



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

An independent 501(c)3 non-profit providing compassionate, rehabilitative care to orphaned, ill, and injured wild animals, and educating our community on helping wildlife.

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# SCWC's Board of Directors: A Message from the Board Chairman

During 2022, Second Chance Wildlife Center, Inc. (SCWC) successfully advanced its mission to provide compassionate emergency and rehabilitative care for wildlife patients on a virtually 24/7 basis. Over the course of the year, SCWC's talented team addressed the diverse medical needs of 127 species of wildlife. A joyful highlight for everyone continued to be the moment when we release rehabilitated patients into the wild.

Despite the challenge of national Avian Flu outbreak which forced some rehabilitation clinics to close, SCWC successfully established rigorous hygiene protocols which permitted it to stay fully operational throughout the year. We are also especially pleased that SCWC's patient survival rates have continued to improve. We believe that these gains may well stem from the increased number and training of our paid staff, as well as our excellent volunteers

Throughout 2022, SCWC refined the plans for our new clinic as we prepared to the start of construction of our new, larger, and custom-designed facility in Clarksburg, MD in late 2023.

The need for SCWC's care for wildlife grows all the more urgent each year with the continuing loss of habitat and the relentless flow of injured and orphaned animals brought to our door. We are grateful to all who have supported SCWC in working to care for and heal our precious wildlife companions.

With gratitude,  
**Kenneth Button**

Chairman of the Board of Directors



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(at time of publication in 2023)

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# Key 2022 Accomplishments



- Admitted **2,287** patients representing **127** species.
- Achieved overall survival rates above those prior to the **Covid-19 pandemic** - driven by **bird survival rates increasing to 69%** (vs. 51% in 2018), and **reptile survival rates growing to 84%** (vs. 71% in 2018).
- Added **2** more people to the list of SCWC team members that have earned their **Master of Wildlife Rehabilitation** permits from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. At the end of 2022, **6** SCWC team members held these prestigious permits.
- Seamlessly elevated our **Clinic Manager** to the critically important role of **Clinic Director**.
- Made preparations needed to expand our staff veterinarian's role from **part-time to full-time in 2023**. Dr. Lance has over 13 years experience at facilities in Oregon, Minnesota, Florida, Virginia, and Maryland, plus training at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Responded to over **4,500 telephone inquiries** and **4,200 emails** from the public seeking animal rescue/behavior advice.
- On very short notice, **developed and implemented strict safety protocols against the Highly Pathogenic Avian Flu** - resulting in SCWC remaining open while some rehabbers across the country were forced to close due to outbreaks within their facilities.
- **Successfully re-established our volunteer and internship programs** following suspension of these during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- **Extended partnerships** to provide wildlife care for Animal Services divisions in Montgomery, Prince Georges, and Frederick Counties.
- **Launched our new [www.SCWC.com](http://www.SCWC.com) website** providing improved 24/7 resources for helping wildlife in distress.
- **SCWC's President was appointed to the Montgomery County Animal Services Advisory Committee** by the County Executive.

For an update on progress with our plans for construction of a new, custom-designed facility, please see page 13.





# Why Rehabilitate Wildlife?

- Two major scientific studies recently demonstrated that, since 1970, 50% of the world's wildlife have vanished, including nearly 3 billion birds in North America (Sources: World Wildlife Fund & Cornell Ornithology Lab). In healthy ecosystems, every species plays a role in maintaining balance. The staff at Second Chance works to return healthy animals back to the areas where they came from so that each can continue to contribute as nature intended.
- Humans are causing much of the displacement and injury inflicted on these animals, as evidenced by the constant arrival at Second Chance of animals suffering after being hit by cars or lawnmowers, striking windows, caught in glue traps or garden netting, attacked by pets, entangled in discarded fishing line, being shot, ingesting poison, being displaced by construction, and more.



- Each animal saved and released helps you!

