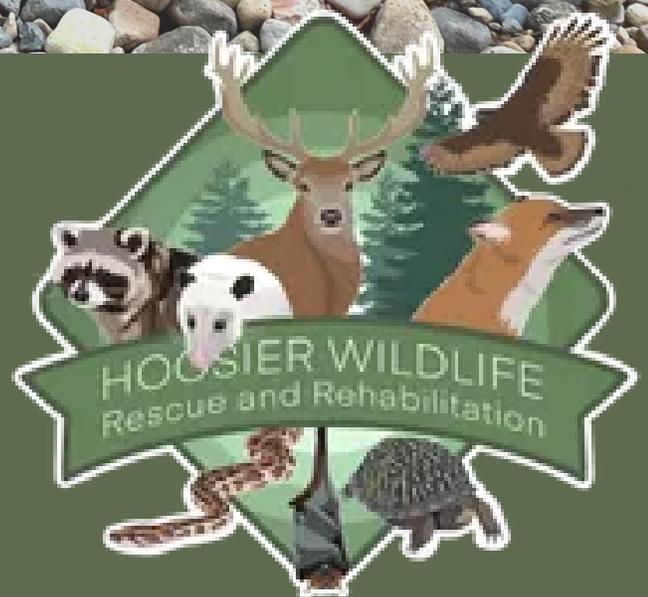
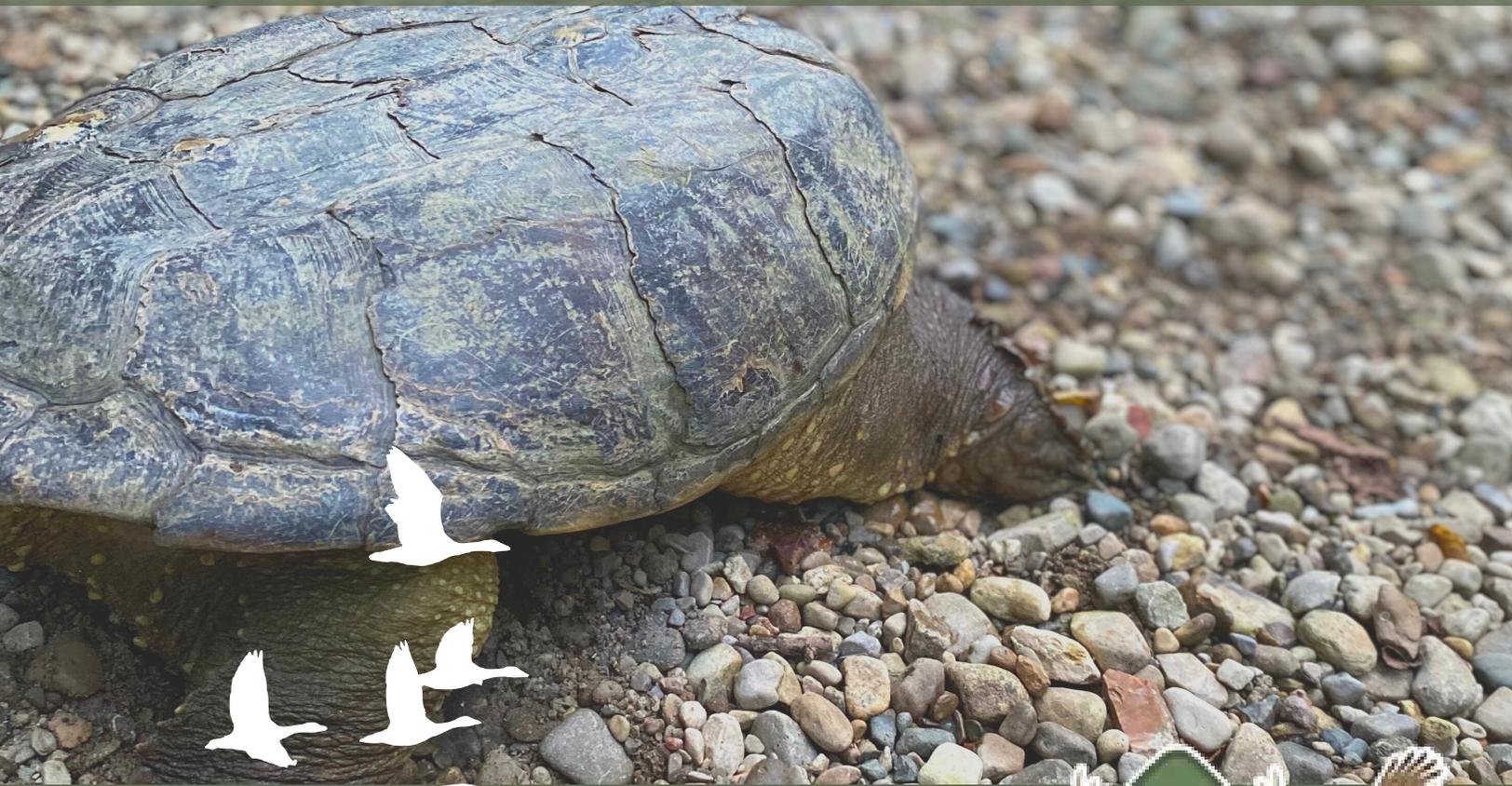


