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Thank you for becoming a Raven Ridge supporter!

As a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, we rely on our community to help us protect local wildlife. This guide is here to help you find ways to make a difference that fit your life. Whether you support our work financially, attend our events, volunteer, or take your own steps to protect native wildlife, we want everyone to feel they are making a positive impact.

In this guide, you will find information about how to support our mission to protect local wildlife and ecosystems.

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A Message from our Director

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I always knew I was meant to do something different in life. Once I learned about wildlife rehabilitation, I knew I had to make a positive impact by being the voice and protector of the voiceless. I founded Raven Ridge with the goal of creating a safe haven for wildlife, giving them a second chance.

It took over five years of training with several licensed wildlife rehabilitators, attending conferences, studying extensively, and gaining hands-on experience before I felt ready to take the next step and become a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Raven Ridge started in a small walk-in closet in our townhouse. After over a decade of service in our community, the demand for our services and expertise is growing exponentially. Our team of over 40 dedicated volunteers commits themselves to our mission 365 days a year, including holidays, weekends, and after-hours emergencies. They are truly amazing team to work with.

Throughout my 16-plus years in this field, I've learned that there is something new to discover every day, and no two days are ever the same. The best days are those when we receive animals we have never treated before, presenting a new challenge and opens an entirely new chapter of learning. I look forward to having Raven Ridge in our community for many years to come as we set the standard for excellent care, professionalism, and stewardship of our native wildlife.

We could not continue this journey without the support of our community, which provides us with the tools needed to give wildlife a second chance. Everyone can make a difference in improving our environment. If you see an injured animal or suspect something might be wrong, never assume that someone else will take action. Be the voice and take the initiative to find help for the helpless.

*from
Tracie Young*

Founder, Director, and licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator



Our Work

Who we are

Raven Ridge Wildlife Center is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit wildlife rehabilitation center located in Washington Boro, Pennsylvania. We specialize in healing injured, orphaned, or abandoned birds of prey, mammals, adult songbirds, and waterfowl in the Lancaster County area and beyond. Our services are provided at no cost to the public.

Our Mission

We aim to give our native wildlife a second chance at life across this beautiful state and beyond. We're constantly expanding our facilities to offer the highest-quality care to as many animals as possible. Once our patients are fully healed, we release them into the wild again, where they can live out the rest of their lives as part of a healthy and balanced ecosystem.

How We Began

We were founded by our director and wildlife rehabilitator, Tracie A. Young. Tracie's journey into wildlife rehabilitation began after witnessing the devastation caused by the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion in 2010. She sought ways to help the animals affected, but was turned away because only licensed wildlife rehabilitators were allowed to assist. Later that week, Tracie and her husband witnessed a Snow Goose being struck by a car, but were unable to find a rehabilitator to take the bird to for three days. These experiences motivated her to volunteer and apprentice under other licensed rehabilitators. Raven Ridge officially opened in May of 2015, and at the time, it was the only wildlife rehabilitation center in Lancaster County. We currently cover over 17 counties, encompassing most of south-central Pennsylvania.

Our Top Priorities

Animal Care

Providing wildlife with the best care possible is always our priority. Our goal is that upon release, these animals are able to live the rest of their life to the fullest. Our team is constant learning new techniques, attending trainings, and conferences so that we can give the highest quality care.

Education

Through the years, we have learned that there is so much the public does not know about wildlife. We run education programs, provide informative social media posts and emails, and more in order to close the gap. We want to foster connections between humans and wildlife.

[Learn more about our education programs](#)

Advocacy

Everyday actions like driving and development can have detrimental impact on local ecosystems and the animals that depend on them. Many people are unaware of how their choices affect wildlife. Our goal is to help people understand these issues and speak up for animals who cannot.

Our Impact

There are fewer than 30 wildlife rehabilitators that serve Pennsylvania's 67 counties. Many people do not know what to do when they come across wildlife in need. Our center provides a resource and safe place for these animals to get the care they need.