Eastern Box Turtles are farmers, spreading seeds and tilling soil to help new plants grow.

Opossums can consume thousands of ticks in your yard, neighborhood, or favorite hiking spot, helping to prevent the spread of Lyme disease.

Owls and hawks are also important in rodent control.

Hummingbirds and bats play key roles in insect control and as pollinators.

Squirrels don't recover all of the nuts that they bury, and some of those nuts grow into trees - absorbing carbon dioxide and other gases, and providing oxygen, shade, and beauty.

The list goes on!

The life of one animal can make a difference for us all, and that's why we work to give each of them a second chance!

# Skilled & Compassionate Care at SCWC

The U.S. Forest Service reports that Maryland has lost an average of 7,200 acres of forest annually over the last 50 years. As a result, encounters between people and wildlife have increased dramatically - often to the detriment of the animals involved.



At Second Chance, we witness - and respond to - this challenge every day of the week, including holidays. Concerned citizens and animal services officers bring us more than 2,200 injured and orphaned wild animals each year. Following an initial examination, our clinic techs and master wildlife rehabilitators develop and administer medical treatment plans. Our wildlife veterinarian provides oversight and performs life-saving surgery and other highly-skilled procedures.

During the busy spring and summer months, our clinic staff, interns, and volunteers often work 10 to 12 hours per day to give patients ranging from songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl to snakes, amphibians, and small mammals a second chance at life.



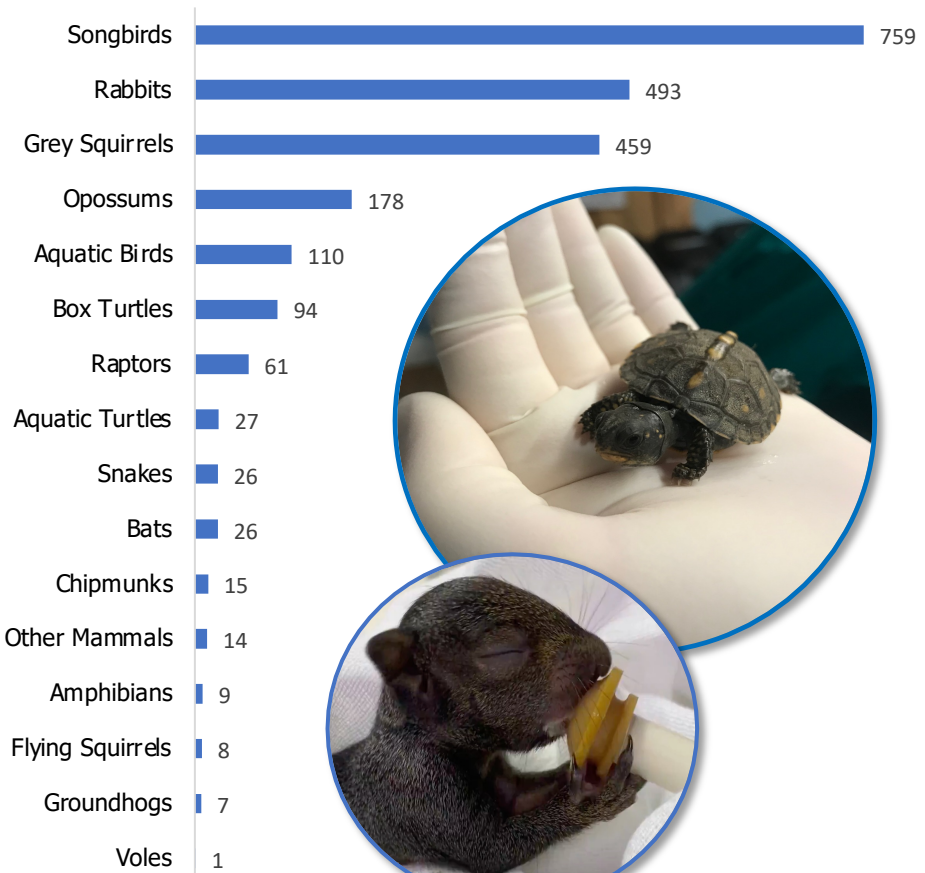
Like in a hospital for people, SCWC's clinic team reviews each patient's status on a daily (sometimes hourly) basis and customizes plans for care.

