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City Wildlife's mission is to assist wildlife in the District of Columbia and surrounding areas through rehabilitation, education, and outreach.



City Wildlife Annual Report 2018

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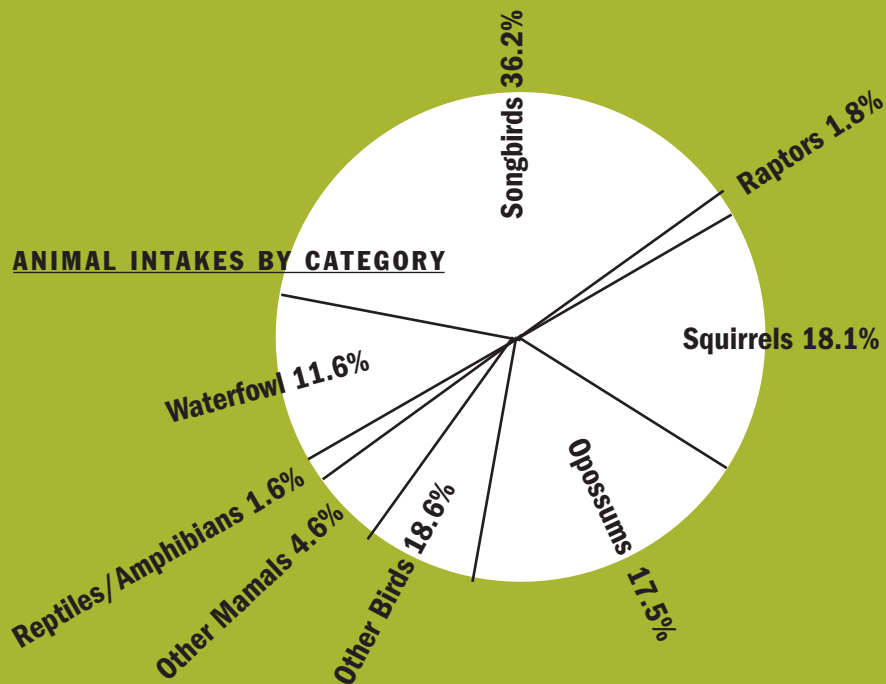
The goals of City Wildlife are to rescue sick, orphaned, and injured wild animals and return them to the wild; to promote the enjoyment of and harmonious co-existence with native wildlife; and to protect the District of Columbia's wild places for animal habitats. In this report, we highlight strides made in achieving these goals through five distinct City Wildlife efforts: the Rehabilitation Center, *Lights Out DC*, *Duck Watch*, public education, and community outreach.

While we spend a significant amount of our time and resources on rehabilitating animals, we also play a critical role as a voice for wildlife in the city. We maintain a focus on the effects of the city's ever-increasing built environment on wild animals. We advocate for bird-safe buildings, easily accessible and healthy water sources for ducklings, minimal pet interference with wildlife, and habitat preservation. Working with members of the public, District officials, other nonprofits, and federal entities, City Wildlife ensures that humane treatment and preservation of wildlife are always considerations.

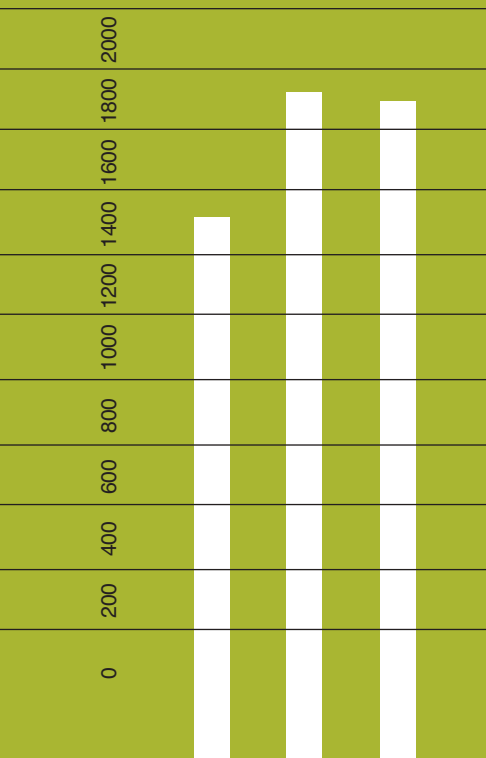
As our programs and successes increase, so do our challenges in funding our expanding operations. To keep our Center doors open and to continue the other City Wildlife programs that preserve our city's wildlife legacy for the future, we need the support of the community. In fact, we need to raise nearly \$800 every day of the year. We hope you will become a contributing partner in our efforts to help the District of Columbia's wild animals.