Animal Patients by Category



Top 5 Species

Big Brown Bat

Striped Skunk

Red-Tailed Hawk

Mallard

Raccoon



On average, 70% of the animals we care for come in between April and August.

By mid summer, we could be caring for over 200 animals at one time.

Patients by County

65% from Lancaster
20% from York
10% from Dauphin, Lebanon, Adams, and Chester
5% from other PA Counties

Average Days in Care

-  Birds of Prey - 24-48 days
-  RVS Mammals* - 30-40 days
-  Waterfowl - 30-40 days
-  Songbirds - 5-15 days

*Rabies Vector Species - Mammals that have an increased likelihood of carrying the Rabies virus and transmitting it to humans.

Financial Support

Although wildlife rehabilitators are required to obtain state and federal permits to work with wildlife, none of those agencies provides any funding to rehabilitators.

We receive all of our funding through donations from the public, corporate charitable giving, grants, fundraisers and events, and fees for education programs.

Our reality: We never know what animals will arrive each day or what their needs might be. This means we must be prepared for any situation by having the appropriate food, housing, medications, protective equipment, and access to veterinary care. It's essential to keep a variety of supplies on-site at all times. Occasionally, we may need to pay extra fees for overnight shipping of medications, emergency lab work, or surgeries for animals in critical condition.

In one month, we could spend:

- ▶ \$1,200 on fruits, vegetables, and meat to feed our patients
- ▶ \$1,500 on frozen mice, rats, and quail to feed birds of prey
- ▶ \$1,500 on electricity to power critical care incubators, freezers, refrigerator, and washer and dryer.

In one year, we could spend:

- ▶ \$1,000 on specialized formulas for infant and juvenile mammals
- ▶ \$1,500 on gas to transport and release animals to proper habitats
- ▶ \$5,000 on medications
- ▶ \$15,000 for Veterinary tests, x-rays, and surgeries

We hold permits from these agencies:



One-time Donations

Every dollar we receive goes straight back into providing the highest quality care we can provide to our patients. Your donation could help us provide:

- Life-saving emergency medical care to sick, injured, and orphaned wild animals.
- Ongoing care, feeding, and rehabilitation for wildlife patients during their recovery
- Improving and expanding caging to increase the number of animals we can help.
- Support for our education programs, which help us connect with our community and advocate for the needs of the species we care for.

Our Mailing Address:

Raven Ridge Wildlife Center Inc.
Post Office Box 38,
Washington Boro, PA 17582

We accept monetary donations if you bring us an animal, mail it to our PO Box, or online through our website.

Ongoing Donations

When you make a recurring donation, you provide us with a steady stream of income that allows us to plan accordingly. By committing to a monthly donation, you save time and energy, all your contributions are tracked, and your gift can create a more sustainable impact for wildlife. You will be automatically added to a special email list that sends a monthly update and a behind-the-scenes look at what goes on at the center. Please visit the Donate section on our website to set up your monthly gift.

Bequests

You may also support the life-saving and life-changing work by making a bequest through a will. Through your will, you may give a specific dollar amount or a particular asset to the Center, or give a percentage of your estate. You may also update and amend your current will with a codicil to designate a gift to Raven Ridge.

- Sample Language for Specific Amount or Asset
 - "I give \$_____ [or describe asset] to the Raven Ridge Wildlife Center, a nonprofit corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be used for general purposes as determined by the Board of Directors."
 - "I give to the Raven Ridge Wildlife Center, a nonprofit corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all [or ____ percent] of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, to be used for general purposes as determined by the Board of Directors."
- Sample Codicil
 - "Codicil to Last Will and Testament of [name]"
 - "I, [name] of [city, state], declare this to be my Codicil to my Last Will and Testament.
 - "My Last Will and Testament is to be amended to add the following provision:
 - "I bequeath the sum of [dollar amount]/[specific asset] to the Raven Ridge Wildlife Center, a nonprofit corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be used for general purposes as determined by the Board of Directors.
 - "Except as modified by this Codicil, I republish my Last Will and Testament."

