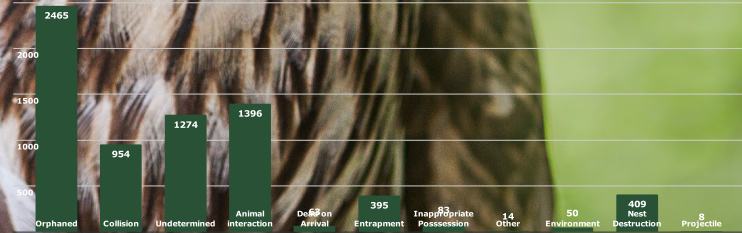


# RESCUE REHAB RELEASE

**7,111 Animals**  
Admitted since January 1

**10,260 Hours**  
Invested in Caring for Animals  
by Compassionate Volunteers

## Admissions by Primary Circumstance of Rescue



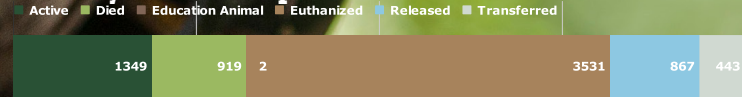
Orphaned animals continue to be our most frequent patient, followed at a distance by animals hurt by other animals (mostly domestic cats).

## 3-Year Weekly Admissions Trend



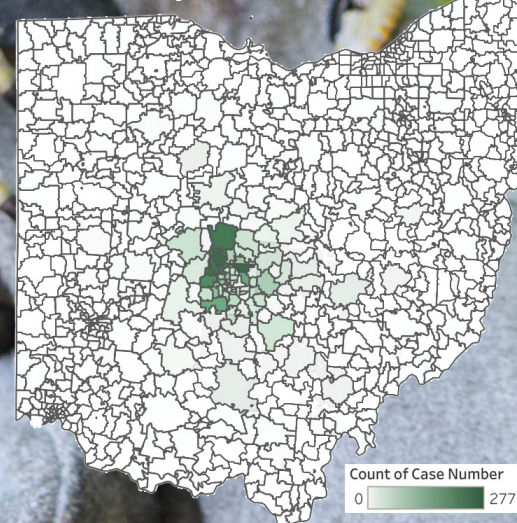
Our numbers continue to climb each year as central Ohio's population grows, urban areas expand and human-animal interactions become more common.

## Cases by Current Disposition



Ohio Wildlife Center collaborates with specialized rehabilitators, veterinarians and government agencies to ensure wildlife receive the best care.

## Admissions by Rescue Location



## Better Insights One Click Away

Thanks to an ongoing Core Support grant from The Columbus Foundation, we're bringing our animal care system into the modern era. WILD-ONE is an online database designed for wildlife rehabilitators by the Wildlife Center of Virginia and it's helping us understand our patients, their needs and the capacity of our care network better than ever before!



# DON'T SKULK, STAY IN TOUCH!

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We share regular updates about our rescues, rehabs and releases all-year round, not to mention tips for peaceful cohabitation with wildlife and trivia-worthy animal facts (like that a group of foxes is called a skulk!).

## OUR MISSION

Ohio Wildlife Center is dedicated to fostering awareness and appreciation of Ohio's native wildlife through rehabilitation, education and wildlife health studies.

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**SAVE THE DATES**  
**Second Sundays**  
**FREE Monthly Open House**

Our Education campus is open to the public on the second Sunday of every month from 1-3 p. m. Join us to meet our Animal Ambassadors, explore the diverse habitats on our grounds, and participate in outdoor education activities for all ages.

**Found An Ill, Injured or Orphaned Animal?**  
Call our Wildlife Info Hotline at (614) 793-9453 or visit [ohiowildlifecenter.org/found-an-animal](http://ohiowildlifecenter.org/found-an-animal)



Ohio Wildlife Center

## BIRD'S EYE VIEW REPORT

Since joining the team as Executive Director in late December 2021, I have had a wild ride getting to know the Ohio Wildlife Center. I could not be more thankful for your support over these past several months! This team - staff, volunteers and donors combined - is more driven, agile and kind-hearted than I could have ever hoped for. Together, I believe we have a beautiful future ahead of us as we grow and continue our care of Ohio's wildlife.

So far this year, we've made great strides in positioning ourselves to become **central Ohio's go-to resource** for wild animal care and local conservation education by pursuing three operational imperatives:

1. Collaborative Workplace Culture
2. Effective Operations & Programs
3. Empowered & Accountable Leadership Staff

In partnership with existing supporters and the Board of Trustees, we're diligently **building new partnerships** across the region to expose more of central Ohio to the beauty of our native wildlife.