Only when patients are fully recovered, and their survival skills have been assessed as acceptable, are these animals released in appropriate settings.



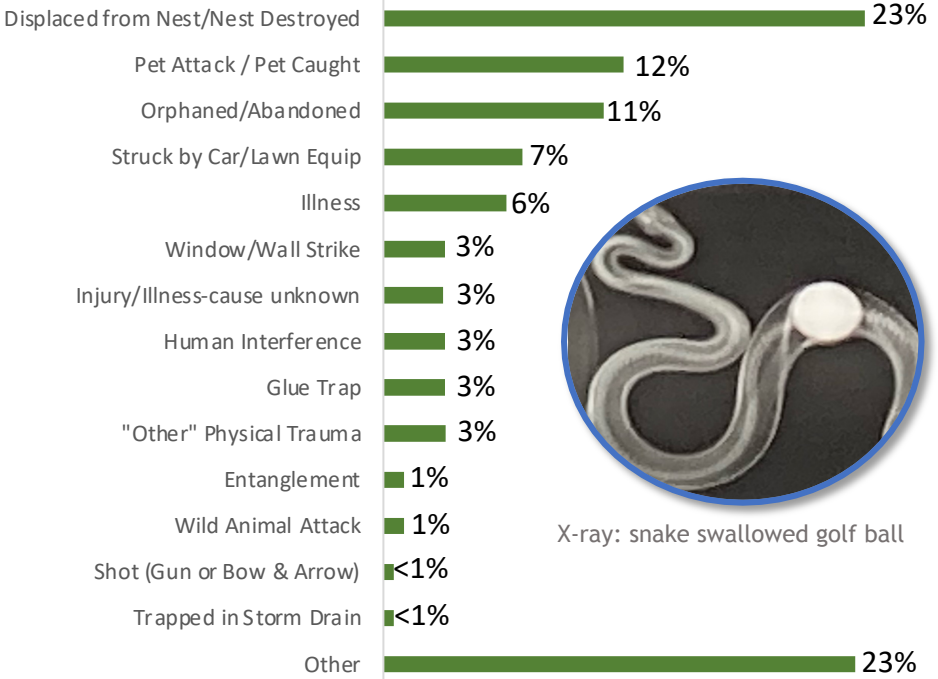
# 2022 Patient Statistics

## ADMISSIONS



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## REASON FOR ADMISSION



X-ray: snake swallowed golf ball



Arrow removed from sedated Canada Goose



Box Turtle with fractured shell

# 127 Species Treated in 2022

One of the most impressive things about the wildlife rehabbers and veterinarian at Second Chance Wildlife Center is the depth and breadth of knowledge that they possess - and apply daily - to provide customized care for the over 120 different wildlife species that come through our door each year.

For example, many people don't realize that most of the bird species they see in their backyards require dramatically different nutrition and care. Some are seed eaters. Some eat insects - and prefer food that wiggles. Some nest up high, some down low. Some are migratory and need to be rehabilitated and on their way before seasons change, etc.

Differences abound in anatomy, resilience, diets, and more across the birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians that we treat. Rest assured, our team is well-educated and well-prepared for all.





# We Our Dedicated Volunteers

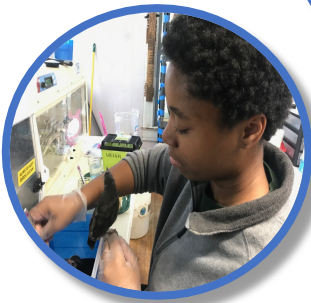
In addition to financial support, friends of Second Chance **contribute thousands of hours of volunteer labor in a typical year**, caring for animals, performing housekeeping tasks, and maintaining the buildings and grounds. **College Interns** contribute the majority of these hours during our busiest seasons (spring and summer).

