



Keeping Wildlife Wild
ANNUAL REPORT
2025



Director's Letter

Dear Friends,

2025 was another record-breaking year with 7,644 patients coming through our doors! We are very proud of our team for working through the challenging times in a positive way. Our work is not always easy but we are still happy to save and release those that we can. We are planning for the future and have taken some steps to help with growth.

- Many Brevard County mayors, as well as other state and community leaders have toured our facility to see first-hand how critical our mission is to Florida.
- When our Outreach and Volunteer Manager left the area, we realized that position was better suited for two people. We now have:
 - An Outreach Coordinator
 - A Volunteer Coordinator
- We have cross-trained staff to better handle the increased demands of the varying seasons of wildlife care.
- Our mostly volunteer rescue team is in full swing, responding to the public's pleas for assistance. We can't respond every time but we certainly try our best.
- Our successful Giving Tuesday appeal raised nearly over \$50,000! These donations helped cover the increased costs due to the influx of patients in 2025.
- Two American Kestrel Ambassadors (Apollo and Gemini) joined our Education and Outreach team.
- To support our growing staff, we transformed part of the building in front of the hospital into a conference room and office space.

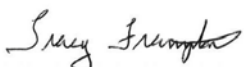
We had several challenges in 2025:


- Our 2024 Giving Tuesday Maintenance Workshop project was delayed due to zoning and permitting issues but we hope to start construction soon in 2026.
- We received many brown pelicans with very suspicious and similar wing fractures. After partnering with other wildlife professionals, it was determined these were not natural occurrences. It was likely a person harming them. Sadly, their injuries were so severe, most could not be saved.
- Avian Flu continues to be a concern and we continually take steps to monitor, report and curb the spread at the hospital.

We are excited for the future and have plans for growth in 2026:

- Our grant writer will continue to pursue potential new benefactors. In 2025 we received several new grants and some applications are still outstanding.
- We are working to connect our mission of Keeping Wildlife Wild with the bigger picture of all environmental conservation concerns.

Thank you is not enough to say how grateful we are to you, our supporters! Alongside our donors, volunteers, community partners, and friends, we will continue to help wildlife well into the future.


Tracy Frampton
Executive Director


Josie Quiroz
Board Chair



FWH is dedicated to providing compassionate and expert care to sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife.
*Join us in our mission to **keep wildlife wild.***



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Leadership

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*Departed the board in 2025. FWH is deeply grateful for their leadership and dedication.

FWH Community



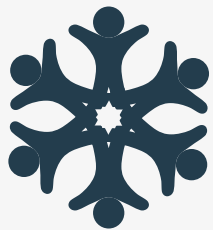
957 NEW DONORS

These people donated for the first time in 2025



143 MONTHLY DONORS

These supporters help smooth out the ups and downs of annual gifts



1665 ANNUAL DONORS

These supporters make a gift once or twice a year



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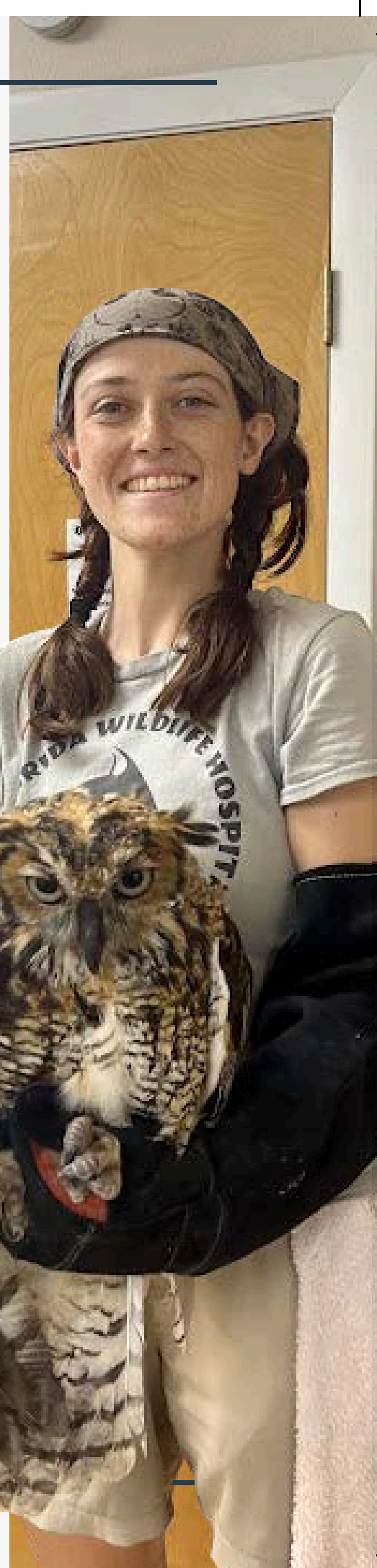
Donors from other states

