

2011 NJ Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator List



Section 1: Rehabilitators listed by last name

Section 2: Rehabilitators listed by county

Section 3: Rehabilitators listed by species

WILDLIFE - In addition to the challenges of territory, natural predation, disease and parasites, New Jersey's wildlife is increasingly threatened by the loss of habitat incurred by the continued construction, forest fragmentation and deforestation of our lands often resulting in negative human and wildlife interactions such as car accidents, accidental poisonings, pollution and well intentioned human induced orphans. All of these issues are caused by the interactions with New Jersey's rising human population.

REHABILITATORS - The following is a public list of currently licensed wildlife rehabilitators with the species they are licensed for and willing to accept for evaluation and possible rehabilitation. This information is available on the Division website at www.njfishandwildlife.com and is updated throughout the year. Updated lists can be obtained by contacting the NJ DEP, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Permitting Unit at (609) 292-2966.

AUTHORIZATION - Wildlife rehabilitators are not authorized to enter a site or private property, to take into possession of, to seize or to confiscate any animal held in possession of by another without prior written permission by the owner or by a direct request from the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

UNAUTHORIZED SPECIES - Rehabilitators must notify and/or leave a message at the Wildlife Permitting Unit office (609) 292-2966 if they take possession of a species they are not licensed for or a potentially dangerous species not listed on their permit.

POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES - The rehabilitation of a potentially dangerous species, such as bobcat, coyote, fox, beaver, otter, deer and bear, are limited to specific wildlife rehabilitators because of the special experience and facility requirements. However, a licensed wildlife rehabilitator may temporarily possess a potentially dangerous species for up to 48 hours while making arrangements to transfer the animal to a fully licensed facility for that species.

ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES (E/T) except Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles - The rehabilitation of E/T species is strictly regulated by both State and Federal agencies and thereby limited to specific facilities and procedures. No one is authorized to treat an E/T species unless they have first contacted the Endangered and Nongame Species Program (ENSP) and received permission from a verifiable biologist. If a rehabilitator receives an E/T species they should follow the instructions described in the E/T protocol and call the corresponding ENSP office.

MARINE MAMMALS AND SEA TURTLES - Report injured or stranded marine mammals (seals, dolphins, whales) and sea turtles to the Marine Mammal Stranding Center, Brigantine, NJ 609-266-0538 and the Endangered Species Program at 609-292-2966. Do not approach or touch the animals as the animals may return to the water prior to treatment. All marine mammals are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Facilities providing rehabilitation must hold permits from both the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and NJDEP, and meet the Minimum Standards as outlined in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) Standards for Rehabilitation located at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/health/rehab_facilities.pdf

VETERINARIANS - NJ licensed veterinarians may take temporary possession of wildlife and/or provide medical treatment of wildlife while making arrangements to transfer the animals within 48 hours to a currently licensed wildlife rehabilitator licensed for that species. However, veterinarians are encouraged to discuss the payment of costs for such medical treatments prior to rendering any services.

OIL SPILLS - Oil spills (and unidentified spills) require Federal and State emergency response procedures due to national security, potential public health and safety concerns raised from hazardous materials (including possible carcinogens), liability legalities, evidence procedures and documentation requirements. Report these types of incidents and injuries to (877) WARNDEP. **DO NOT TAKE POSSESSION OF OR BEGIN TREATMENT OF INJURED OR DEAD OILED WILDLIFE WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL.**

Also available at: <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/rehablst.htm>