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Dear Friends,

This was a year of firsts as I began as our new Executive Director. Ohio Wildlife Center was already poised for continued growth with the collective knowledge of staff and volunteers, as well as the steadfast support of donors and partners. Coming together throughout 2022 gave us the insight and momentum we needed to advance the work already set forth for Ohio Wildlife Center to evolve.

Our organizational priorities were to build a welcoming and inclusive culture, a strong and cohesive leadership team and streamline our operations - all to lay a strong foundation for future growth. We made great strides towards these priorities in 2022 with particular focus on property, people and programs.

Our property at Cook Road was surveyed for the health of our various habitats as a first step towards a comprehensive facility plan. As a result, we fully renovated our pond to restore its ability to sustain native aquatic life and we look forward to another project in 2023 that will take advantage of the excavated mud to build an educational pollinator garden.

Several staff positions were added or elevated this year as well, giving other team members their first opportunity to lead at the Center. Development and communications positions were restored and an Operations Manager for our rehabilitation program was appointed to enhance our efficient delivery of care.

Our education team made an incredible impact this year, growing our volume of programming to an all-time high through unique animal encounters only possible with Ohio Wildlife Center.

We are truly grateful for everyone who has strengthened Ohio Wildlife Center this past year through gifts of your time, expertise and resources. Your investments have driven projects to enhance the environment for our Animal Ambassadors and help us grow to serve more ill, injured and orphaned animals in need. We look forward to being your partner in fostering awareness and appreciation for Ohio's native wildlife for years to come.

Warm regards,



Lolita Haverlock
Executive Director

Valerie Swiatek
Board Chair



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COVER: STEVIE, A SILVER-PHASE OR "MELANISTIC" RED FOX JOINED OHIO WILDLIFE CENTER'S TEAM OF ANIMAL AMBASSADORS IN DECEMBER 2022. PHOTO CREDIT: JIM McCORMAC.

Serving Our Mission Since 1986

OHIO WILDLIFE CENTER'S MISSION IS TO FOSTER AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION OF OHIO'S NATIVE WILDLIFE THROUGH REHABILITATION, EDUCATION AND WILDLIFE HEALTH STUDIES.



Wildlife Rehabilitation

Ohio Wildlife Center operates the state's largest nonprofit wildlife hospital for native species, admitting nearly 8,000 animals annually who have been rescued from circumstances as dire as car collisions or as inadvertent as entrapment in debris.

Our system of care includes a veterinary hospital, several offsite locations provided by volunteers and community partners, and an outdoor Pre-Release Facility. Wild animals are treated at no cost to the compassionate individuals who present them for care.

***READ MORE ABOUT THIS HAWK'S STORY ON PAGE THREE!**

Conservation Education

At Ohio Wildlife Center, we believe that personal experiences are the best method for preventing harm to local wildlife. We welcome families, schools, Scouts, fellow nonprofits and everyone in between to join us for exciting programs at the Center, or invite us to bring our Animal Ambassadors to them!



SCRAM! Wildlife Control

SCRAM! is the region's leading non-lethal eviction and exclusion service for unwanted wildlife in residential and commercial properties. The program provides an alternative to common lethal solutions while generating additional income to support our rehabilitation work.



Our Leaders

New Director Appointed

Lolita Haverlock joined Ohio Wildlife Center as Executive Director in late December 2021, coming full-circle after serving the organization as a volunteer during her time as an undergraduate at The Ohio State University.

Board of Trustees

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Valerie Swiatek, Chair
Dave Wood, Vice Chair & Secretary
Ryan Senciboy, Treasurer

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Dr. Michael Barrie, DVM

Susan Burton
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Dr. Nicholas Jew, DVM
Dr. Rustin Moore, DVM
Patty Peters
Whitney Porter
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Al Vivo



Advancing Animal Care

Stories from the Front Lines

Mama Opossum and Her Babies



In September, an opossum was brought into our hospital with eight of her babies. They were all in very rough shape. Mama was extremely anemic, not producing enough milk for her babies and was not doing well overall. Despite our hospital staff's best efforts, mama opossum passed away overnight after four days in care.