Business Partnerships

There are many ways for businesses to get involved at the Raven Ridge Wildlife Center! Some businesses hold fundraising events or donation drives to provide us with much-needed supplies. Many businesses use their donation as a marketing opportunity, reaching their target audience by sponsoring an event.

Event Sponsorships

Throughout the year, Raven Ridge hosts free community events that are prime marketing opportunities for the right business looking to reach a specific demographic. Sponsorships can be packaged or customized to fit your needs. We are committed to providing the greatest benefit for your marketing dollars, and we will gladly work with you to maximize the impact of your participation in these events. Your sponsorship could cover facility rental fees, provide free education resources, kids activities, and more!

Education Program Sponsorships

Education is a crucial part of our mission. With the help of our team of non-releasable animal ambassadors, we conduct over 70 educational programs each year! These programs give the public a unique chance to see our local wildlife up close and learn what makes each species special. By sponsoring a program, you are providing this rewarding experience to an organization or school that may not have the means to do so on its own. If interested, please reach out to **Molly Snavelly, Education Coordinator, at 717-808-2652 or education@ravenridge.org**.

Workplace Giving and Volunteering

Your business can encourage employees to get involved by creating donation and volunteer programs and incentives that reward employees for supporting nonprofits. These programs could include: payroll deductions, corporate matching gifts, volunteer grants, and paid volunteer days. By creating a workplace giving program, you are helping nonprofits by providing a predictable, steady income, increased visibility, increased donor base, and stronger community partnerships. If your company already has a workplace giving program in place, please let us know how we can become a part of it.

To discuss the best fit for your business, please contact **Rebecca Robinson, Administrative Coordinator, at (717) 808-2652 or contact@ravenridge.org**.

Item Donations

At our center, we use a significant amount of consumable supplies each week, including food for the animals and cleaning supplies. You can help us by donating or collecting these items, which will greatly ease the financial burden on our organization.

Consumable Items we always need:

- Paper Towels
- Trash Bags
- Dish Soap
- Sponges/Scrub Brushes
- Disposable Gloves
- Puppy Pads
- Newspaper
- Hand Soap
- Black Permanent Markers
- Tape
- Canned Dog Food
- Bird Seed
- Ceramic Pet Food Dishes
- Dog or Bird Toys
- Small/Medium Blankets
- White Copy Paper
- Clorox Bleach Tabs
- Ziploc Bags
- White Vinegar
- Post-it Notes



Gift Cards & Certificates

- Lowe's
- Home Depot
- Local Grocery Stores
- Amazon
- Chewy.com
- That Fish Place
- BJ's Wholesale Club
- Gas - Turkey Hill, Sheetz, etc.
- RodentPro.com
- Office Max
- Mike's Falconry
- PetSmart

Wishlists

We have curated wishlists with more specific item requests on several websites. When you purchase them through these lists, they get mailed directly to us.

- [Amazon](#)
- [Chewy.com](#)

Items we accept as needed

- Towels
- Large Blankets & Comforters
- Plastic Pet Carriers

Please call us at 717-808-2652 to inquire about our current needs for these items.

Items we do not accept

- Metal Pet Crates
- Cat Trees
- Old and expired pet food or meat
- Freezer-burned meat
- Fur Coats and accessories



Trout and Venison Donations

- Trout
 - Trout are not food sources that we can purchase easily, but are an essential part of the diet of a variety of birds, including Bald Eagles, Herons, Gulls, and other shorebirds. We rely on our local fishermen to donate extra trout so that we can provide for these animals. We prefer trout that are approximately 12 inches or smaller, with all fish hooks removed. These can be donated fresh or frozen, and, if possible, bagged in freezer-safe bags in small quantities for easy storage.
 - Learn more about lead-free fishing: [Fish Lead Free](#)
- Venison
 - We accept venison donations that are shot using non-lead ammunition or that are archery-hunted.
 - Learn more about lead-free hunting:
 - [North American Lead-Free Partnership](#)
- Since these items need to be refrigerated, please call or text us at 717-808-2652 before dropping off a donation. This way, we can ensure there is a cooler on our porch for easy drop-off.