The FWH is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (Tax ID # 23-7292826).

Your donations make a difference! You can help wildlife by calling (321) 254-8843 or visiting floridawildlifehospital.org/memberships. Contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Community Partners

Thank you for standing with us as champions for wildlife. Your partnerships inspire us to meet the steep increase in demand for our services, and to continue to improve our quality of care for an increasing quantity of wildlife in need, and we couldn't do it without you.



Behind the Scenes



Have you ever wondered what the hospital looks like beyond the doors of our Front Desk area? Thanks to **Florida Home Photo** we have a new behind the scenes video that shows the layout of the hospital and some overhead shots of our 5 acre property. Scan the QR code to learn more.

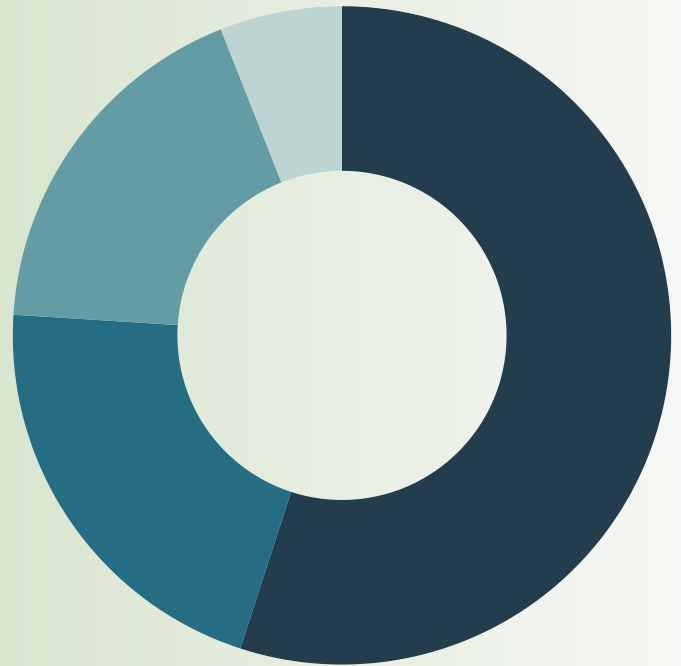
Financial Report

FLORIDA WILDLIFE HOSPITAL IS A 501(C)3 ORGANIZATION THAT DEPENDS PRIMARILY ON PRIVATE DONATIONS FOR ITS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

INCOME

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Individual Donations	55%
Grants	21%
Bequests	18%
Outreach	6%