Her eight babies were tiny, emaciated and extremely dehydrated. Our staff was not sure if they would survive the night or if it was possibly too late. Fortunately, not only did these babies survive the night but they did so well they were able to be moved to home care. The babies thrived and when they were old enough they were able to be released!

1,700+
Patients cared for by
home care volunteers
and partners

Grounded Barred Owl

A local veterinarian, Nancy, came across a barred owl stuck on the ground and injured in the middle of a Gahanna road in August. She stopped to check on him and immediately recognized that the owl needed intensive care. She took him in overnight and brought him to her own clinic the next morning for an exam. She discovered trauma to his foot and brought him to us for further treatment.

An owl's ability to grip with their feet is imperative for their survival in the wild since it's the only way they have to capture prey. Helping the nerve damage discovered in the left foot heal became top priority! His foot was wrapped and he was put on cage rest for several weeks, with weekly evaluations to monitor progress.

Once the owl began to show signs of recovery in the hospital, he was transferred to our Pre-Release Facility to have more room to stretch and strengthen his grip. After just a little longer, he was healthy enough to return home and our team (Nancy included) released him at a country club with plenty of space for the owl to thrive!



Car Struck Hawk

A red-tailed hawk arrived at our hospital late in the year after being hit by a truck; more than hit, the hawk had actually been stuck in the truck's grill! The presenters were so dedicated to the hawk's survival that they cut the grill out to free it. The hawk had very minor injuries compared to how traumatic this collision could have been. After a brief stay at our hospital to recover, it was able to be released and fly free once again!

7,903
Total patients
admitted, representing
189 species

Top Reasons for Rescue

1. Orphaned, 39%
2. Attacked by Dog, 13%
3. Struck by Car, 8.5%
4. Attacked by Cat, 8.3%
5. Habitat Destruction, 4.8%



Innovations in Care

In-House Diagnostics Laboratory

Through the support of private funders, a room of the Wildlife Hospital has been converted into an in-house diagnostics laboratory capable of handling a variety of blood and fecal tests. This saves hundreds of dollars a year on third-party testing, plus gives our team the results we need to deliver the best possible care faster!

Investing in Wild Diets

Our Rehabilitation Team has made priority investments in the quality of our nutrition and enrichment regimens across our system of care throughout the year, with expert guidance from a newly-formed Animal Care Committee of our Board of Trustees. While our program has always given the most nutritional ingredients to our patients, we have begun to incorporate more wild food sources into animal diets as opposed to cultivated produce. This especially helps our orphans return to the wild, ready to care for themselves.

Chart of Admissions

Ohio is more diverse than you might think! Here's a snapshot of all the different species cared for by Ohio Wildlife Center by their scientific Class and Order. Species included after Order names are not comprehensive of all the species seen.

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| AMPHIBIA | 20 |
| Anura: Toads, Treefrogs, Leopard Frogs, Bullfrogs | 20 |
| AVES | 2,911 |
| Accipitriformes: Hawks, Eagles & Vultures | 186 |
| Anseriformes: Geese, Ducks, Swans | 648 |
| Apodiformes: Hummingbirds | 28 |
| Caprimulgiformes: Chimney Swifts | 17 |
| Charadriiformes: Woodcock, Gulls, Killdeer | 8 |
| Columbiformes: Doves, Pigeons | 210 |
| Coraciiformes: Belted Kingfishers | 4 |
| Falconiformes: Kestrels, Merlins | 8 |
| Gaviiformes: Common Loons | 2 |
| Gruiformes: Coots, Rails | 7 |
| Passeriformes: Warblers, Sparrows, Finches, Robins | 1,652 |
| Pelecaniformes: Herons, Egrets | 26 |
| Piciformes: Woodpeckers | 51 |
| Stringiformes: Barred Owls, Great Horned Owls | 60 |
| MAMMALIA | 4,837 |
| Artiodactyla: White-tail Deer | 53 |
| Carnivora: Raccoons, Skunks, Foxes, Mink | 703 |
| Chiroptera: Big Brown Bats, Eastern Red Bats | 190 |
| Didelphimorphia: Virginia Opossums | 762 |
| Lagomorpha: Eastern Cottontail Rabbits | 2,092 |
| Rodentia: Squirrels, Mice, Woodchucks | 1,035 |
| REPTILIA | 135 |
| Squamata: Snakes | 25 |
| Testudines: Turtles | 110 |