Due to Covid-19 safety precautions, our volunteer and intern hours were down dramatically in 2020 and 2021, but they increased significantly in 2022. SCWC staff commits a great deal of time to properly training volunteers.

**Volunteer positions are available year-round and include:**

- **Animal Care Volunteers**, who feed animals, clean enclosures, and perform a variety of critically important housekeeping duties;
- **Wildlife Rescue Advisors**, who provide basic information on rescuing and helping wild animals to the public over the telephone and via email, and handle admissions from the public at our front porch;
- **Housekeeping Volunteers**, who help with laundry, dishes, mopping floors, etc.;
- **Building and Grounds Keepers**, who mow our lawn and help maintain the outdoor animal enclosures.

Volunteer & Internship applications are on our website: [www.SCWC.org](http://www.SCWC.org)



# SCWC is a Beloved & Trusted Organization

“I just want to thank you for the incredible work you do to save so many wild animals from death and disease. It is a hard job and doesn't often get the recognition it should. But you should know that so many of us truly appreciate that you are there for all those animals trying to live in a world humans have made almost uninhabitable for them.” - B.K.

“Thank you for all you do to help Earthlings in need. You make the world a better place.” - J.H.

“Thank you for helping injured wild animals. I have appreciated being able to call you when needed.” - J. B.

“Thanks for the good work you do. Those who help the helpless are the unsung heroes of our world.” - S. H.

“[We are] Counting Second Chance Wildlife Center Staff and Volunteers when we count our Christmas Blessings! Thank you for all you do to help the wee woods folk. D.D.

“Thank you for the invaluable service you provide.” - J.P.

“A long time ago you helped me rescue a baby squirrel that was found in our back yard. I neglected to make a donation at the time. Recently I was reminded of that event and now I want to make the donation that I should have made then. I was very grateful for your help. Sorry it has taken me so long to show my appreciation.” - Anonymous

“Thanx for all the hard work protecting animals and birds! We now know how really hard it is.” - Anonymous

“Keep up the wonderful work on behalf of the animals and the community! Best wishes.” D. L.



“My children (Jessa and Jack) and I had a yard sale and all proceeds collected were to benefit SCWC. We hope that it helps your efforts, even just a little bit.” - J.P.

“We are so appreciative of [SCWC’s] great guidance - After 5 hours, the mother deer DID return to her days-old fawn that was resting (we thought she was dying) on our front lawn (in downtown Bethesda!). Seeing them reunite was like watching a Disney movie.” - T&L H.

“Second Chance Wildlife Center is very close to our heart, considering the wonderful mission they set for themselves and accomplish.” - A.G.

“So glad you can help our furry/slimey/feathered friends. Thank for all you do.” - C.H.



## Montgomery County Award



The County Executive of  
Montgomery County, Maryland

*Awards this Certificate to*

*Second Chance Wildlife Center*

*in Recognition and Appreciation*

for outstanding community service and dedication to the residents of Montgomery County by educating our community on how to safely coexist with their wildlife neighbors.



# 2022 Financials

Second Chance Wildlife Center, a private nonprofit charity, could not exist without the generosity of the public and private foundations. Donations are tax deductible and help pay for animal food, medicines, medical supplies, incubators, x-ray devices, surgical tools, and other costs.

SCWC leadership, including the Board Finance Committee, works diligently to protect its assets via investment diversification, monthly and annual financial reviews, frequent vendor evaluations, and business insurance policies covering liability, workers compensation, employment practices, and cyber security. SCWC financials are audited annually by a licensed public accounting firm, and SCWC consistently qualifies as a charitable organization being in “Good Standing” with the state of Maryland.

