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Northern Alberta Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation



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Facts and Figures

- ▶ We have admitted over 50,000 wild animals since our establishment in 1989
- ▶ Currently, over 3,500 wildlife patients are treated at WILDNorth annually
- ▶ WILDNorth responded to over 1,100 rescue requests in 2021
- ▶ In 2021, WILDNorth treated over 150 different species
- ▶ WILDNorth annually fields over 13,500 wildlife related calls
- ▶ WILDNorth relies heavily on over 240 active volunteers, including post-secondary students, to help run a majority of our programs
- ▶ WILDNorth educates 9,000 school children, annually
- ▶ WILDNorth has partnerships with over 65 organizations and vet clinics around the city of Edmonton and in Northern Alberta, many of which accept wildlife for us and/or partner on programs



WILDNorth and the City of Edmonton 2015 - 2021

In 2015, the City of Edmonton committed to providing the Wildlife Rehabilitation Society of Edmonton \$100,000 annually to provide essential wildlife services to the City. In 2015, the wildlife charity admitted 2164 injured and orphaned wild animals, the majority of which (86%) were found within the City limits, and fielded 5,500 calls on its Wildlife Helpline. Many of these calls were forwarded by the City's 311 service.

Over the next six years, WILDNorth (still legally the Wildlife Rehabilitation society of Edmonton) has dramatically expanded its services to meet the growing needs of the Edmonton community:

- The annual number of animals admitted to our Wildlife Hospital has **increased by 69%** (3,665 in 2021)
- Annual Wildlife Helpline calls have **increased 140%** (13,204 in 2021)
- In 2017, a professional wildlife field rescue service was added, to capture imperiled wildlife that the public can not catch. It keeps citizens safe and alleviates wildlife concerns that the public and Alberta Fish and Wildlife can't or won't address. This WILDRescue service **responded to 1,167 rescue requests** in 2021.
- Since 2017, **31 City of Edmonton Animal Care and Control Officers and Park Rangers have been trained by WILDNorth to conduct field rescues**. These personnel, now operating under WILDNorth's provincial and federal permits, are now able to interface with 250 wildlife species, whereas their previous permits only allowed them to deal with 38 species. This has greatly increased their capacity to deal with wildlife. Annual training is provided by WILDNorth.

Additionally, after consultation with City of Edmonton 311 management, we have discovered that, as of 2019, there were roughly 3,000 annual wildlife related calls that the city still deals with, and does not forward to WILDNorth. It has been suggested that streamlining services and forwarding all 311 wildlife calls to WILDNorth, would be an effective way for the City to save considerable resources and money.

Sustainable funding is important to ensure the continued delivery of essential wildlife services. WILDNorth has incurred a considerable increase in its expenses, to meet the growing needs of the Edmonton community, over the last seven years. An annual increase of \$50,000, to the financial support offered by the City of Edmonton, would help to cover some of these costs. Absorbing all of the 311 wildlife calls and responding accordingly, together with the added services that WILDNorth now provides, would save the City considerable money, easily off-setting the requested additional \$50,000, annually.