HOOSIER WILDLIFE

RESCUE AND REHABILITATION

2022 Impact Report



Written By

Hoosier Wildlife Rescue
Board of Directors

ABOUT US

Hoosier Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation is a state-licensed wildlife rehabilitation center that takes in injured, orphaned, and sick native Indiana wildlife and rehabilitates them for release. Hoosier Wildlife also aims to promote healthy human-to-wildlife relationships through community events, involvement, education programs, and volunteer opportunities.



A Message From the Founder

Hoosier Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation started in 2020 with the efforts of the community it serves. While working at a wildlife center in Bloomington, we would often get calls from my hometown, Fishers, because there was no other place to take animals. At the time, I was planning on moving back to Hamilton County in less than a year to be closer to loved ones.

The support from the community was overwhelming, and so we formed our board. We then began with the nonprofit process and the building of our current facilities.

In 2022, Hoosier Wildlife Rescue took in more animals than we anticipated and had overwhelming support from our neighbors, friends, and loved ones. We took in animals from over ten counties and added release sites in each one!

We could not do this without the support we have received. Each animal that we take in requires heart, courage, knowledge, and resources, and you have spurred us on to continue our work. We are excited for what 2023 has in store!

Written by Founder and Director, Rebecca Hamon





Indy Parks Education Event

EDUCATION EVENTS

Hoosier Wildlife's education events are put on to help teach the community about wildlife in their area and to share what Hoosier Wildlife does.

OUR IMPACT

- Hoosier Wildlife conducted over 20 education events between Indianapolis and Hamilton County in 2022.
- Education events have taken place in parks, schools, and so much more.
- We have reached over 2,000 Hoosiers through our education programs.



15 ENTITY PARTNERSHIPS ADDED

In 2022 Hoosier Wildlife added over 15 Entity Partnerships, including but not limited to: Noblesville Parks Departments, Noblesville Police Department, Fishers Police Department, Noblesville Public Schools, Cabela's, Hamilton County Parks, and many more.



ANIMAL CARE

Hoosier Wildlife provides animal management and cares for over ten counties in Indiana, focusing primarily on our home county, Hamilton County, and neighbors like Marion County.



Taking in the Tough Cases

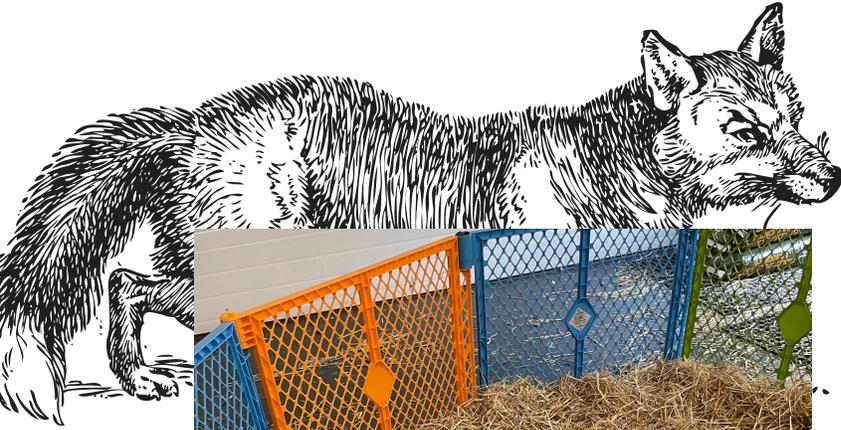
We would love to say in our annual report that we have had 100% success with all of our patients. But unfortunately, that hasn't been true.

Distemper is a virus that affects dogs, raccoons, squirrels, and many more species. Hoosier Wildlife has had over 20 adult raccoons come in during 2022 that were positive for distemper on intakes. It is a disease with a vaccine, and it is important that

you keep pets up-to-date to protect them and the environment. Distemper is typically included in your pet's yearly vaccine. Distemper can be treatable in dogs but is fatal in raccoons and other wildlife.

This year we also saw an incredible amount of squirrels suffering from **Bordetella**. Bordetella, often known as kennel cough, is also a disease that dogs are vaccinated against in their yearly vaccines. While it is treatable in dogs, it is fatal in squirrels. Please protect your pets and wildlife in 2023!





OUR WORK

In 2022, we doubled our volunteer numbers and trained some of the best fosters we've seen. We've worked with many entities, veterinarians, and state-wide rehabilitators to make sure our patients get the best care. Through the countless cans of formula and numerous packs of paper towels, we took in a record number of patients. And for these patients, we added over 300 acres of release sites across Indiana.