Creating Wonder for All

EDUCATION PROGRAMS FLOURISHED IN 2022, WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF BOTH ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS. WE ALSO FORGED A FEW PARTNERSHIPS TO REACH DIVERSE AUDIENCES WITH MOVING ANIMAL EXPERIENCES, BRIDGING A GAP BETWEEN LEARNING AND THE OUTDOORS!

244
Events and exhibitions
across central Ohio

Partnerships to Increase Access

We believe that every child deserves to explore nature, love animals, and pursue career paths that contribute to the health of our environment. As part of our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, we're developing programs and partnerships to increase access to such experiences at our education center and with our Ambassadors!

Home for Families and Battelle

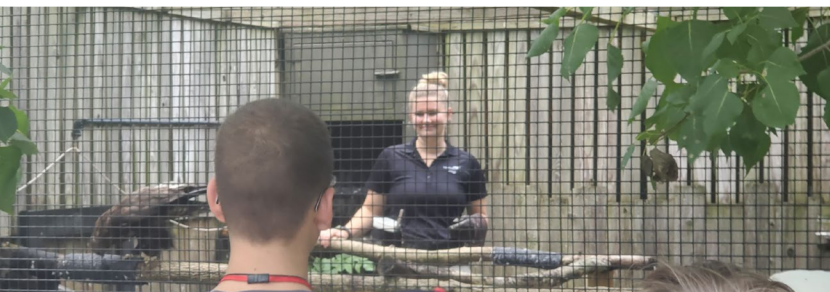
The inaugural partner in our new Reconnecting to Nature program, Home for Families, invited us to show their after school and summer participants the wonders of our natural world. The nine-month program included bi-weekly after school sessions at Home for Families' Franklinton office, and a private week of camp at our Powell education center in July. Students engaged in a variety of STEAM-driven activities about the environment and its wild inhabitants. This partnership was made possible by a generous grant from Battelle.

Seeds of Caring

Seeds of Caring is a fellow nonprofit organization committed to empowering children through service, social action and community building projects. About seven times a year, 30-40 guests of all ages join us to learn about our mission and the animals in our care. Families even hold a donation drive for us before every visit! We love inspiring kids and their families about how amazing our local wildlife can be.

Honda of America Foundation

In summer 2022, we hosted 177 children ages 3-16 at WILD Summer Camp, where they explored the outdoors and discovered their passion for wildlife. Activities focused on developing an understanding of native wildlife and the various habitats they thrive in. A leading gift from the Honda of America Foundation made the camp and our scholarship program possible!



Community Comeback!

Classes and Celebrations Returned

Community events returned in force in 2022, an early step in our long-term plan to be more open for the public to experience all the Center has to offer! We started with three events: Howloween, Charcuterie and Critters, and Breakfast with Santa Paws.

Howloween brought families for a night of fun and was the largest on-site event we had hosted since the onset of the pandemic. Kids of all ages got into their costumes and went trick or treating along our trails. Families were able to visit with our Animal Ambassadors and enjoy games, crafts, a sensory bin, and a bonfire with s'mores.

Charcuterie and Critters gathered people together to build charcuterie boards with step-by-step instruction from Marketing and Events Manager. Our Animal Ambassador, Ozzy, even made a special appearance to munch on his own opossum-friendly board!