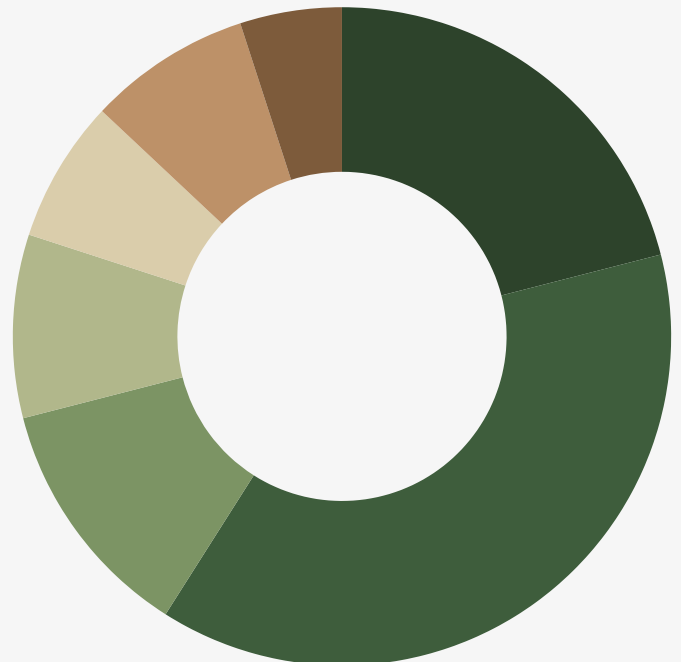


TOTAL
\$1,076,884

EXPENSES

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Veterinary	21%
Rehabilitation	38%
Facilities	12%
Management	9%
Edu & Outreach	7%
Development & Marketing	8%
Volunteer	5%



TOTAL
\$1,045,682

Wildlife Rehabilitation



Small bird, big responsibility. Every life, no matter how small, receives expert care and a second chance at being wild.



A unique patient, this American alligator was stabilized and then transferred to a rehabilitator who specializes in alligators.



Our veterinary team uses a clear restraint tube to safely and effectively obtain the X-rays needed for accurate diagnosis and treatment of this red rat snake.



An anesthesia machine enables our team to perform comprehensive exams and onsite surgeries, providing lifesaving care to wildlife patients like this opossum.



Specialized equipment, including an incubator and oxygen therapy, provides critical support to this whip-poor-will as the bird heals.

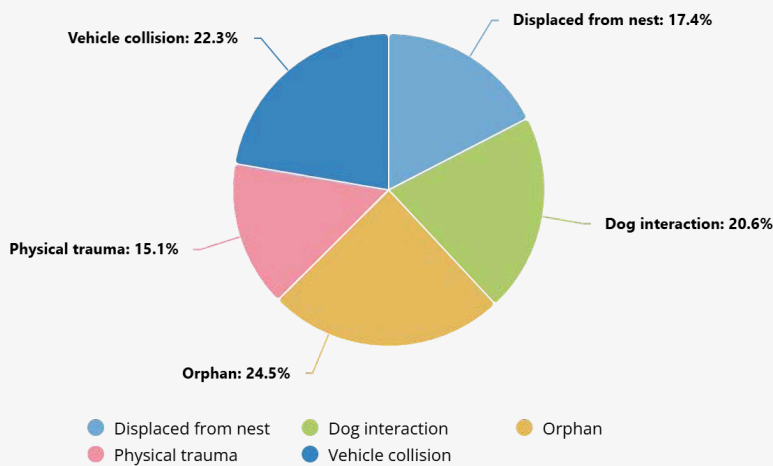


We received a higher than usual number of hatchling tortoises. Most were victims of cat or dog attacks, highlighting the importance of education for pet owners.

Rising Costs and Growing Need: The Challenges Facing Wildlife Rehabilitation

Wildlife rehabilitation is becoming increasingly complex and costly at a time when the need for services continues to grow. Our advances in veterinary medicine have significantly improved outcomes for injured and orphaned wildlife, allowing animals to receive a higher standard of care and a better chance at release. However, these advancements come with substantial financial implications. Increased staffing needs, rising medication and supply costs, advanced diagnostic testing, and laboratory fees have all contributed to a steady rise in operational expenses. Providing modern, ethical, and effective medical care requires ongoing investment, placing continued strain on limited funding sources.

Most Frequent Circumstances of Admission



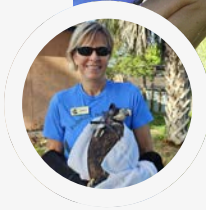
Despite these challenges, our commitment to providing compassionate, high-quality care for wildlife remains unwavering. Addressing the growing gap between rising costs and available funding is essential to sustaining rehabilitation efforts and meeting the needs of our region's wildlife. Continued community support, education, and investment are critical to ensuring that injured and orphaned animals receive the care they need—today and in the years to come—while also working toward long-term solutions that protect habitats and reduce the causes of wildlife injury.



