



Organizing Your Wildlife Rehabilitation or Animal Control Protocols to Make Reuniting Your Priority

When the public sees what they assume is a hapless baby wild animal, they scoop that animal up and arrive at the animal control officer's or rehabilitator's door. However, many of these wild animals are merely displaced, not orphaned, with the unsuspecting parent(s) nearby. How do we make reuniting strategies a priority during baby season so that countless wild animals aren't orphaned?

Besides critical benefits to young animals, reuniting provides real benefits for overloaded rehabilitators and animal control staff, allowing them to focus their time, skills, and resources on wild animals who truly need help. This presentation offers detailed recommendations for creating a practical reuniting program using volunteers. It also includes effective psychological approaches and vital problem diagnosis and persuasion tips to help you turn around even that most stubborn caller clutching a newly kidnapped wild animal in her arms. A new paradigm is needed where rehabilitation success is measured not in terms of intake/release statistics but in the number of baby animals successfully reunited with their parent(s) and kept out of rehabilitation and animal control facilities.

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