

2023 Rehabilitation Information Packet

Information to Take

- Name
- Phone Number
- Location
- What happened ?

Answers to Common Questions:

Unwanted Pets

Q: I am unable to keep my pet (turtle, rabbit, snake.) Do you want it for your collection ?

A: HHNM does not take unwanted pets, no matter the species.. (Provide phone numbers located under the "Pet Placement" section of the list. Suggest they contact a local shelter.)

Injured/Orphaned Animals

Q: There is a baby bird on the ground. What should I do ?

A: If it is featherless and you can find the nest, return it to the nest and leave it alone. Do not continue to check on the bird.

If it has feathers, leave it alone. Fledgling birds live on the ground for a period as they are learning to fly. Parent birds will feed it on the ground. Every baby bird ever has gone through this phase.

Q: There is a fawn in my yard. What should I do?

A: Leave the fawn where it is. Do not move, hold, or pet the fawn. The fawn will not move away when approached, but that is not permission to touch it. This is part of its defense. Keep pets and children away. Mother deer leave their babies in a safe,

camouflaged space while they graze during the day. Mother will come back to feed and move the baby. Note what time you see the baby; if you can see the fawn from a distance and it isn't moved in 48 hours, call a rehabilitator.

Q: I found a nest of baby rabbits.

A: Do not touch baby rabbits. If you have moved them, return them to the same position. Keep kids and pets away, and do not mow over the area. Do not continue to check on them, as the mother will return to the nest up to 3 times every 24 hours, and your presence may keep her away (most adults will check on the young at night, so it is unlikely that you will see check-ins.) While it is a mild inconvenience, baby cottontails do not typically survive with rehabilitators due to a specialized diet only mothers can provide. They will be fully grown and gone in 2-4 weeks.

Q: Can I bring this animal to you/Will you take this animal ?

A: HHNM does not do rehabilitation. We don't have the space, staff, funding, or permits required for rehabilitation.

Q: Will someone come and get this animal ?

A: HHNM does not send staff to pick up animals from homes or from the road. You may need to catch an animal to bring to a rehabilitator. We advise calling the Friends of the Feathered and Furry Wildlife Hotline for assistance or advice on how to handle certain animals.

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Q: How do I catch it ?

A: If you feel capable of capturing the animal without endangering yourself or the animal, you may attempt to do so at your own risk. Once captured, you must take the animal to a rehabilitator; you are not allowed to keep it. If the animal is well enough that it runs away from you, do not chase. What they need most is rest.

Q: What do I do with an animal once I've captured it ?

A: Put the animal in a box in a warm, dry, quiet place away from children and pets until you can get it to a rehabilitator. Ensure that the box has ventilation, and do not continue to check on the animal as that will cause extra stress. Most importantly, do not attempt to feed, give water, or administer medications to the animal.

Q: Can I take this animal to a veterinary hospital ?

A: We do not suggest taking the animal to a vet without contacting them first. Most vets are not trained specifically for wildlife rehabilitation. Please contact a rehabilitator first to see what they recommend.

Rehabilitators do not receive any assistance from the state for their work. All of their funding is out-of-pocket or donation-based.

Suggest that the patron contribute to the rehabilitator. They can make a monetary donation or they can ask the rehabilitator if there are any products (paper towels, soap, old t-shirts, formula, etc.) they need when the animal is dropped off.

County	Town	Rehabilitator	Contact Info
Rabies Vector Species (RVS- bats, raccoon, skunk)			
DUTCHESS	Hyde Park	Valerie Nassetta	(845) 229-5626
Small Mammals (non RVS- squirrel, chipmunk, rabbit, groundhog, opossum, etc.)			
ORANGE	Campbell Hall	Mark Sarantapoulas	(845) 544-4460
	Middletown	Melanie DiRaimondo	(845) 421-8611
	Monroe	Stephanie Berra	(845) 774-0769
	Monroe	Ryan Costa	(914) 755-2289
	Montgomery	Susan Jackson	(845) 837-9991
	Montgomery	Cassandra and Wendy Stokes	(845) 820-7243
	New Windsor	Mairead Bromm	(845) 220-6587
	Newburgh	Jaffee Kindred	(407) 864-9884
	Newburgh	Ann Najork	(845) 568-7520
	Otisville	James and Susan Kowalczyk	(845) 386-2976
	Pine Bush	Lauren Maresca	(914) 850-1024
	Pine Bush	Erica Gonzalez	(845) 800-2418
	Sparrow Bush	James Maidhof	(516) 965-4367
	Unionville	Peggy Stilwell	(845) 726-3233
	Walden	Patricia Henighan	(845) 764-0763
	Walkkill	Kim Cassidy	(917) 628-8177
	Warwick	Terra Meierdierck	(908) 456-5399
	Warwick	Annalise and Karen Reed	(845) 800-8841
	Westtown	Jade Munday	(718) 614-1852
Large Mammals (deer, bear, coyote, etc)			
ORANGE	Sparrow Bush	Laura Jaworski	laurajaworskidvm@gmail.com
ULSTER	Stone Ridge	Sarah Hornbeck	(845) 514-0508
Amphibians/Reptiles (snakes, frogs, toads, salamanders, lizards, etc.)			
ORANGE	Pine Bush	Erica Gonzalez	(845) 800-2418
	Sparrow Bush	Laura Jaworski	laurajaworskidvm@gmail.com
	Walden	Patricia Henighan	(845) 764-0763
ULSTER	Andes	Genevieve Salerno	(860) 384-3118
	New Paltz	Christopher Werni	(646) 249-2355
DUTCHESS	Beacon	Robert Pedian	(516) 965-7762
	Millbrook	Julia Herman	(845) 677-3704
	Pleasant Valley	Maribel Pregnall	(845) 453-7423
	Staatsburg	Alissa Drozenski	(845) 229-7117
PUTNAM	Carmel	Emma Link	(845) 519-8759
	Putnam Valley	Candace Powe	(845) 528-9564
Raptors (hawks, owls, falcons, osprey, etc.)			
ULSTER	Milton	Peter Ruotolo	(845) 795-2762
	Rosendale	Annie Mardiney	(845) 943-8098

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	Saugerties	Ellen Kalish	(845) 901-0633
DUTCHESS	Millbrook	Julia Herman	(845) 677-3704
Songbirds (dove, cardinal, robin, warbler, etc.)			
ULSTER	Rosendale	Annie Mardiney	(845) 943-8098
	Saugerties	Ellen Kalish	(845) 901-0633
	Ulster Park	Kathleen Foley	(845) 430-5701
Game Birds (turkey, grouse, etc.)			
ORANGE	Unionville	Peggy Stilwell	(845) 726-3233
DUTCHESS	Millbrook	Julia Herman	(845) 677-3704
ULSTER	Rosendale	Annie Mardiney	(845) 943-8098
	Saugerties	Ellen Kalish	(845) 901-0633
PUTNAM	Carmel	Maggie Ciarcia	(845) 669-4687
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, swans, etc.)			
ULSTER	Rosendale	Annie Mardiney	(845) 943-8098
	Saugerties	Ellen Kalish	(845) 901-0633
Honeybee Swarms (not wasps or hornets)			
	Middletown	Orange County Beekeepers	
	Kingston	Hudson Valley Bee Supply	(845) 336-6233
Pet Placement			
ORANGE	Goshen	Northern Bear Pet Supply	(845) 651-7797
	New Windsor	Hudson Valley SPCA	(845) 564-6810
		Turtle placement	turtlerescue.org
General Rehabilitation Assistance			
	Friends of the Feathered and Furry		(518) 965-1864