At the same time, we are experiencing a consistent increase in patient intakes each year. Ongoing construction, urban expansion, and widespread habitat loss have forced wildlife into closer proximity with human activity, resulting in more injuries, displacement, and conflict. Animals are increasingly impacted by vehicle strikes, land clearing, entanglement, and the loss of natural food and shelter. These pressures have led to a higher overall demand for services, stretching both physical capacity and financial resources.



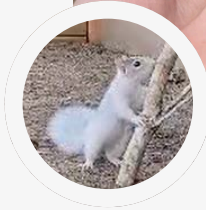
Patient Stories



25-3680

Bald Eagle

This immature bald eagle arrived at FWH on June 8. He was thin, dehydrated, and was burdened with a significant number of external and internal parasites. Veterinary staff performed a lead toxicity screening but it was negative. He was given fluids and treated for his parasites. After a month of good food and treatment, he was showing great signs of recovery. The goal was to release him before the “scary” July 4 celebrations. He had a big audience at his release on July 1. That gave him several days to settle in before the fireworks started. The rescuer, the people that called us about seeing him on the ground originally and a group of kids visiting the park at the time all got to cheer him on as he flew away.



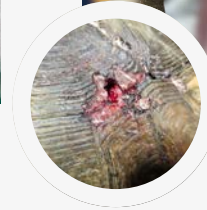
25-2348

Eastern Grey Squirrel

This leucistic Eastern Gray Squirrel came in due to being orphaned. The rescuer wasn't even sure she was a squirrel due to her unique coloration. A concern when considering release of leucistic animals is potential vision impairment; however, veterinary examinations confirmed this individual has good eyesight.



She grew and developed well and was accepted by other squirrels of the same age without any issues. She was able to be released on October 16, 2025.



25-3984

Gopher Tortoise

This patient was bitten by a dog. He arrived on June 20, 2025. He had puncture wounds on his front leg and on his shell. He received fluids, pain management, and surgical repair of his left leg wound. After months of acupuncture treatments by a local veterinary acupuncturist, Dr. Russell, and moxa (heat) treatments, he was finally able to be released on December 17, six months after the injuries.



7,644 Total Patients

A NEW RECORD!

We are only permitted to treat and release native and migratory wildlife.



Amphibian

- 1 Southern Leopard Frog
- 1 Southern Toad

Avian

- 1 American Bittern
- 4 American Coot
- 3 American Kestrel***
- 1 American Purple Gallinule
- 5 American Redstart
- 2 American Robin
- 38 American White Ibis
- 2 American White Pelican
- 37 Anhinga
- 3 Audubon's Shearwater
- 9 Bald Eagle
- 4 Barn Owl
- 32 Barred Owl
- 4 Belted Kingfisher
- 45 Black Bellied Whistling Duck
- 3 Black Crowned Night Heron
- 7 Black Scoter
- 5 Black Skimmer***
- 1 Black Tern
- 12 Black Vulture
- 2 Black-and-white Warbler
- 1 Black-capped Petrel***
- 4 Black-throated Blue Warbler
- 135 Blue Jay
- 2 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- 1 Blue-headed Vireo
- 2 Blue-winged Teal
- 21 Boat-tailed Grackle
- 1 Bobwhite Quail
- 1 Bridled Tern
- 2 Brown Booby
- 114 Brown Pelican
- 17 Brown Thrasher
- 2 Brown-headed Cowbird
- 19 Carolina Wren
- 11 Cattle Egret
- 1 Cedar Waxwing
- 16 Chimney Swift
- 6 Clapper Rail
- 8 Common Gallinule
- 226 Common Grackle
- 12 Common Ground Dove

