

Presentation to EAC: Injured Animals and Wildlife Rehabilitation

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Mississauga Animal Services

- Mississauga Animal Services helps with emergency animal rescue and investigates complaints related to animal care, dog bites or by-laws



Animal Emergency Response

- Mississauga Animal Services responds to animal emergencies 24/7 365 days a year
- Call 905-896-5858 and choose option one immediately if you come across an animal that is:
 - Visibly sick or injured
 - Suffering or in immediate distress
 - Running in traffic or in danger
 - Locked in a hot vehicle
 - Wild and bites a pet or person
 - Acting aggressively to people or pets



Wildlife Service Requests

- In 2021, Animal Services responded to **4,208** injured/sick/abandoned wildlife service requests
- This was an increase of 45.5% from 2020



Wildlife Rehabilitation

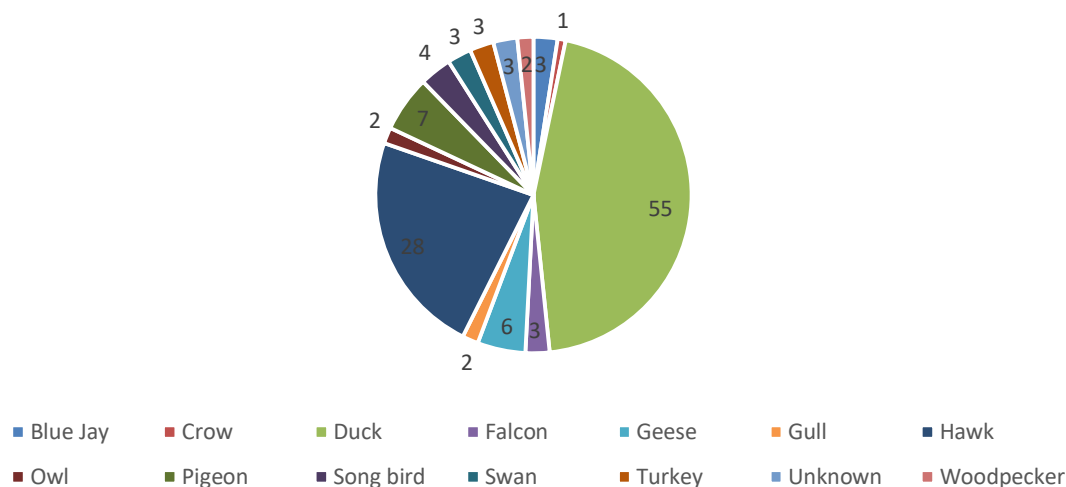
- Since Animal Services is not a wildlife rehabilitation facility, under provincial legislation animals cannot be held for more than 24 hours at a Mississauga Animal Services facility
- All potential rehab candidates are transferred to external Ministry of Natural Resources (M.N.R.) approved rehab facilities if and when appropriate treatment is available
- Animal Services frequently partners with Toronto Wildlife Centre, Urban Wildlife Care, The Owl Foundation, Hobbitsee Rescue and Shades of Hope



Bird Rehabilitation

- In 2021, 122 birds were transferred to five wildlife rehabilitation facilities, with over half (63) going to the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Birds Transferred to Rehab Facilities in 2021



Bird Rehabilitation

- Abandoned babies are frequently referred to rehabilitation facilities
- Other common reasons for rehabilitation are being unable to fly, broken wings, and/or being hit by a car or hitting a window and being unable to fly



What to do if you come across an injured bird

- If the bird is visibly injured: Contact Toronto Wildlife Centre or another licensed rehabilitator immediately. If the bird is severely injured, call Animal Services as they will provide a quicker response
- If the bird has hit a window and is stunned: Approach quietly, if it does not fly away, gently place it in a dark small box with a lid and breathing holes. Keep it in a dark and quiet place. After 1-2 hours go outside and open box. If it does not fly, call Animal Services



Injured birds Continued

- If the bird is a swan, heron, egret or crane and cannot fly: Do not approach. Call Animal Services and use extreme caution as they can seriously injure a human
- If the bird is an raptor, hawk, owl or turkey vulture and cannot fly or has hit a window: Call Animal Services for assessment, as it may be sick, injured or in distress



Resources

- **Wildlife in Mississauga: Education and tips for co-existing with wildlife**
 - <https://www.mississauga.ca/services-and-programs/animals-and-pets/wildlife-in-mississauga/>

For Assistance:

- **Mississauga Animal Services:** 905-896-5858
- **Toronto Wildlife Centre Emergency Rescue Hotline:**
 - <https://www.torontowildlifecentre.com/wildlife-emergency-rescue-hotline/> OR 416-631-0662
 - *Open days a week including holidays 9am to 6pm; will respond to inquires from the Greater Toronto Area but will not pick up animals*
- **Public List of Authorized Wildlife Rehabilitators: Additional Rehab Facilities**
 - <https://learningcompass.learnflex.net/Upload/Public/WildlifeRehabilitatorsPublicList.htm>



Thank you