



**PAWS
WILDLIFE
CENTER**

a place to heal

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Ethos That Guides Us

In the Pacific Northwest, nature is integral to our way of life. It surrounds us, inspires us, and heals us. This connection defines our ethos as a community. We rely on nature for our wellbeing, and with our continued societal growth, nature relies on us more than ever. This balance fuels a commitment to protect and care for the species that are the native habitants of our magnificent landscapes. We know it is our calling and our obligation to respect and help animals in need.

Champion for Animals

PAWS envisions a world where people recognize the intrinsic value of animals and make choices that demonstrate compassion and respect. The preservation of wild species and their habitats, and the role that all humans play in the responsible stewardship of the earth, are core values in all that we do.



National Wildlife Rehabilitation Leader

PAWS is a national leader in the field of wildlife rehabilitation, medicine and training.

Since the 1980s, PAWS has operated one of the largest emergency hospital and recovery facilities in the Pacific Northwest, designed to rehabilitate sick, injured and orphaned wild animals and return them to their native habitats. It is the only center of its kind in Washington State equipped with immediate and continual veterinary expertise and services, 365 days a year.

Amplified Impact

PAWS' work goes beyond the individual animals we care for. Collaboration with governmental agencies and major universities allows us to impact regional and national wildlife care and conservation research. Our work sets standards and develops best practices followed by programs across the country.

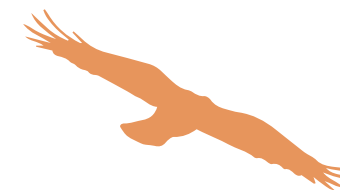
PAWS' veterinarian and rehabilitation training program is one of only a few opportunities in the U.S. to experience hands-on wildlife medicine training. Our unique training program cultivates future caregivers who carry forward knowledge to save wildlife locally and nationally.

PAWS provides expert care to 5,000 wild animals every year, giving them the second chance they deserve

Veterinary and care staff with the highest level of technical expertise treat over 250 species

The only facility in Washington permitted to rehabilitate both American black bears and marine mammals

One of only a few state facilities permitted to heal wild birds harmed by oil spills



Facilities Can't Meet the Demand

Every year, as our communities grow, the demand for PAWS wildlife assistance grows as well. In just the last five years, the number of calls from the community to PAWS for wildlife assistance, education and advice has increased by **75 percent**.

We have stretched to meet the needs of the animals but we are now at a critical point of capacity. In addition to a lack of space, aging wildlife facilities are at the end of their lifespan and in dire need of replacement. PAWS must expand to continue offering the highest standard of care for wildlife.

Demand for PAWS' unique and highly-regarded wildlife veterinarian training program has consistently outpaced our ability to respond to requests from students all over the world. We simply cannot accommodate more students or trainers within our current facilities. We are turning away participation in critical conservation research and training that could help save more animals here and around the globe.



American Black Bears

Rehabilitating bears need big spaces to heal, grow and express their natural and innate behaviors. PAWS has expertly healed more than 140 bears, but current facilities can only accommodate up to six bears and sadly bears are sometimes turned away.



Harbor Seals

Aging facilities for aquatic birds and mammals are in urgent need of upgrading. Current pools are old, inefficient and need more robust filtration systems. They require constant cleaning and repairs; wasting water, a precious resource.



Bald Eagles

Healing eagles need to gain strength and endurance by flying long distances, turning and banking, and changing elevation. Existing flight pens only accommodate a small number of raptors, limiting how many animals can receive life-saving care.



PAWS Wildlife Center for Now and the Future

PAWS has long planned for a new home: a ground-up construction project built around the current and future needs of treating and healing wild animals.

The future is a 25-acre site in southwest Snohomish County, where PAWS is building a new wildlife center to match our high standards of care. Purpose-built spaces will be designed with the flexibility needed to respond to each species' unique needs, decreasing stress, and enabling them to heal and return to the wild more quickly. The expansive, secluded site provides the necessary buffer from urban life and allows for further expansion to meet future needs.

Inside the PAWS Wildlife Center

The **Wildlife Hospital** will be a state-of-the-art surgical facility and intensive care unit, including:

- A main intake lobby with a quiet space for new, often frightened patients
- Spacious examination, radiology, treatment and surgery rooms
- A laboratory to run in-house diagnostics, making diagnosis and treatments faster

The **Wildlife Care Unit** provides spaces for animals to receive quality care and heal, including:

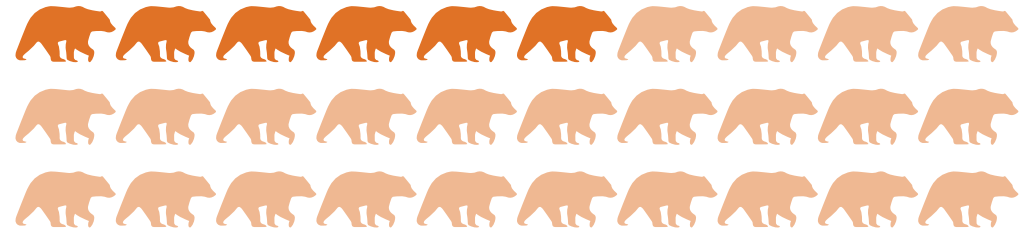
- Species-specific care rooms, separating prey and predator animals
- Quiet rooms for sensitive species
- Office spaces for the care team to focus and help wildlife and people

The **Recovery Habitats** will be custom built for the wild animals and designed to evolve with an animal's needs as they change during rehabilitation. More space and flexible enclosures will greatly reduce visual and auditory stress on the animals and allow for more enrichment for wild patients.