- 15 Common Loon
- 2 Common Moorhen
- 3 Common Nighthawk
- 1 Common Tern
- 30 Common Yellowthroat
- 13 Cooper's Hawk
- 9 Cory's Shearwater
- 29 Double-crested Cormorant
- 11 Downy Woodpecker
- 1 Eastern Kingbird
- 1 Eastern Phoebe
- 124 Eastern Screech Owl
- 2 Eastern Whip-poor-will
- 57 Fish Crow
- 46 FL Sandhill Crane***
- 6 Forster's Tern
- 1 Glossy Ibis
- 20 Gray Catbird
- 1 Great Black-backed Gull
- 59 Great Blue Heron
- 4 Great Crested Flycatcher
- 18 Great Egret
- 15 Great Horned Owl
- 6 Great Shearwater
- 14 Green Heron
- 27 Herring Gull
- 2 Hooded Merganser
- 1 Indigo Bunting
- 5 Killdeer
- 71 Laughing Gull
- 1 Leach's Storm Petrel
- 1 Least Bittern
- 1 Least Sandpiper
- 4 Least Tern***
- 1 Lesser Black-backed Gull
- 10 Lesser Scaup
- 6 Limpkin
- 3 Little Blue Heron***
- 14 Loggerhead Shrike
- 1 Louisiana Waterthrush
- 32 Mallard
- 2 Merlin
- 18 Mottled Duck
- 400 Mourning Dove
- 32 Northern Cardinal
- 121 Northern Gannet

- 262 Northern Mockingbird
- 5 Northern Parula
- 1 Northern Waterthrush
- 113 Osprey
- 8 Ovenbird
- 3 Painted Bunting
- 7 Palm Warbler
- 3 Peregrine Falcon
- 5 Pied-billed Grebe
- 9 Pileated Woodpecker
- 2 Pine Warbler
- 1 Piping Plover***
- 3 Purple Martin
- 84 Red-bellied Woodpecker
- 1 Red-necked Phalarope
- 111 Red-shouldered Hawk
- 1 Red-tailed Hawk
- 15 Ring-billed Gull
- 3 Roseate Spoonbill***
- 39 Royal Tern
- 4 Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- 2 Ruddy Turnstone
- 4 Sanderling
- 11 Sandwich Tern
- 1 Semipalmated Plover
- 3 Sharp-shinned Hawk
- 8 Snowy Egrets
- 2 Sooty Tern
- 2 Sora
- 1 Surf Scoter
- 2 Swainson's Thrush
- 4 Tri-colored Heron***
- 2 Tufted Titmouse
- 1 Turkey
- 7 Turkey Vulture
- 1 Veery
- 5 Virginia Rail
- 9 White-winged Dove
- 1 Wilson's Snipe
- 14 Wood Duck
- 11 Wood Stork***
- 2 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- 9 Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- 2 Yellow-crowned Night Heron
- 5 Yellow-rumped Warbler

Mammals

- 3 Bobcat
- 25 Brazilian Free-tailed Bat
- 1 Coyote
- 1189 Eastern Cottontail
- 946 Eastern Gray Squirrel
- 12 Eastern Mole
- 2 Eastern Spotted Skunk
- 54 Evening Bat
- 11 Field Mouse
- 6 Hispid Cotton Rat
- 212 Marsh Rabbit
- 15 Nine-banded Armadillo
- 3 North American River Otter
- 403 Northern Raccoon
- 12 Northern Yellow Bat
- 7 Seminole Bat
- 2 Southeastern Myotis
- 21 Southern Flying Squirrel
- 768 Virginia Opossum
- 3 White-tailed Deer

Reptiles

- 1 American Alligator
- 2 Florida Banded Water Snake
- 13 Black Racer
- 3 Chicken Turtle
- 53 Common Snapping Turtle
- 4 Diamondback Terrapin***
- 3 Eastern (Yellow) Ratsnake
- 44 Florida Box Turtle
- 48 Florida Peninsula Cooter
- 10 Florida Red-bellied Cooter
- 52 Florida Softshell Turtle
- 249 Gopher Tortoise***
- 1 Loggerhead Sea Turtle***
- 10 Red Rat Snake
- 4 Striped Mud Turtle

****Vulnerable/Threatened/Endangered***

Research

We are dedicated to supporting wildlife not only through direct patient care at our hospital, but also through research initiatives. By collecting and sharing data, we contribute to informed education and policy decisions that address the root causes of harm to wildlife. Animals that cannot be successfully rehabilitated are respectfully utilized to further education and scientific research.

