stewards aimed to protect the ecosystems, populations of wild animals, and the health of individual animals through medical and surgical services.

Through educating the public, creating collaborative opportunities for scientists and wildlife rehabilitators, and providing training to students, veterinarians, wildlife rehabilitators, and the public, the Centre will act as the home base for a national network. Canada's Centre of Excellence in Wildlife will be the leading provider for surgery, rehabilitation, conservation and education of Canada's wildlife.





✓ **Filling a community demand in the Town of Caledon**

Caledon residents demand help for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife in our community. Every year, the National Wildlife Centre receives hundreds of calls from those in our community requesting help. We have been unable to provide sufficient assistance – until now.

✓ **Town of Caledon – on the Map as the location for a Centre of Excellence**

We are requesting funding support to build this Centre of Excellence – with the hub of the organization to be built in Caledon, Ontario. Satellite hospitals & medical support exist across Canada (Nova Scotia, Alberta, and soon-to-be Manitoba and Quebec).

✓ **Job creation and economic growth:**

Training technical skills that are portable to other industry sectors, new job creation within the hospital and centre

✓ **Environmental sustainability** e.g., preserving species at risk



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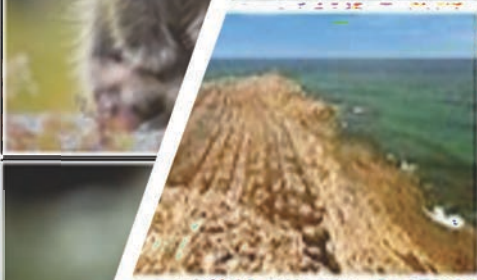
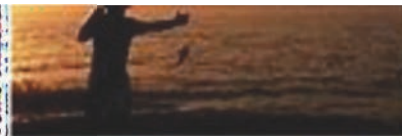
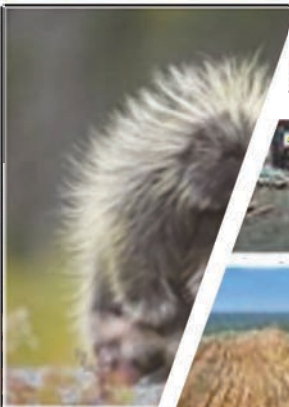
Thank you for your consideration of supporting the National Wildlife Centre. The Project Evolution Campaign endeavours to build in Canada, a first of its kind Centre of Excellence for wildlife surgery, rehabilitation, conservation and education.

**We are requesting financial support from the Town of Caledon to help us reach our \$6M goal. Please consider becoming a Partner in this important project.**

Together, we will improve the lives of sick, injured and orphaned Canadian wildlife in the Caledon community and beyond.



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Thank you for your attention



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