

NJ WILDLIFE NEEDS YOUR HELP - PETITION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL S2325



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Wildlife rehabilitators are volunteers that care for orphaned and injured wildlife until they can be released back to nature. While licensed by State of NJ, they receive no payment/fees for their services, and absorb the costs of transportation, caging, specialized diets and veterinary care out of their personal finances, with occasional donations and grants.

- Currently, there are not enough wildlife rehabilitators to serve the needs of NJ's Wildlife and/or to provide humane alternatives for residents that are dealing with disabled and injured animals.
- In 2002, there were 94 rehabbers, handling over 18,300 animals and 46,000 phone calls.
- In 2004, there were 52 rehab licenses issued, yet the numbers of calls for help with Wildlife have increased.
- S 2325 establishes a New Jersey Wildlife Rehabilitation Licensing Study Commission, to study, evaluate and develop recommendations for implementing the most effective means to increase and maintain the number of licensed wildlife rehabilitators in a manner that will provide responsible wildlife services to all areas of the State.
- Increasing the number of responsible rehabilitators means more no cost to taxpayers care for the injured and/or disabled wild animals that are found by the public. Thank you for your support.

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cc: NJDEP Commissioner Campbell, State Senator Bob Campbell, Acting Governor Richard Codey, Senator Karcher

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PLEASE FORWARD ALL COMPLETED PETITONS TO:

***Save Wildlife Rehabilitators
71 Lincoln Avenue
Neptune City, NJ 07753***

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