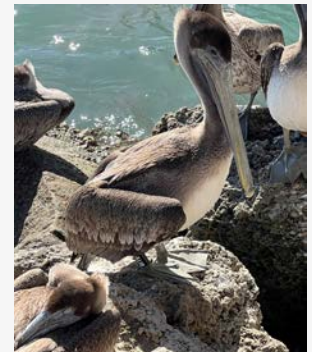


Ongoing Projects

- Continuing multiple-year study of gopher tortoise taphonomy with **Blue World Research Institute** and **Florida Fish & Wildlife**.
- Report animals caught in hooks or fishing line so they can study the anthropogenic impacts of activities, such as fishing, on wildlife.
- Assist **Florida Fish & Wildlife** with monitoring for diseases including:
 - Highly pathogenic avian influenza
 - Fraservirus
- Provide specimens for **Eastern Florida State College's** Vet Nursing Program
- Donate uncommon species to the **University of Florida's** Museum of Natural History.
- Provide samples to the **Department of Environmental Protection** in order to better understand the prevalence of plastics in aquatic avian species.
- Monitor tick distribution and disease by submitting samples to the **Florida Department of Agriculture**.

New Research

After extensive planning, preparation, and logistical coordination, we are pleased to begin fulfilling a long-term goal: banding Brown Pelicans as part of a dedicated research study. This project will allow us to gain valuable insight into post-rehabilitation outcomes, including long-term survivability, movement patterns after release, and migration behavior. By tracking banded pelicans, we can better understand where individuals travel following release and identify potential environmental stressors encountered in other regions. The study will also help determine whether we observe repeated sightings of the same individuals or a broader range of pelicans over time. Additionally, we aim to assess whether release location influences habitat use and movement patterns. Together, these findings will support improved rehabilitation practices, conservation strategies, and broader wildlife protection efforts.

