



## Return2Wild Statement of Purpose

### Our Philosophy .... on baby animals

**Return2Wild exists to give orphaned wildlife a second chance, not impact their best chance.**

*the truth is, when it comes to babies,  
no matter how good our intentions or interventions,  
nothing replaces Mom!*

**Our 1st Priority: reuniting a 'suspected' orphaned baby with mom 🥰**

**Our #1 goal is to educate our community on:**

- when a baby animal needs assistance vs. when they are really 'OK'.
- when and how to effectively reunite a baby animal with its mom.
- when and how to safely rescue a true orphan that needs to be brought to a wildlife rehabilitator.

### Our Philosophy .... on ill or injured wildlife

**Return2Wild exists to give ill and injured wildlife a second chance to live as nature intended.**

*sadly, many illnesses and injuries  
are the result of human activity,  
albeit mostly unintentional.*

**Our Top Priorities: provide humane care for best possible outcome and create public awareness for prevention 🥰**

**Human-related illness & injury seen in wildlife:**

- unintended victims of rodenticide poisoning (the fox eats the mouse that ate the rat poison)
- lead poisoning (the eagle eats the fish that swallowed the lead gunshot pellets)
- window strikes; attacks by domestic animals; hit by car; habitat destruction

**Our #1 goal is to educate our community on:**

- how to identify when or if an injured or ill animal needs human help.
- when, who, and how to legally and safely, capture an animal in need of help, and bring to a wildlife rehabilitator.
- how to mitigate the negative impacts of human activity on wildlife and their habitat.
- why living peacefully and joyfully with our local wildlife is a benefit to humans and the ecosystem.
- debunking myths and understanding the value of the most misunderstood wildlife in our communities.

### Our Belief .... on wildlife and the people with whom they live

**At Return2Wild, we believe:**

- wild animals should remain wild.
- human health and public safety come first - always.
- nature does a good job balancing itself, even when it appears unkind.
- wildlife is best served when humans know when, *and when not*, to intervene.
- educating the community is essential for stewardship of wildlife and preserving native habitat.
  
- human knowledge, kindness, and compassion are essential when nature is-in-need of a helping hand.
- most people really care, have the best of intentions, and want to do the right thing ❤️
- when animals come to us, they receive expert care, compassion, comfort, and our commitment, to their best possible outcome ... that is, to **Return2Wild!**