Seasonal Donations

Fall - Once fall decorating is done, **we can accept plain, intact pumpkins.** We are able to place treats inside the pumpkins to use as enrichment for some of our animals. We cannot accept any pumpkins that are already carved, painted, bleached, etc.

Winter - Once the holiday season has come to a close, we can accept real Christmas trees. We use these trees for our outdoor enclosures. The trees provide many benefits for a wide variety of species, including cover, solitude, perching, and insulation.

If we are unable to accept your pumpkins, cut them up and place the seeds, insides, and rind around your yard as a treat for your backyard wildlife! Christmas trees provide excellent cover for wildlife and can be discarded later in the year.

Donation Drives

Many individuals, businesses, and organizations can make a big impact by hosting a donation drive for the items we use every week. Drives are an excellent way to raise awareness about our mission and get your local community involved in our work. If you would like to host a donation drive on our behalf, we have provided a framework to help your event be as successful as possible.

1. Get in touch with us.

- a. We love to know when people want to support us!
- b. We can provide guidance on the top needs at the time or answer any questions.
- c. We can set up a time to pick up the items, or you can drop them off at the center.
- d. Call or email us at 717-808-2652 or contact@ravenridge.org.

2. When and where do you want to hold your drive?

- a. When do you want to have your drive? Will it be one day or over a few days/weeks?
- b. Where will people bring the items?

3. Set your Intentions

- a. What do you want to collect?
 - i. You can collect all the items we need, or you can focus on collecting specific items.
- b. Do you have a goal for how much you want to collect?

4. Promote it!

- a. We are happy to help with this part by sending you our logo, information about our organization, or even some photos.
- b. You can promote the event on social media, through email, or by word of mouth.

5. Prepare for the day of the event.

- a. Make sure you have a space that can accommodate the donations.
- b. Find some helpers!
- c. What are you going to pack everything in? Bags, cardboard boxes, totes, etc.
 - i. We are not always able to unpack donations right away, so we prefer that these items be stored in something that we do not need to return to you.
- d. Do you have sufficient transportation for the items if we are unable to pick them up?
- e. Take pictures! We love sharing them on our social media pages.

6. Afterwards

- a. Are you going to collect contact information to send them thank yous afterwards?
- b. Thank you to the people who supported you!
 - i. Cards, emails, social media etc.



Volunteer with Us

Why should you volunteer?

Wildlife rehabilitation is a round-the-clock job, 365 days a year. When you volunteer with us, you will be able to become an eyewitness to the daily struggles that local wildlife face, as well as their remarkable resiliency as they recover. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities, so that you are able to find the ones that best fit with your desire to help and the skills you already possess. With each hour of your time you spend at the center, you will know that you are making a difference in the lives of our patients and contributing to the balance of our natural environment.

Due to the elevated risk of the species we work with, all volunteers must be at least 25 years old.



Animal Care Volunteer

Animal Care Volunteers are absolutely essential to the success of our organization. We rely on our team of dedicated volunteers to help with the daily care of each of our patients. Daily tasks include feeding birds of prey, RVS mammals, adult songbirds, and waterfowl in addition to cleaning cages, preparing diets, providing enrichment, grocery shopping, washing dishes, doing laundry, and more. All of these tasks are essential for the health and well-being of our patients and the smooth operation of the center. Caring for our animals requires a large amount of standing, walking, lifting, kneeling, fine motor skills, and other various physical activities. Please consider this before submitting your application. No prior experience working with wildlife or animals is required. All of our volunteers undergo extensive training to ensure the highest level of care and safety.

