

Wildcat Wildlife Center, Inc.  
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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your interest in the Wildcat Wildlife Center (WWC) release site program. The Wildcat Wildlife Center is the largest wildlife rehabilitation organization in the area. Our goal for all wildlife is to restore them to full health or raise them until they are old enough to fend for themselves, then release them back to the wild.

Our work has many challenging aspects. Injuries that wild animals sustain are often severe and require extensive veterinary care. Orphaned animals require special diets and proper stimulation to ensure they grow and develop as they would in the wild. Animals in our care also require isolation from the caretakers during their stay so that they do not become habituated to humans. The rehabilitation process for an individual animal may take anywhere from a few days to several months. However, the end result of this challenging (and often lengthy) process is a healthy animal ready to return to its natural habitat.

Each of the different species of wildlife has its own unique habitat requirements that must be met in order for its survival after release. With the rapid pace of development in Tippecanoe and the surrounding counties, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find accessible and appropriate natural areas to use as release sites for our patients. Many of the animals simply need a place to get started before dispersing, which ideally is an area with suitable cover and resources where they can readjust to life in the wild. Others need an area to call home, which is ideally a place suitable to establish a territory and become a functioning member of the local population. In either case, your property may help fulfill this need.

The enclosed application asks for specific information about the property you may wish to allow the Wildcat Wildlife Center to use as a release site. The application was designed so this information may be easily entered into our computer. Your information is confidential and will only be used to aid us in the assessment of the potential release sites. Please complete the application as thoroughly as possible, and mail it to the address indicated. Once your application has been received, a volunteer from the Wildcat Wildlife Center will be in touch with you.

The release is the final step in the process for the thousands of wild animals rehabilitated by the Wildcat Wildlife Center each year. Without suitable release sites, all of our efforts would be in vain. Through the generosity of caring individuals such as yourself, we can ensure that all of the animals will have the best possible chance for survival when they return to the wild. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Denise Hays at (574) 686-3069.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to working with you to help Indiana's wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Denise L. Hays, Assistant Director