In our Wildlife Hospital, we're modernizing the way we manage patient records to better understand the capacity of our entire care network at any given time: hospital, volunteers and pre-release facility together. With **better insights**, we will be able to care for our animals much more effectively.

Our Education Team is also beginning to explore and implement a broader schedule of events for the community to participate in. So, stay tuned in the coming months for **new ways to get involved!**

Thank you for being our partner in caring for one of Ohio's **most precious resources: our wildlife.**



  
Lolita Haverlock

# 2022 INTERIM REPORT

Suzi Pfening & Victoria Pfening-Smith

Ginni D. Ragan  
John, Kevin & Arin McNamara & Families

Largent Family Private Foundation Trust

Ohio Wildlife Center

This April, we held the 20th Annual WildNite gala to rave reviews! 320 people joined us for an evening of animal encounters and celebrations of our volunteers. Together, we raised more than \$211,000 to support the rehabilitation of injured, ill and orphaned wildlife.

Each year, we honor an exemplary supporter with the Dr. Donald L. Burton Legacy Award. Congratulations to our 2022 honorees, Suzi Pfening and Victoria Pfening-Smith!

## WILDNITE FOR WILDLIFE

April 7, 2022



### Don't Miss Our Next Event!

WildNite 2023 is already on our calendar and we'd love to see you there! Save the date now for Thursday, April 20, 2023 and don't forget to follow us on social for ways to get involved anytime!



## WELCOME NEW AMBASSADORS!

**Wayne** joined our team as an Ambassador for Big Brown Bats earlier this March. He was admitted to our Wildlife Hospital in summer 2021 due to a missing wing tip. This injury prevents him from flying, so he could not be released back to the wild. He likes to cuddle between towel folds in his enclosure and munch on mealworms.



**Tres** is a Grey Tree Frog who began his service as an Animal Ambassador just at the start of the year. He was found by one of our team members with a crushed and fractured front leg. We amputated his foot due to his injuries. Without that foot, he is no longer able to properly hide from predators in the wild by climbing into trees.



### Every Rescue Counts

Our Rescue & Response Team responded to a call about a Great Blue Heron caught upside-down in a tree. The heron was wrapped up in fishing line, which had then caught on the tree as he tried to fly. With the help of a local arborist, the team was able to rescue the heron and bring him to the Wildlife Hospital for further evaluation.

Unfortunately, our veterinary team discovered that the heron had suffered a severe injury that would prevent him from being able to stand properly. While wild animals are often fast healers, injuries can sometime heal incorrectly and cause continuing pain, infection, or decreased mobility. As the heron would not be able to lead a full and healthy life in the wild, it was humanely euthanized in our care.

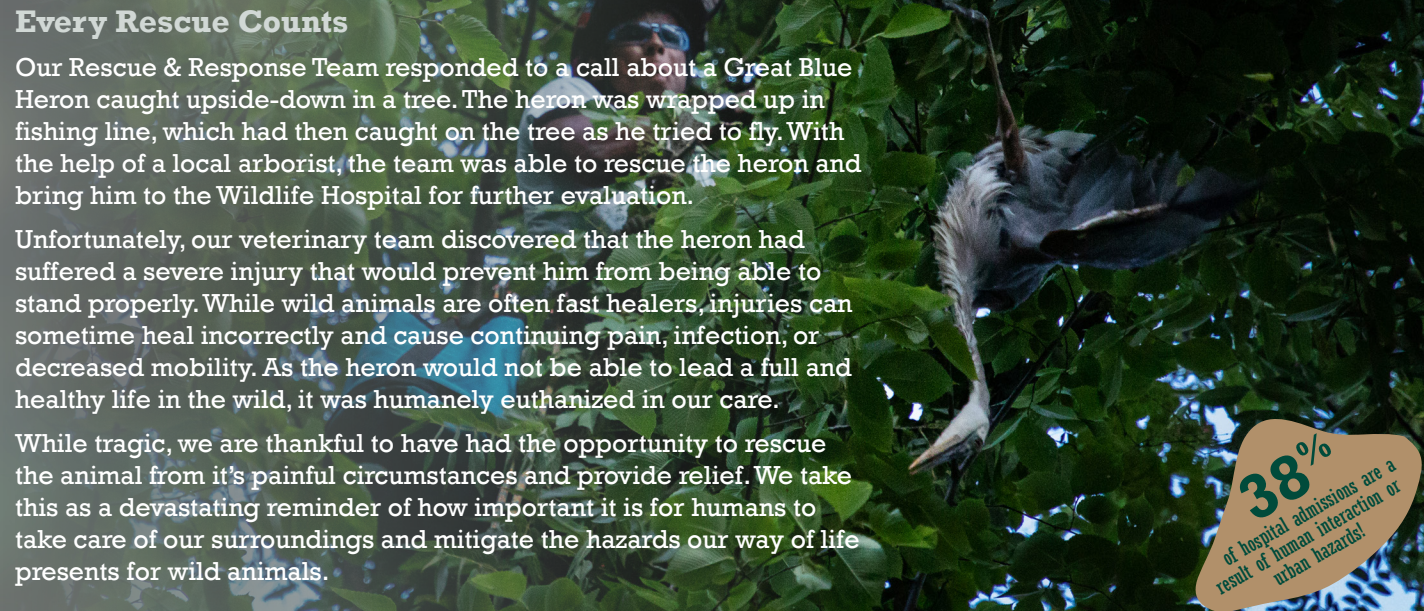
While tragic, we are thankful to have had the opportunity to rescue the animal from its painful circumstances and provide relief. We take this as a devastating reminder of how important it is for humans to take care of our surroundings and mitigate the hazards our way of life presents for wild animals.



