

# WHO WE ARE



Since 1993, Alberta Institute for Wildlife Conservation (AIWC) has been a champion for injured and orphaned wildlife through rescue, rehabilitation and release. Since our founding, we have admitted more than 36,000 animals into care. AIWC offers engaging public education programs to inform all ages of the importance of wildlife to our ecosystem and way of life

As a trusted Canadian-registered charity, we are permitted by federal and provincial governments to care for wildlife in need. In addition, we are an accredited veterinary hospital through the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, which allows us to provide high standards of care to our wildlife patients. We are funded entirely by donations.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## COMMON ANIMALS YOU MAY COME ACROSS

**Black-billed magpies** - a small to medium sized bird, primarily black and white with blue-green iridescent color on their wings and tail. Very vocal and very common around Calgary.

**Coyotes** - they are common to see in Calgary neighborhoods and parks. Coyotes are opportunistic feeders so it is important to remove attractants (like pet food) and not let small dogs, cats, or children outside unsupervised to avoid attracting them.

**Deer** - frequently seen in fields and forests around Calgary, some have become so used to humans that they may not run away as you approach. It is important to give them space.

**Skunks** - they can sometimes be found living under the porches of homes in Calgary. Give them space and they will not spray. If you suspect one might be trying to make its home under your deck or shed, it is best to act quickly, blocking off the area before they have their babies in spring.

**Canada Geese** - often seen in parks along water bodies in and around Calgary. They are very protective of their young and as with all wildlife...

## Give them space!



# FOUND AN ANIMAL?

# Wildlife Hotline

403-946-2361

Prior to rescuing potentially injured or orphaned wildlife, please ensure that the animal is truly in need. Call our wildlife hotline with your wildlife questions and concerns.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have or arrange a drop off, pick up, or rescue of an animal in need!

## IF YOU HAVE CONTAINED AN INJURED OR ORPAHED ANIMAL

- Sometimes an animal will appear stoic or close their eyes when being handled — this is a sign of extreme stress.
- It is best to keep the animal contained in a breathable box, with a liner on the bottom, and in a warm, quiet location.
- Do not leave food with the animal as it may not be species appropriate and they tend to sit in it, rather than eat it.

## COMMON CONCERNS

- Birds have several stages of development. Once they are hatched they are nestlings, and will stay in the nest full-time until they are developed enough to start to leave the nest. This stage is when birds become fledglings. Most species are unable to fly at first as they venture out from the nest but with their parent's supervision, they will start to learn. It is common for fledglings to be mistaken as injured, adult birds.
- Canadian Geese are common waterfowl all across Canada. During nesting season they can become aggressive and you'll want to give them space! Male geese will stand or sit in peculiar places, guarding their nest (even if it is not in sight).
- Baby hares are normal to see in Calgary neighborhoods. They are born with no scent to decrease their chance of being predated on, and their mother will leave them alone throughout the day. They are able to move around on their own and their mother will find them when it is feeding time. Unless a baby hare is obviously injured, leave them where they are!
- Deer fawns are also left alone during the day. In the first few days, before they can fully walk, mom will leave them for the day to graze. Only if the fawn is obviously injured or the mother has not be sighted for 24+hours and the fawn is crying, do they need rescuing.

## Wildlife are not pets!

Please call us with your questions or concerns  
so wildlife get the best care from a permitted  
facility