Anne Lewis

Anne M. Lewis, President



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Saving the ill, injured or orphaned

Cars and trucks, at-large pets, chainsaws, lawn mowers, poisons, reflective windows —every day wild animals in the District of Columbia face numerous life-threatening perils. And every day new victims arrive at our Rehabilitation Center on Oglethorpe Street, NW, Washington, DC's first-ever veterinary clinic exclusively for wildlife, City Wildlife now admits about 1,800 animals a year. Almost all of them are found by members of the public, who want to help the animals but do not know how.

At City Wildlife, the animals' treatment is overseen by a staff veterinarian specializing in the care of wildlife. She works in a modern surgical suite equipped with digital radiograph, anesthesia apparatus, and a comprehensive veterinary pharmacy. As they recover or mature, the animals are cared for by three highly trained staff animal technicians and scores of dedicated volunteers. In each case, the goal is to return a healthy animal capable of surviving on its own to the wild.

While many of our patients must be treated at the center, we do our best to

help babies stay with their families in the wild. When we get a call about an apparently orphaned or stranded baby, we work with the caller to try to reunite the family, and we are successful in about half the cases.

City Wildlife works with almost all native species of wildlife. (We are not currently equipped to handle rabies vector species or deer.)

Many of our patients are animals listed as Species of Greatest Conservation Need in the District's Wildlife Action Plan. In FY2018 we helped 277 such animals, representing 17 species of birds, six species of reptiles and amphibians, and four species of mammals.



Lights Out DC: Protecting Vulnerable Migrant Birds

Populations of most of North America's migratory songbirds are in decline, and collisions with windows, especially during migration, is one of the most significant causes of these losses. Since 2010, City Wildlife volunteers have monitored downtown buildings each spring and fall to collect dead and injured migratory birds that have collided with glass. Injured birds are taken to City Wildlife's Rehabilitation Center and dead birds are donated to scientific institutions.

This is heartbreaking work, but the data collected—along with help from District officials—have been instrumental in persuading building owners to turn off their lights at night and to take other measures to reduce these tragic collisions.

Several of the most problematic buildings in the District of Columbia are now dimming their lights in response to our requests. These measures are saving energy, as well as birds' lives: by turning off lights, building owners can reduce their lighting costs by 15 to 30 percent.

City Wildlife is grateful to the District Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) for their help promoting bird-safe buildings. After reviewing our data, DOEE has added two credits for bird safety that developers can achieve through the city's Green Construction Code.

In 2018, 26 Lights Out DC volunteers monitored two four-mile routes around Union Station and Chinatown and documented 406 bird strikes, bringing the total number of strikes found since 2010 to 2,565.





Duck Watch: Making the City Safe for Families of Ducks

Each spring and summer, Mallards lay eggs in courtyards, parks, tree boxes, and rooftops across Washington, DC. When the eggs hatch, the ducklings are sometimes stranded, unable to reach a source of food or water because of distance, height from the ground, city traffic, or barriers like curbs or sewer grates. City Wildlife's *Duck Watch* volunteers monitor, protect, and assist nesting ducks and ducklings throughout the city. Now a nationally known program, *Duck Watch* has developed

methods to capture trapped duck families and help them get to suitable bodies of water.

Because of its large expanse of calm water and relative freedom from predators, scores of Mallards descend on the Capitol Reflecting Pool each spring. The ducks, and especially their ducklings, are popular with the millions of tourists who visit the Capitol grounds each year, but the pool's high curb prevents ducklings from getting out of the water so that they do not drown.

Duck Watch volunteers monitor the pool daily and help any ducks in trouble. Based on their experience and the data they collected, *Duck Watch* and the Architect of the Capitol successfully collaborated to install two sturdy duck ramps in the reflecting pool in 2017.

Working with the public, officials, and building managers and designers, *Duck Watch* volunteers implement solutions based on ducks' natural behavior. Ultimately, the program is building a connected and educated community of duck-friendly urbanites.





Community Engagement

At City Wildlife, we strive to engage the community in our mission. This work takes many forms, including daily interactions with people over the telephone and through email, training volunteers, and highlighting the importance of urban wildlife at community events around the city.

Throughout the year, we receive about 2,000 calls and emails from people concerned about animals or experiencing difficulties with wild animals in their homes or yards. Our goal is always to help animals in distress and to solve human/wildlife conflicts humanely. These encounters provide excellent “teachable moments” to share information on animal behavior, as well discuss the benefits of having wild animals as neighbors. When such conflicts are resolved humanely, it is a win-win situation for both people and animals.



In FY2018, we held 25 events at our Center to provide information and skills training to volunteers and other individuals. In addition, we participated in 32 off-site public events, where we spoke with more than 1,250 people. About 300 people attended our annual open house in February 2018 to get a first-hand look at wildlife rehabilitation and learn about City Wildlife’s other vital programs.