## RESCUE & RELEASE ROUNDUP

### Homecare Hero

In June 2022, a Belted Kingfisher was brought into our hospital suffering from head trauma. This species can be a higher-stress animal and was struggling to make progress in our bustling hospital. She was transferred into the care of one of our amazing homecare volunteers, Janet, to recover in a more peaceful environment. It worked! The bird was able to make a full recovery and was released back to the wild.



"Thank you so very much for the timely, courteous and ever so gentle rescue of a deceased mother opossum and her numerous babies from my woods just a bit ago. There were so many still in her sac and the 2 that had already been born. I am so very happy that my niece recommended I call SCRAM. The technician could not have been more kind, gentle and concerned. They were all on their way to your hospital very quickly. I don't know why the mother died, perhaps just too many little ones, but I do know that they will all be well cared for until old enough to be released." - SCRAM! Client

## KEEPING WILD FAMILIES WHOLE

One of the saddest things we see at our hospital is the euthanasia of otherwise healthy animals because they've been labelled a "nuisance." By Ohio law, if a property owner takes purposeful action to end the life of a wild animal, that sentence is passed on to any of the animal's offspring.

*But our hearts just can't take it.* It's a key part of why we started our social enterprise program, SCRAM! Wildlife Control. SCRAM! is an animal-first service that creates solutions to unwanted wildlife that don't result in the animal's death. Our technicians are masters at excluding animals in ways that keep wild families together.



114 calls have been made to SCRAM for "Removal & Release" or animal rescues so far this year.



## INSPIRING FUTURE WILDLIFE WARRIORS

2022 Summer Camp Program

This summer, we hosted 177 children of all ages at summer camp, where they have explored the outdoors and discovered their passion for wildlife.

Activities focused on developing an understanding of Ohio wildlife and the various habitats they thrive in - everything from forests to backyards! We also exposed campers to early STEM skills in the environmental sciences. Through understanding, we hope to show campers how they can get involved in protecting wildlife at any age.



### New Experiences For All

One week of camp is particularly special to us! We partnered with Home For Families for the second year to provide conservation education for children recovering from or at risk of experiencing homelessness. After participating in weekly wildlife lessons during their after-school program, HFF students visited Ohio Wildlife Center for hands-on STEM enrichment and outdoor adventure.



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## HONDA BATTELLE

Every child deserves to develop an appreciation of nature and explore career paths that contribute to the health of our environment. THANK YOU to Battelle and Honda of America Foundation for funding access for children to achieve just that through camp experiences at the Center!

38% of hospital admissions are a result of human interaction or urban hazards!

### Who Let The Ducks Out?

Baby ducklings often fall into storm drains and get stuck. Our SCRAM! team is able to get them out and take them to the Wildlife Hospital. From there, ducklings are given a check-up and taken to our Pre Release Facility to grow up. Once big enough, they are able to be released by the dozens into local ponds.

In short, it takes the whole Ohio Wildlife Center team to get our ducklings back to the wild!