Animal Care Volunteers are expected to sign up for one, four-hour shift per week. We prefer volunteers to work the same shift each week, but arrangements can be made for varying schedules. Shifts are available every day from 8 am - 12 pm, 12 - 4 pm, and during the summer months, 4 - 8 pm. If you are unable to work your shift due to appointments, vacations, etc., you are expected to contact other volunteers to arrange coverage.

Due to the extensive training process of our volunteers, short-term or one-off animal care volunteer opportunities are not available.



Education and Outreach Volunteers

A significant part of our mission involves educating the public about our work and offering a unique opportunity to observe wildlife up close, thanks to the assistance of our animal ambassadors. We run education programs for groups of all ages across several counties, host our own fundraising events, and attend festivals and other community events. During these events, we require assistance with setting up, sharing our mission with the public in a professional manner, and occasionally leading activities. Shifts for these events typically last 4 hours and vary depending on when the programs are scheduled. You can volunteer for education programs in addition to animal care, or just for programs.

Carpentry and Facilities

Due to the unique needs of wildlife rehabilitation, we often need to custom-build our supplies and enclosures. We are seeking volunteers with carpentry experience to assist with the maintenance and construction of cages, mews, perches, and other essential items necessary for the care and rehabilitation of our patients. Wildlife are typically very rough on their enclosures, and things are in constant need of repair and improvement. Other responsibilities will include some facility maintenance and other projects as assigned. This is less of a regular commitment, but more of an as-needed basis.

Transport

Partnerships and teamwork are essential to our work to ensure that all animals receive the care they deserve. Sometimes this means transferring animals to other rehab centers around Pennsylvania. We need volunteers who can drive animals to other centers, typically 45 minutes to 2 hours away. These needs arise sporadically, so we require volunteers who can pick up animals as needed. The responsibilities of transport volunteers do not include capturing or rescuing animals, as specialized training is required for this task.



Applications and Training

Due to the high volume of animals we care for between April and September, we only accept new volunteer applications in the fall of each year. This ensures we have adequate time to properly train new volunteers, and they feel confident to handle the busy season in the spring.

All prospective volunteers must complete an online application form. Once your application is reviewed, we will reach out to you to schedule an interview. We review applications in the order we receive them and when trainers are available. Please be patient when hearing back from us after submitting your application. Depending on our needs, your application may be saved and pushed to the following year.

Given the elevated risk and unpredictability of working with wildlife, we take our training protocols very seriously to ensure the safety of both the animals and our volunteers. All new volunteers complete four weeks of training with another volunteer. After the initial training period, volunteers will be trained to work with our ambassador animals and the variety of species we work with as they continue to volunteer with us.

Volunteers interested in assisting with education programs, carpentry and facilities, and transport have different onboarding and training protocols, which vary by position.

Background Checks

All new volunteers are required to pass a PA State Police Criminal Background Check and a PA Child Abuse Clearance before volunteering with us.

Rabies Vaccinations

All volunteers who want to work with Rabies Vector Species Mammals (skunks, raccoons, groundhogs, foxes, bats, and coyotes) must receive their Rabies Virus vaccinations and obtain regular titer tests thereafter. These vaccinations can be obtained on your own or through a rabies vaccine clinic. The cost of these vaccines is covered by the volunteers and can vary. You are not required to receive the vaccines, but it will limit the species you are able to work with.



Advocate for Wildlife

At our center, education and advocacy are two of the most important jobs we do. Wildlife cannot speak for themselves, so educating yourself about the issues they face and spreading the word are among the best ways to help them. Oftentimes, many of the reasons our patients end up in rehab are entirely unintentional consequences of human behavior. The more people know how their actions could negatively impact wildlife, the more likely they are to make better choices, and fewer animals will be affected.

We have put together a list of some of the most common issues wildlife face that many people may not be aware of. We have provided some information to get started, in addition to how humans can help.