Monthly Programs Grew

Our two monthly events continued, too; Second Sunday Open Houses and Wild Story Time on the first Wednesday of the month. Each event has a seasonal theme and is a great way to see what we're all about!

16,900+
Individuals reached
through programs,
514% more than 2021



WildNite for Wildlife 2022

The 20th Annual WildNite for Wildlife gala, an evening of animal encounters and celebrations of our volunteers, was held on April 7, 2022. More than \$209,000 was given to support the rehabilitation of ill, injured and orphaned wildlife!

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

Red Fox - \$25,000

The Ohio State University

Great Horned Owl - \$10,000

The Largent Family

Suzi Pfenning and Victoria Pfenning-Smith

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

Cottontail Rabbit - \$5,000

Susan Burton

The Glick Family

Greif, Inc.

Red Bat - \$3,000

Ralph and Martha Gilson

Honda of America, Mfg.

Bluebird - \$1,500

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The Haverlock Family

Huntington National Bank

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Patty Peters and Lewis Greene

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Betsy and John Sidorenko

The Swiatek Family

Wendy and Larry Tyree

Jeff and Colleen Walker

Dave Wood and Ann Fischbein

With special thanks to The Barbara and Bill Bonner Foundation for their match challenge, as well as Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and Catering by Scott for donated services!

Save The Date!

WILDNITE FOR WILDLIFE
2024

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

Learn about this event and more opportunities to get involved with Ohio Wildlife Center at ohiowildlifecenter.org/events.



Encouraging Peaceful Coexistence

"In many cases, human-wildlife interactions are labeled as 'conflict' due to negative perceptions associated with the mere presence of a wild animal. In these instances, solutions center on addressing concerns and changing human behaviors to reduce interactions" - *Coexist*, International Fund for Animal Welfare



45.3%

Hospital cases are caused by human behaviors and urban hazards

Central Ohio's Non-Lethal Alternative

Our SCRAM! Wildlife Control service prioritizes the long-term health of the wild animals we work with. By installing permanent barriers to entry, encouraging self-eviction, and coaching property owners in peaceful coexistence, we're able to resolve conflict without trapping or euthanasia. In addition, our solutions protect a structure from other wild animals seeking entry - an overall better outcome for all involved!

An Answer to Every Question

It's tough enough to be able to look at an animal and know whether they need help, not to mention know how to move forward when you do recognize something wrong in the wild! In hopes of helping animals arrive at our Hospital as safely as possible, and prevent the disturbance of healthy animals, we host a team of volunteers dedicated to answering every question brought to us by our community.

3,370+

InfoLine calls and Facebook conversations



No Animal Left in Need

People will sometimes reach out about an animal in need of care, but they don't have the skills or materials to safely contain and transport them to us. The expert volunteers on our Wildlife Rescue Team are here to help!

800+

Animals rescued and admitted by Rescue Team volunteers

"I THINK THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO SHOW THAT THERE IS A RESOURCE THAT IS WILLING TO POSSIBLY GET HURT OR SPEND HOURS AND HOURS SEEING A RESCUE THROUGH. BUT WE'RE DEDICATED TO MAKING SURE THAT THOSE ANIMALS GET THE CARE THEY NEED TO RETURN TO THE WILD. IT IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO SHARE 'THIS IS WHY THIS HAPPENED AND THIS IS HOW YOU CAN PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING IN THE FUTURE.'"

- Sara Bachelor, Rescue Team Volunteer



We Have the Best Volunteers Around!

WE BENEFIT FROM NEARLY 200 VOLUNTEERS WHO DEDICATE SO MUCH TIME AND ENERGY TO OUR PATIENTS AND PROGRAMS – THEY LOGGED MORE THAN 12,000 HOURS LAST YEAR ALONE! IN FALL 2022, WE LAUNCHED A NEW SERIES ON SOCIAL MEDIA CALLED VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS TO GIVE THE COMMUNITY THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW THEM, TOO. HERE'S A RECAP OF THE FIVE INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS FEATURED, IN THEIR OWN WORDS AND THOSE WHO RECOMMENDED THEM. PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THEIR INCREDIBLE SERVICE TO LOCAL WILDLIFE!



