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An Urgent Message from our Executive Director

Last week, we learned of the sudden closure of Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre. **Now, Wildlife Haven is Manitoba's only remaining wildlife rehabilitation centre.**

The impact has been immediate. Just yesterday, our team responded to 185 wildlife hotline calls and admitted 43 new patients. We currently have more than 270 wild animals in our care, and we expect those numbers to continue rising throughout the summer.

While we are ready to meet this challenge, the sudden increase in demand represents a 35% increase in our hospital operations. To ensure every animal receives the care they need, Wildlife Haven must raise an additional \$150,000 this year.

Below, you'll read the stories of just a few of the many animals depending on us right now. Their future, and the future of thousands of other wild animals across Manitoba, depends on the support of caring people like you.

If you are able, [click here to make a donation today.](#)

Thank you for being part of the Wildlife Haven team. I am deeply grateful for your support during this critical time.

With gratitude,
Zoé Nakata, Executive Director

An Important Reminder About Respecting Wildlife

A Western Painted Turtle was admitted to our care this week after a deeply distressing incident where children threw her in front of a moving vehicle. She arrived with severe fractures to both her upper and lower shell and required urgent veterinary treatment.

Our vet, Dr. Casey, stabilized her shell using an epoxy cast and medical taping to give her the best possible chance at healing. She now faces a long recovery ahead.

We are grateful the driver stopped immediately to help.

Cases like this are hard to see, and they are a reminder of how important it is to educate about respect for wild animals. This summer, our education team will be out in schools and communities across



This Western Painted Turtle is now settled into a recovery tub and resting. Dr. Casey fashioned an epoxy support for her shell to help stabilize the fractures as she heals.

Manitoba sharing simple, practical lessons about local wildlife and how to interact with them respectfully.

Our Waterfowl Centre is Overflowing with Orphaned Baby Birds

We currently have **90 baby waterfowl patients in care**, including Mallards, Wood Ducks, Mergansers, and Canada Goose goslings. Most arrived after being orphaned this spring and are now depending on us for daily care as they are without their parents.

While goslings can often be fostered into new goose families, ducklings are much more difficult to reunite. Duck parents are typically too wary and quick for us to safely approach to introduce orphaned ducklings, so most must be raised in care until they are old enough for release.

Caring for this many young birds is a full-day, seven-days-a-week job. From early morning until late evening, our team is cleaning enclosures, preparing food and moving birds into different spaces as they grow bigger. We are busy collecting duckweed and fresh grasses to help meet their needs.



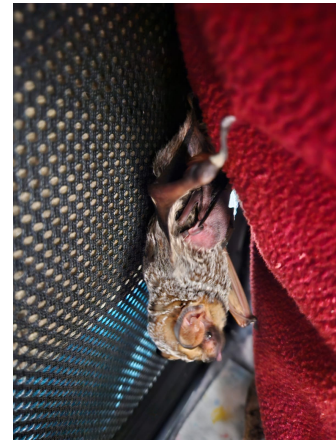
A group of baby Mallards inside our Richardson Waterfowl Centre, part of the 90 orphaned waterfowl currently in our care.

Unexpected Guests in the Animal Hospital

Last week, a Hoary Bat was found grounded in downtown Winnipeg following a thunderstorm. While our team could not perform an immediate rescue, one of our members went downtown the following evening to search for the bat. She found her lying on her back in the rain, rescued her, and brought her to the Wildlife Haven Animal Hospital for an assessment. The bat was noticeably heavier than normal for her species.

Our team placed her in the Bat Room to rest and recover, with the plan to reassess her and, if all went well, release her back into the wild this week. However, when a team member went in to check on her two nights ago, she heard tiny noises. After a closer inspection, she noticed the Hoary Bat had given birth to two healthy babies!

The two pups are currently hanging upside down, latched onto their mother with their milk teeth. Our



A Hoary Bat mother with her babies hanging from her underside. It's hard to get close enough for a better photo, as we want to give this new mom plenty of space and avoid disturbing her and her pups.

team is now giving the new mom as much quiet space as possible to prevent stress and allow her to nurse and raise her babies in peace.

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Bid in our Summer Fun for Wildlife Online Auction

This Tuesday, June 16, our Summer Fun for Wildlife Online Auction kicks off!

With more than 60 amazing prizes up for grabs, there's something for everyone. Every bid helps provide food, medical care, and rehabilitation for the sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife receiving care at Wildlife Haven.

[Click here to view the incredible items and experiences you'll be able to bid on.](#) Win something amazing while helping give wildlife a second chance!

[View the auction](#)



Join Us! Cypher Environmental Golf Tournament

The 7th Annual Cypher Environmental Charity Golf Tournament is back this September, and we want you on the course with us!

Join industry leaders and fellow wildlife supporters at the Glendale Golf & Country Club for a fantastic day on the green dedicated to supporting wildlife rescue



In Manitoba.

Save the Date: September 15, 2026

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