

TREATING WILDLIFE

in a Veterinary Facility

Veterinarians treat wildlife that is brought to their veterinary facility by members of the public or by a wildlife custodian.



Wildlife presented by the public

1. Member of the public brings injured wildlife to a veterinary facility.
2. Veterinarian examines the wildlife and provides emergency treatment.
3. Once the injured wildlife is stabilized, the wildlife is transferred to a wildlife custodian for rehabilitation and/or release.
4. A veterinarian may euthanize the wildlife if they decide that is the most humane course of action.

Wildlife presented by a wildlife custodian

A wildlife custodian is authorized by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to care for and rehabilitate wildlife.

1. The wildlife custodian contacts a veterinarian about the animal requiring medical attention.
2. The veterinarian confirms the individual is authorized by the provincial government as a wildlife custodian.
3. The wildlife custodian establishes a veterinarian-client-patient relationship with the veterinarian and presents the wildlife for veterinary care.