Dr. Diana Huang, DVM

"I have nominated Diana because she goes above and beyond to help support and create a neonatal program for our youngest mammals. These are often risky cases. She is a strong person who ensures the advocacy for the smallest of creatures."

-David Donahue, Rehabilitation Manager

Gwen Hoogendoorn

"Gwen goes above and beyond to prepare our rabies vector species for the wild. She has jumped in to enrich short-tailed weasels and fox kits and built amazing enclosures to support their releasability. Gwen has numerous years of experience in not only animal care but also the policies of wildlife rehab."

-David Donahue, Rehabilitation Manager



George Bleimes

"I love volunteering for OWC and especially with the education team because it gives me the opportunity to help the public learn about Ohio's native wildlife and all of the issues and concerns with regard to the challenges that wildlife are facing on issues such as habitat loss and climate change."

-George Bleimes, Volunteer since 2013

Becca Clark

"Becca is always willing to monitor both InfoLine and Facebook. She isn't afraid to ask questions and is always looking to learn more. She is amazingly compassionate to people who are often scared and upset about an animal and looking for help, which she provides in a calming and personable way. She definitely is an asset to our team!"

-Jess Armstrong, Customer Service Manager



Cheryll Latham

"I love my volunteer work at the clinic. It feeds my soul. I was born to do this work and am grateful to have found such a wonderful place as OWC. My best moments are those spent with the baby skunks. They love to play and squeal at each other. My funniest memory though, was driving to Marysville with a Canada goose loose in the car!"

-Cheryll Latham, Volunteer since 2007



Ginni D. Ragan
John, Kevin & Arin McNamara

Thank You for Making Miracles

OHIO WILDLIFE CENTER IS HONORED TO RECEIVE ANNUAL SUPPORT AND GRANTS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS FROM MORE THAN 3,300 PEOPLE WHO WANT TO HELP ILL, INJURED AND ORPHANED WILDLIFE. THANK YOU FOR BUILDING SUCH AN AMAZING COMMUNITY TO DRIVE OUR MISSION FORWARD! WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY LEADERS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT LED THE WAY IN 2022.

\$25,000+

Anonymous
The Barbara and Bill Bonner Family Foundation
Honda of America Foundation

Gerald W. and Lois Borin
Ken Bowen
Columbus Jewish Foundation
Jerome Cunningham
Daniel Davis
Paula Deming

Susan Rector
Suzie Reeves
John Reichert
David Ringer
Ian and Mimi Rolland Family Foundation

\$10,000-\$24,999

Anonymous
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Columbus Zoo and Aquarium
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The Kaplan Foundation
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Judith Staiger
Cindy Staley
Kathy Steffens
Shila and Aspy Tantra
Molly Watts
Deborah J. Wood

\$5,000-\$9,999

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Susan Burton
The Cooper Family Foundation
The Thomas C. and Mary Ann Hayes Charitable Family Trust
The Mauna Foundation

Dan Gunsett
Rachel Harding
Charles Hayes
Inge Holway
Laura Hostnik
Mark Johnson
Stan Johnson
Beth Lenoble
Lorrie Lewis

Many Ways to Give

THANK YOU TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN LEARNING, PROVIDING SAFE RELEASE SITES FOR OUR PATIENTS, AND SO MUCH MORE!