## 2022 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	
Current Assets	441,619
Property & Equipment (net)	939,587
Investments	<u>4,420,975</u>
Total Assets (primarily funds for new clinic)	5,802,181

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	21,084
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	3,925,346
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	<u>1,855,751</u> *
Total Net Assets	<u>5,781,097</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	5,802,181

\* New Building Fund

## 2022 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Donations & Grants	789,933 *
In-kind Donations	45,848 **
Merchandise Sales (Net)	518
Investment Income	25,711
Unrealized (loss) on Investments	0
Miscellaneous Income	0
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	0
Total Income	862,070

\* Includes \$50 in restricted donations, primarily for the New Building Fund

\*\* In-kind donations consisted primarily of veterinary services

## OPERATIONAL BUDGET

2022 SCHEDULE OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	
Program	542,511
Management & General	13,581
Fundraising	74,914
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	631,006



# A New Home for SCWC

UPDATE



*Illustration of Proposed New Building - Side View*

SCWC has been working for some time on building a new facility for its important work. Throughout 2022, SCWC adjusted the site plan and main building floorplan to accommodate changes needed due to Covid-19 supply chain issues, stringent County requirements, and to ensure that the most recent industry standards for wildlife care were incorporated as we prepared for the start of construction of our new, larger, and long-awaited custom-designed facility in Clarksburg, MD.

As we go to print with the publication of this Annual Report, we have engaged a general contractor, secured the County-issued Building Permit, have officially broken ground, and expect formal construction to begin in October of 2023.

Please refer to our website: [www.SCWC.org](http://www.SCWC.org) for the latest news or send an email with your specific inquiry to [info@scwc.org](mailto:info@scwc.org).



*Illustration of Proposed Front Entrance*



*Groundbreaking*



# How YOU Can Help Wildlife By Supporting Second Chance

## Financial Contributions

No two days are alike at Second Chance. And, fresh foods, clinic supplies, and medications can be very costly - plus, foods and some meds spoil or expire over time. Financial contributions are always preferred as they provide us with the ability to acquire specifically needed items regardless of which animals arrive at our door and what injuries or illnesses they are suffering from.

Financial Contributions can be...

- mailed to 7101 Barcellona Dr., Gaithersburg, MD 20879
- made via credit card on our website [www.SCWC.org](http://www.SCWC.org)

## Workplace Giving

Ask your employer to include Second Chance Wildlife Center in its corporate matching or giving program or to offer a grant or sponsorship to SCWC. Contact [info@scwc.org](mailto:info@scwc.org) for information.

If participating in a United Way campaign, designate your gift to #8901. Use #65923 for the Combined Federal Campaign.

Ask your favorite business to donate to SCWC

## Donations Instead of Presents

Ask friends to donate to Second Chance instead of buying you a traditional gift for birthdays, weddings, graduations, etc. Many people also ask for donations to SCWC in lieu of flowers for funerals.



*Healthy, healing diets require  
us to purchase fresh foods*



*Local Girl Scouts donated proceeds  
from cookie sales to SCWC*



## Host a Donation Drive

On a daily basis we need cleaning products, postage stamps, office supplies, towels, black and white newspaper, and gift cards for groceries (fresh fruits & vegetables for the animals) and gas (for driving animals to be released all across the state).

A list of the specific items we need is on our website.

Individuals can bring these items directly to our facility (please be sure to call 301-926-9453 in advance).

Local places of worship and schools have been successful in hosting donation drives to provide SCWC with needed supplies. It's easy! For information, send an email to [DonationDrives@scwc.org](mailto:DonationDrives@scwc.org).

## Consider Making A QCD

If you are more than 70.5 years old and have an IRA, speak with a tax or financial advisor to see if making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) can benefit you and Second Chance.

## Estate Planning

Include Second Chance Wildlife Center in your estate planning as part of a wonderful legacy. Send an email to: [Info@SCWC.org](mailto:Info@SCWC.org) to learn more.