Wildlife Rehabilitation

At some point in most people's lives, they will encounter a wild animal in need of assistance. Whether that animal is injured, stuck somewhere they shouldn't be, or a baby animal that is alone and in need in help. Most people want to help that animal, but do not know who to contact.

It is illegal for anyone without the proper permits to care for any native animal species. Wildlife rehabilitation centers serve as a resource for humans as well as a safe place where animals can receive the specialized care they require. Many animals can carry a variety of diseases, such as Rabies, Distemper, Parvo, Raccoon Roundworm, as well as fleas, mites, and other parasites. These can affect people, pets, and infest your home.

Wildlife cared for by people without proper training and knowledge can have unintentional, but detrimental effects on those animals' lives. Animals that are cared for by humans can become imprinted, which means they no longer recognize themselves as members of their own species. Imprinted animals are considered non-releasable because they often lack the skills necessary to survive in the wild. These animals are robbed of their chance for a wild life and will need to spend the rest of their lives in captivity. In addition, a person's first instinct when helping any animal is to give it food and water. Many species have specialized diets that are difficult for humans to recreate without specialized knowledge and resources. Animals cared for by the public for prolonged periods often do not get the proper nutrition, which can have detrimental effects on their health in the long run, including Metabolic Bone Disease, stunted growth, or even premature death. This is why it is imperative to get animals to a licensed rehabilitator as soon as possible.

How you can help:

- Talk about wildlife rehabilitation! Let people know that it is an option if they find an animal.
- Familiarize yourself with local rehabs and the species they take. Keep their phone numbers handy or at least know their names so you can look them up when needed.
- Follow and share your local wildlife center's social media posts. This can help spread awareness and educate people about local wildlife related issues.





Bald Eagles & Lead Poisoning

Lead toxicity primarily affects Bald Eagles, Vultures, Hawks, and Owls as well as various waterfowl species. Many of these birds are carnivores, and in addition to hunting, they also scavenge dead animals they see as easy meals. Lead is a soft metal that fragments easily, often spreading through the body of the animal that was shot or gets stuck inside the body of the fish. These birds then ingest the fragments inside the animals that they have hunted or scavenged. Waterfowl ingest the fragments they mistake for pebbles and minerals that they usually eat to aid in their digestive system. The lead leaches into the bloodstream, affecting major body systems, weakening the birds, and eventually causing them to starve to death. Two pieces of lead the size of a grain of rice are enough to kill an adult Bald Eagle in less than a month.

Lead poisoning can be treated with chelation therapy, but it is very expensive and time-consuming to treat. In some cases, the lead levels are too high, and we are unable to help, often being forced to make the difficult decision to humanely euthanize the animal. One round of Chelation Therapy costs our center over \$400, and many birds need 2-3 rounds during their treatment.

How you can help:

- Talk about it! Many people do not even know this is happening.
- Switch to lead-free ammunition and fishing tackle and encourage people in your life to do the same.
 - This means using materials made of copper, steel, tungsten, and bismuth.
 - These items do not fragment as easily as lead.
- Clean up when recreating outside.
 - Fishing - make sure you collect all of your fishing tackle, including line, sinkers, and jigs.
 - Hunting - bury the gut piles of deer when hunting to make sure animals cannot get to them.
- Visit your local gear shop and ask what lead-free options they have available.
 - Request that they stock more lead-free options.
 - Ask if you could hang up posters or put out brochures about lead-free options.

Red Foxes & Mange

Mange is a contagious skin disease caused by mites. There are a few different types of mange, each caused by a different mite species, including Sarcoptic, Demodectic, and Audycaptic. Mange can cause severe hair loss, skin infections, and emaciation, making survival in the wild much more difficult. While some animals recover on their own, most require medical intervention to survive. Mange can spread easily through close physical contact with infected animals and their environment.