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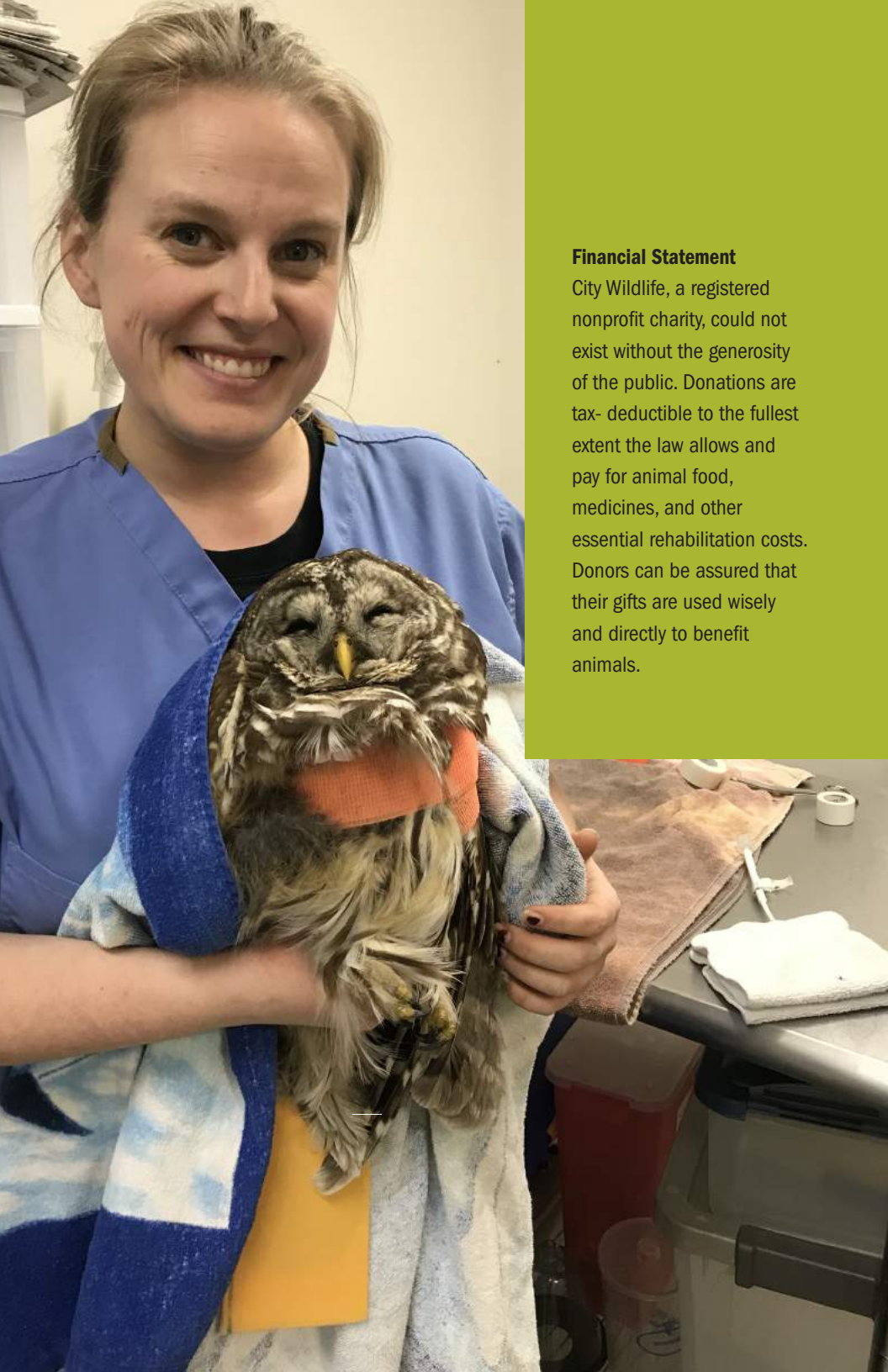
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As of Sept. 30, 2018





Financial Statement

City Wildlife, a registered nonprofit charity, could not exist without the generosity of the public. Donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent the law allows and pay for animal food, medicines, and other essential rehabilitation costs. Donors can be assured that their gifts are used wisely and directly to benefit animals.



Statement of Financial Position

(FY2018)

Assets

Current assets	162,913
Net fixed assets (leasehold improvements and equipment minus depreciation and amortization)	15,255
Other assets	1,683
Total assets	179,851

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities	8,450
Net assets (unrestricted)	170,528
Total liabilities (temporarily restricted)	873
Total liabilities and net assets	179,851

Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets

(FY2018)

Support and Revenue

Contributions	251,914
Government grants	200,000
Contributed services and materials	17,128
Interest and other revenue	3,040
Total support and revenue	472,082

Expenses

Program services (Rehabilitation Center)	344,130
Management and general	56,821
Fundraising	24,346
Total expenses	425,297

Change in net assets	46,785
Net assets at beginning of year	124,616
Net assets at end of year	171,401