The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine’s Wildlife Hospital currently accepts more than 1,700 wild mammals, birds, and reptiles annually, with a 15% increase in case load anticipated each year. We do not charge a fee to the Good Samaritans who bring in these sick and injured animals. Your gift to the Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana makes it possible for our board certified veterinarians to continue saving lives, finding cures, and changing lives every day.

The Wildlife Hospital provides medical care for wildlife from private funds donated to the Wildlife Hospital. To find out how you can support our mission, please contact Tracy Evans, senior director of development, at 225-578-9870 or tracy@lsu.edu.

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Meet Our New Resident and Intern

We would like to welcome Dr. Christine Higbie to the veterinary team of the WHL. Dr. Higbie is a 2009 DVM graduate of the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. Prior to arriving at LSU, Dr. Higbie completed a one-year small animal internship at Garden State Veterinary Specialist, and a one-year zoological medicine internship at the Kansas State University Veterinary Health Center. Dr. Higbie also worked as a general practice and emergency veterinarian at Red Bank Veterinary Hospital. Dr. Higbie has various publications and is our first resident training for specialty certification by the American College of Zoological Medicine.

We would also like to welcome Dr. Anna McRee to the veterinary team of the WHL. Dr. McRee obtained her DVM degree from the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine in 2014. She received various awards during veterinary school and has a strong interest in zoo medicine.

- **Our WHL Team:**
  - Javier G. Nevarez, DVM (LSU SVM 2001), PhD (LSU SVM 2007), DACZM, DECZM (Herpetology)
  - Director, Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana
  - Associate Professor of Zoological Medicine
  - Thomas N. Tully, DVM (LSU SVM 1986), MS (LSU SVM 1991), DABVP (Avian), DECZM (Avian)
  - Professor of Zoological Medicine
  - Service Chief for Zoological Medicine
  - Christine Higbie, DVM
  - Zoological Medicine Resident
  - Anna McRee, DVM
  - Zoological Medicine Intern

Meet Our Student Co-chairs

The WHL relies on veterinary students to coordinate the daily operations of our rehabilitation facility and the care of our resident raptors. The current student co-chairs are Megan Partyka (year 3 student and head co-chair), Crystal Dozier (year 3), Jessica Husdeth (year 3), Matthew Schexnayder (year 3), Carl Curtis (year 2), Cheryl Choosijan (year 2), Sarah Wray (year 2) and Aimee Trujillo (year 2). These students coordinate other veterinary student volunteers who feed our resident birds daily and care for the animals being rehabilitated. We also meet monthly to perform upkeep of our flight cages, examine our resident birds and learn about wildlife medicine and rehabilitation. Our co-chairs perform their duties on a volunteer basis, and they work during school breaks, including summer and holidays. We would like to thank them for their dedication and contribution to the continued success of the WHL.

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New Ward, New Resident Birds and the Future

The new ward of the WHL is three times the size of our previous facility and includes a separate examination area and two animal housing areas. We have new energy efficient LED examination lights, new incubators to keep young animals warm and a run to accommodate larger animals like Bald eagles and Whooping cranes. This facility will help us meet the increased demand for our services as the only full-service wildlife medicine and rehabilitation facility in Louisiana.

We have a new resident red-tailed hawk named Scarlet. She is one year old and has a humerus fracture that prevents her from flying. Our student co-chairs have done a wonderful job training her to participate in our educational presentations. In addition to Scarlet, we have a male American kestrel and a Broad-winged hawk that are currently undergoing training. These two birds have not been named yet but will be once we get a donation so we can continue providing the best care for injured wildlife species in Louisiana. This is your hospital and it needs your support more than ever. Please consider making a donation so we can continue providing the best care for injured wildlife species in Louisiana.

We have seen a continued increase in the number of Bald eagles brought to the WHL for treatment. This has resulted in increased expenses associated with their feeding, veterinary care and rehabilitation. In 2013, we spent over $6,000 on their veterinary care alone. In addition to the eagles, we admit wildlife cases transferred to us from zoos, veterinarians and wildlife rehabilitators. This increased number of admissions has put additional strains on our already limited operating budget. Our current food costs are approximately $15,000 per year. In order to meet this demand we need your support more than ever. Please consider making a donation so we can continue providing the best care for injured wildlife species in Louisiana. This is your hospital and it needs your support more than ever.