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| Animal Care Unlimited | Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative |
| City of Columbus Recreation and Parks | Ohio Division of Wildlife |
| City of Dublin | Ohio Environmental Protection Agency |
| City of Upper Arlington | Ohio Reformatory for Women |
| Columbus and Franklin County MetroParks | Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association |
| Columbus State Community College | Otterbein University |
| Madison Correctional Institution | Richland Correctional Institution |
| Marion Correctional Institution | |

\$1,000-\$4,999

Joseph Alutto and Carol Newcomb-Alutto
Anonymous
Aleta Anthony
Glen Apseloff
Jan Bahorek

Neal Longanbach
Joshua Manculich
Frederick M. Mann
Dan Mayner
Thomas A. McDowell
Melissa Muth
Andrew Phillips

Community Partners

In our pursuit for operational excellence, we've built partnerships with organizations throughout Ohio to advance our mission. Here are two that made a great impact in 2022!

Animals Rehabilitate Us

Inmates of Richland Correctional Institution care for hundreds of orphaned rabbits, squirrels and opossums each year. They participate as part of the Center's subpermittee program, in which volunteers and community partners are trained and equipped to care for patients admitted to our Wildlife Hospital offsite - a model which has dramatically increased our capacity in the last several years.

"I WANTED TO FEEL LIKE I WAS DOING SOMETHING GOOD. I FEEL LIKE I'VE DONE ENOUGH BAD IN MY LIFE, AND NOW I'M DOING SOMETHING GOOD. IT'S SOMETHING BIGGER THAN MYSELF."

-Brady, Program Participant



Training Future Rehabilitators

Otterbein University is a vital training and research partner of Ohio Wildlife Center. Each year, students enrolled in their Zoo and Conservation Science program complete coursework with our various teams, getting hands-on experience with wildlife and advice from our experts in the field. Several of our employees are program graduates!



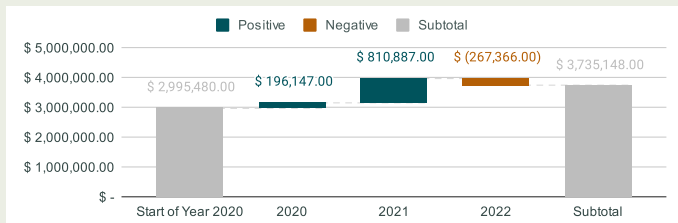
Statement of Activities

January-December 2022

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| TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT | \$1,405,613.00 |
| SUPPORT | |
| Contributions | \$260,186.00 |
| Animal Care Contributions | \$549,863.00 |
| WildNite Revenue | \$209,540.00 |
| Grants | \$179,927.00 |
| Nonfinancial Assets | \$26,136.00 |
| TOTAL SUPPORT | \$1,225,652.00 |
| REVENUE | |
| Education Programs | \$141,186.00 |
| Other Income | \$32,062.00 |
| Interest Income | \$6,713.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$179,961.00 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE | \$1,672,979.00 |
| Programs/Services | \$1,202,304.00 |
| Management/General | \$249,199.00 |
| Fundraising* | \$221,476.00 |
| CHANGE IN ASSETS | (\$267,366.00) |
| Net Assets, Beginning | \$4,002,514.00 |
| Net Assets, End | \$3,735,148.00 |

*Includes value of nonfinancial assets

Change in Net Assets, 2020-2022



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Don't Miss a Moment More

WE'D LOVE TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU! LET'S GET TOGETHER ON YOUR FAVORITE SOCIAL PLATFORM. WE POST REGULAR STORIES ABOUT OUR PATIENTS, EVENTS IN CENTRAL OHIO IMPACTING WILDLIFE, AND FEATURES OF AMAZING INDIVIDUALS LEADING THE WAY TO A HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR ALL ANIMALS.



Found an Animal?

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU! CHECK OUT THESE THREE WAYS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE SEEING AND HOW YOU CAN HELP.

- 1 Visit ohiowildlifecenter.org/found-an-animal for step-by-step guides.
- 2 Message a member of our volunteer Rescue Team on Facebook at facebook.com/ohiowildlifecenterrescueandresponse.
- 3 Call our Wildlife InfoLine at (614) 793-9453.



Learn More