

Safety, Laws, etc.

Training of shelter staff and volunteers is provided by licensed wildlife rehabilitators. Wildlife Aid Brigade holds both state and federal permits.



Wildlife Aid Brigade can help your staff and shelter:

- learn safer, more humane handling techniques for many wild species.
- become more compliant with state and federal laws.
- learn to resolve human/wildlife conflicts humanely over the telephone, saving your staff and shelter time and resources.
- better access wildlife rehabilitators in your state and train volunteers to transport wildlife to them.
- establish and maintain a *Wild Ward* in your shelter to temporarily stabilize, house and feed wildlife until animals can be transported to a rehabilitator.

Field Response/Rescue

Two and one-half day course offered early Spring

The field response program teaches animal control officers and volunteers to respond to wildlife calls by going directly to the site of the problem and assessing the situation. Approximately half the calls we have handled through participating shelters did not require any intervention, allowing the animal to stay in the wild and be raised by its parents. Recognition of healthy, unorphanned wildlife versus orphaned or injured wildlife, reneating/reuniting babies with parents, treatment of emergencies in the field, and anatomy are some of the topics taught.



Using carcasses of animals who perished in rehabilitation due to serious injury and illness, students learn handling techniques as well as anatomy of birds, mammals and reptiles.

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Wildlife training to save wild lives and save shelter resources

Call Of The Wild

Five-hour course offered in Spring and Summer

Staff and volunteers who regularly handle wildlife calls are given a 4-hour course aimed at educating callers about natural life cycles of wildlife. Sample dialogs are used interactively to learn normal vs. abnormal behavior, recognize an orphan from an animal still being cared for by parents, and engage the caller in helping the animal stay in the wild. The course covers 8 mammal species plus songbirds, and includes behavior charts which help the call-taker understand what is "normal" in various developmental stages for each species.

Call-takers also learn about federal laws which protect animals and educate the caller about when and why certain activities are illegal.



Over 70 call-takers have been trained by Wildlife Aid Brigade.

Your call-takers can become reliable sources of information on wildlife, serving as liaisons between the wild animal and the caller. This relationship enhances your organization's image while helping to prevent orphaning and disruption of animal homes. In many cases, call-takers can prevent cruelty and abuse of wildlife.

Wild Ward

One-day course offered in Spring and Summer

Shelters which respond to wildlife calls and bring animals to a rehabilitator serve a great need in many communities. *But what happens to those animals while they await transport in your shelter? Or when you can't find a rehabilitator?*



This Northern Flicker fledgling is not housed properly and cannot eat in this position.

If your shelter is like most, you have no dedicated room, equipment or staff for wildlife. Animals may wait for long periods without food, water or proper housing before being transferred to a licensed rehabilitator. This can endanger the lives of wild, young animals and waste staff time.

A Wild Ward can resolve these problems.

Using volunteers and donated items, your shelter can take better care of wildlife **AND** save valuable staff time and resources. First, our consultant will assist with setting up and equipping the ward, providing you with a comprehensive list of equipment and items you will need. Much of the equipment needed is already on hand at most shelters.

Wild Ward (cont.)

Once the ward is furnished, the **Wild Ward** course teaches basic wildlife care for temporary (less than 48 hours) admission using volunteers to feed, house and transport wildlife to rehabilitators. (At least one shelter staff member must participate to supervise volunteers.) The course gives instruction on feeding and housing, transport, safety and wildlife laws. Establishing a Wild Ward does not qualify your shelter, the staff or volunteers as wildlife rehabilitators. The instruction given teaches basic skills for emergency care to help wildlife survive trauma of orphaning, illness or injury, allowing better chances of survival until transferred to a rehabilitator.

The **Wild Ward** course also helps your shelter find licensed rehabilitators, establish better relationships with them and state wildlife departments, and advances your shelter's mission of providing compassionate care.



The Wild Ward course teaches how to convert a standard shelter run into safe, temporary housing for geese, fawns or other larger species waiting for transport to a rehabilitator.