In recent years, research has linked the increase in mange cases in Red Foxes to secondary poisoning from anticoagulant rodenticides. The foxes eat small rodents that have ingested rodenticides, but the amount is insufficient to kill them; instead, it greatly weakens their immune system. This allows the mites to take over more easily and cause additional health issues. Raven Ridge has a high success rate treating mange when finders are able to successfully trap the foxes and get them into our care.

How you can help:

- Stop using pesticides and rodenticides and encourage others around you to do the same.
- When you see a fox with mange, temporarily remove feeding stations for birds, wildlife, and outdoor cats to prevent foxes from spreading mange to other animals.
- Please reach out to us or your local wildlife center if you spot an animal with mange. We are not able to provide traps, but we can provide guidance to the public on safely trapping and transporting foxes so they can receive treatment.

Do not treat at home: Each affected animal needs to be treated individually based on body weight and other factors; it's not safe (or legal) to leave medicated food for an animal in an outdoor environment. While it may be tempting to leave medication-laced food for an affected animal, there is often no guarantee that the correct animal will receive the medications. Foxes with mange often have a range of secondary issues that require specialized care and medications.



Small Animals and Glue Traps

Every year, an alarming number of innocent animals fall victim to glue traps or "glue boards." These traps, designed to ensnare flying insects or rodents, also capture unintended victims like birds, snakes, lizards, and small mammals. Larger mammals have even suffered injuries or fur loss when caught on wide glue boards. The animals caught in these traps endure a slow and agonizing death as they struggle against the sticky glue, succumbing to injuries, exhaustion, starvation, or dehydration over a period of hours or days.

How to help:

- Stop using glue traps and switch to live traps, snap traps, or specialized insect traps.
- Do not remove animals from the traps if found as this can cause more damage. Place the animal with the trap inside a box and contact us or your local wildlife rehabilitator right away.



Water Birds and Fishing Gear

A variety of animals come into contact with discarded or damaged fishing gear, including line, sinkers, and hooks. We have treated patients ranging from water birds to owls, eagles, and even bats. Fishing line can entangle animals in trees, cut off circulation to limbs, or even create wounds that could become infected. The added element of water makes the rescue and capture of these animals extremely difficult, prolonging their suffering.



How to help:

- Do not simply cut snagged fishing line; try your best to remove everything outside so it can be discarded properly.
- If you have found an animal entangled in fishing line, please do not attempt to remove the line. It can be more tightly wrapped body parts you cannot see. Capture the animal and leave the line on while you contact a wildlife rehabilitator.



Halloween Decorations

Halloween decorations can be fun and festive, but we must also recognize the significant dangers they pose to wildlife. Decorations like fake webs pose a grave risk to birds, bats, and other small animals, as their delicate fibers can ensnare them. Once trapped, animals are left to struggle, which can lead to devastating injuries, broken bones, restricted blood flow, or even death. Other hanging decorations can also pose similar risks, especially when situated in trees and shrubs where wildlife naturally seek shelter and foraging opportunities.



How to help:

- Be mindful of the outdoor decorations you choose: avoid netting, fake webs, and avoid areas where animals frequent such as trees and bushes.
- Keep decorations indoors to prevent entrapment of wildlife, such as window clings or window displays.
- Check decorations daily for animals that may be trapped and contact a wildlife rehabilitator if found.

Light Pollution

Plants and animals rely on Earth's daily light-dark cycle to regulate essential activities like reproduction, feeding, sleep, migration, and avoiding predators. Scientific research indicates that artificial lighting at night can harm a wide range of species, including amphibians, birds, mammals, insects, and plants.

How you can help:

- Be purposeful with the outdoor lighting you choose.
 - Consider removing lights and using light only where needed, using targeted lighting, switching to motion sensors, and using warm-colored bulbs.
 - Consider switching out your light fixtures for Dark Sky Approved fixtures that are designed to limit unnecessary light pollution while providing light for humans.
- Talk to your local municipalities about limiting the use of lighting in public spaces such as parks, parking lots, and streetlights.





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SWEET MINT TEA \$1.00

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SNACKS \$0.50

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