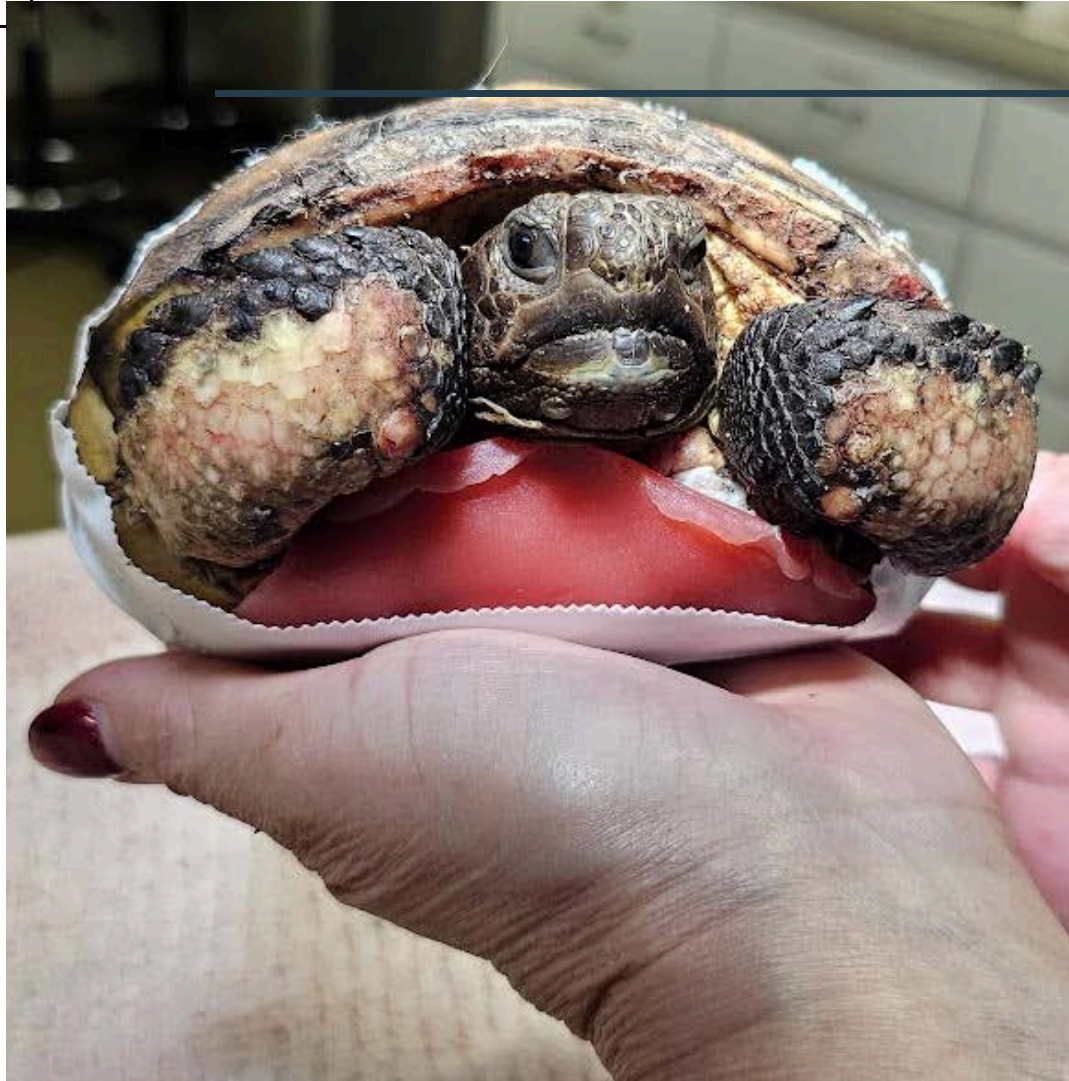


We are grateful for our research partners!



Eastern Florida
STATE COLLEGE





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Coordinations of
re nesting babies