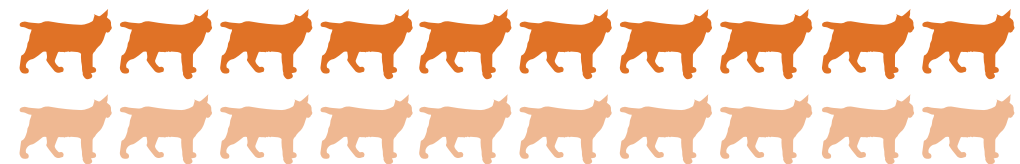


The new Wildlife Center will vastly increase PAWS' ability to care for more wild animals.

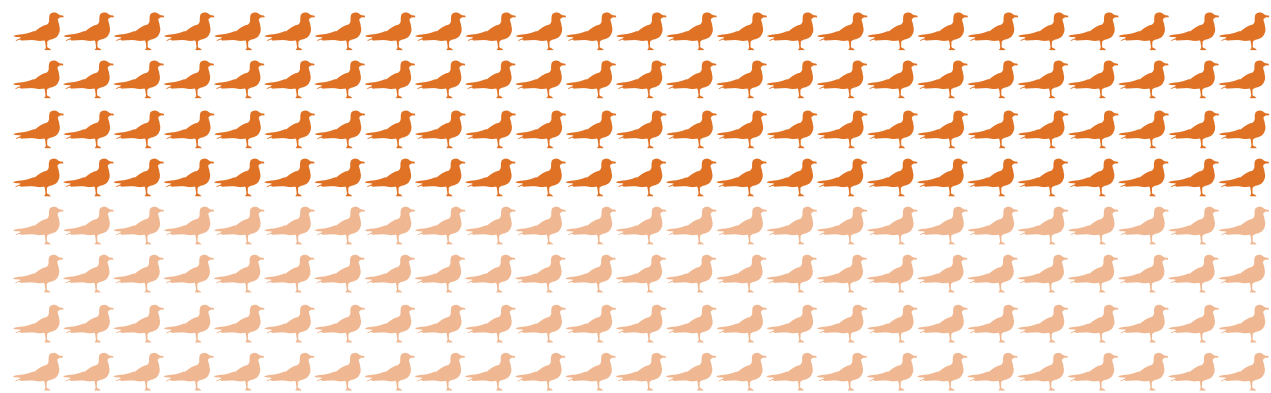
Space for up to 30 bears at any given time, up from just 6 bears at our current site



20 bobcats, up from just 10 previously



200 seabirds, doubling our current capacity of 100





American Black Bears

Rehabilitation areas for bears will significantly expand. For the first time, PAWS' bear patients will have access to grazing areas, natural denning spaces, and larger places to climb, all providing enrichment and exercise in a more peaceful and natural setting.

Great Horned Owls

The circular design of the new large raptor recovery habitat will allow these stately animals a wider range of natural flight behaviors. As they spread their wings in new ways, raptors will heal and return to their wild homes more quickly.

River Otters

Four new in-ground pools will allow aquatic mammals and birds to be moved from pool to pool with minimal handling, decreasing stress and increasing safety. Efficient filtration systems will conserve water. A specialized washroom will enhance PAWS' ability to care for oiled wildlife and those affected by disasters.



Beyond PAWS' Walls

Tomorrow's Caregivers: Veterinarian and rehabilitation training program will flourish with new space to allow for more hands-on and real-time experiences. The new facility will extend our reach to help wild animals around the world.

Conservation Research: Wildlife rehabilitation centers are on the forefront of emerging diseases. PAWS' new facilities will expand our ability to impact regional and national conservation and statewide research efforts.



Your Partnership

After years of planning, site selection, and design, construction of the PAWS Wildlife Center is underway. Our final phase of fundraising is the most critical, and your support is more important than ever. Together, we can complete the PAWS Wildlife Center.

Your support will heal more wildlife and create thousands more success stories of animals safely returning to the wild, healthy and flourishing.

At PAWS, we know it is our obligation to care for the wild animals who share our beautiful landscapes with us. Our role is to help each animal heal and get back to the wild.

Now is the time to give our wild animals space to spread their wings, flippers and paws.

Now is the time YOU can help more wildlife.



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