Crunching the Numbers!



Orphaned Wildlife

In 2022, 90% of patients admitted were orphaned wildlife. For our raccoons, the majority were orphaned due to the parent being trapped and removed. For the majority of opossums, the mother was deceased.

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Different Species

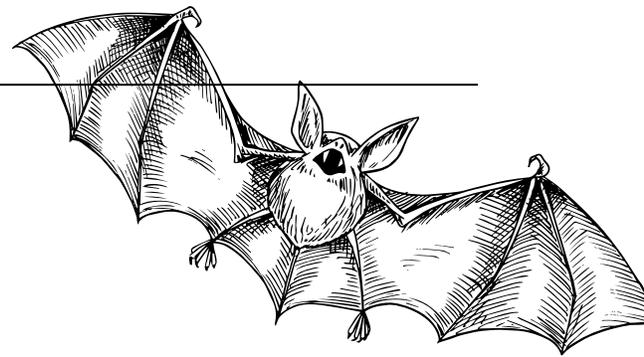
Hoosier Wildlife Rescue took in over 20 species. This included but wasn't limited to: Eastern red bats, mink, white tailed deer, red foxes, gray squirrels, opossums, snapping turtles, garter snakes, and many more.

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Animals taken in

In 2022 Hoosier Wildlife took in 805 animals with over 50% success rate of release, including animals with fatal diseases or injuries. Of our orphaned opossums and raccoons, success rates of released neared 90%.

Hoosier Wildlife did not rehabilitate any birds in 2022 but plans to do so in 2023.



FUNDRAISING IN 2022

In 2022 we had the overwhelming support of family, friends, neighbors, community members, local businesses, and so much more.

We receive no state or government funding and rely entirely on donations and grants. In 2022 we held multiple fundraisers and free community activities year-round.

We also doubled our volunteer numbers and therefore the volunteer hours. Hoosier Wildlife does not have any paid staff. Donations go almost entirely to animal care with a small section being used for administrative duties.

We are so thankful as well for our veterinary partners in 2022, who have allowed us to get affordable veterinary care for all of our patients.

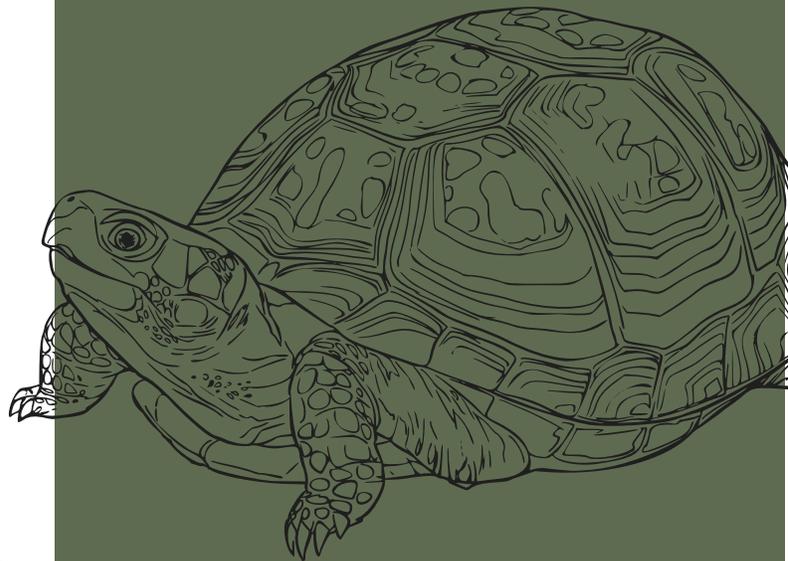


Over 20,000

Volunteer hours
donated

80%

Of donations gifted
from individuals





We aim to continue to get better in 2023. We want to help more animals, learn more, and grow as rehabilitators.

In 2023 we want to learn to better handle even the worst cases. We aim to work with our rehabilitation and veterinary partners to learn new ways we can help wildlife in our area. In 2022, we partnered with Noblesville and Fishers first responders to help wildlife. In 2023, we hope to create connections with other Hamilton county first responders and animal control agencies in surrounding counties.

We are only as strong as the community we are surrounded by. In 2023 we hope to make new and exciting connections with nearby families. We also hope to educate by doubling our events.

We are so excited to see what 2023 has in store for us. We hope to make sure that all wildlife in need get the care they deserve.

OUR GOAL FOR 2023

In 2022 we focused a lot on growth. We were the only wildlife center open for animals for quite a while. We were concerned about how many animals we could take in, versus the need that is out there. We took in as many as we could, and the numbers were overwhelming. With a great volunteer squad under our feet, we were able to help so many animals and release them back into their natural habitat.

Follow our 2023 journey on our website, through fundraisers, and social media.