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Animal rescues

Education and public awareness through social media



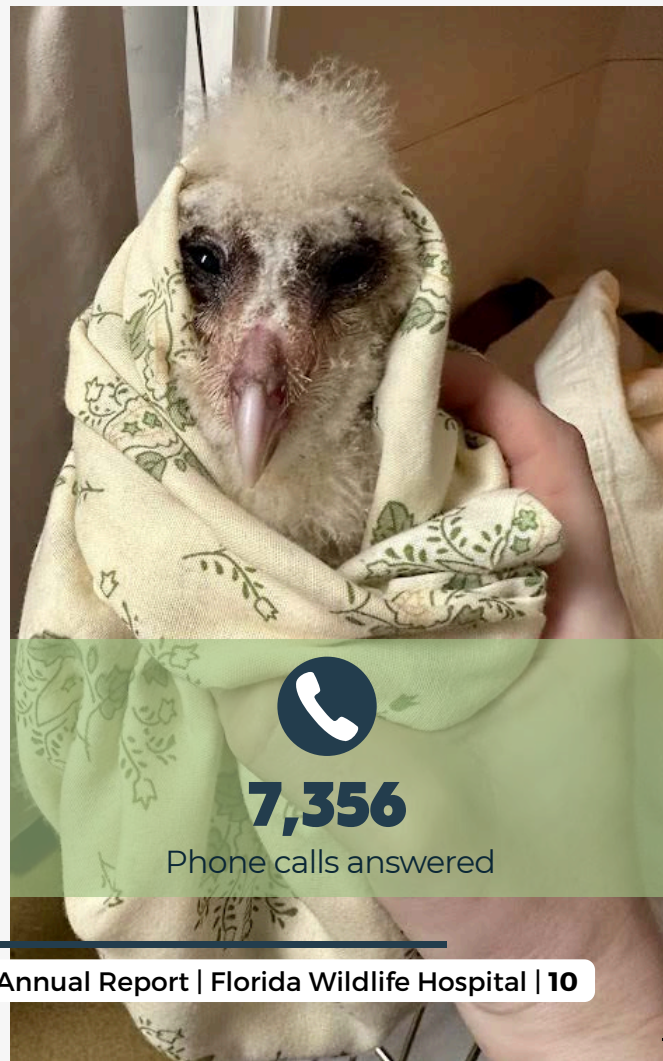
49,000

Facebook followers



15,766

Instagram followers



7,356

Phone calls answered

Volunteers



191

Volunteers



17,470

Volunteer Hours



\$421,734

Value of Time

based on National Value at
IndependentSector.org



Over the past year, our volunteers generously contributed **17,470** hours in service to Florida Wildlife Hospital, sharing their skills, dedication, and compassion in support of our mission. They played a vital role in every aspect of our work – cleaning, office work, fundraising, maintenance, animal care, community education, and more. Collectively, their efforts provided the equivalent support of almost nine full-time staff members.

Volunteers are at the heart of our organization; they make it possible for us to serve more animals and connect with more people. Their unwavering commitment strengthens our ability to deliver high-quality care to every patient while fostering awareness, understanding, and stewardship within our community.

We are thankful for the **Viera Women's Club**, Florida Institute of Technology's chapter of **Pi Kappa Alpha**, Boy Scouts of America **Troop 4373** and **Troop 720** for donating their time to help with projects at the hospital.



Outreach & Education



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Outreach Programs

10,770

Community members reached

\$13,511

Raised to help keep wildlife wild

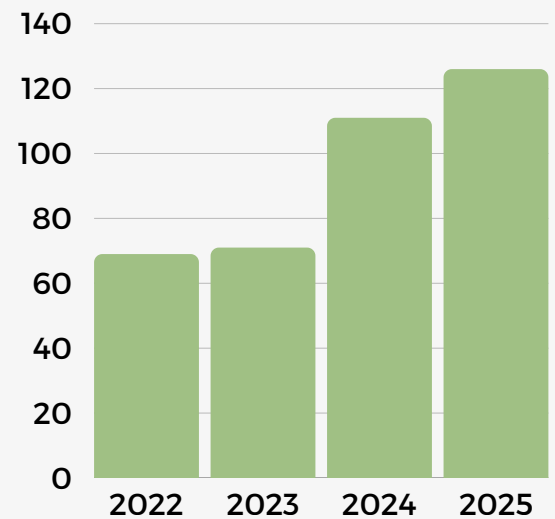


The Florida Wildlife Hospital is continually working to expand our education programs and extend our reach to more individuals each year. Through proactive education and engagement, we aim to minimize situations that result in wildlife injury or displacement and, ultimately, reduce the need for animals to require the hospital's rehabilitative services.

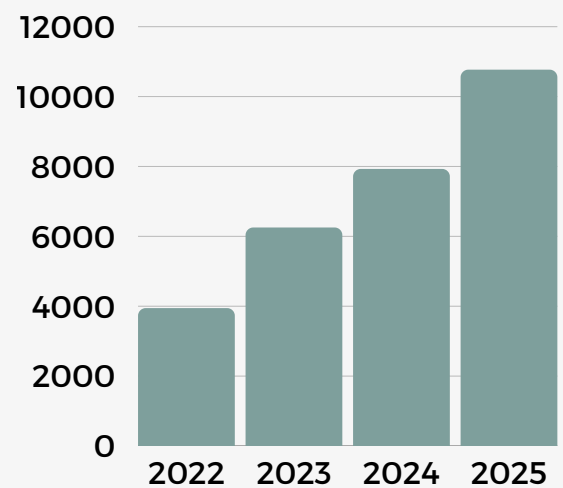
Few organizations offer the unique opportunity to see wildlife up close, and studies show that experiences with a live animal fosters stronger emotional connections, increases understanding, and inspires individuals to take meaningful action to protect wildlife. Our programs are thoughtfully designed to create these impactful moments. In addition, our workshops incorporate hands-on activities and creative crafts, recognizing that children learn best through play. By engaging young learners in interactive experiences, we support curiosity and a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

This year, we also added two new feathered team members to our ambassador collection, Apollo and Gemini, the American Kestrels.

● Programs & Workshops



● # of People Reached



Report of Gifts

\$100,000 +

Harold Macon Trust

\$10,000 - \$49,999

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\$1,000 - \$2,499

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