

Toronto Wildlife Centre & Wildlife Services in the Town of Markham



Markham, with its beautiful greenspaces, is home to hundreds of species of wildlife as well as a rapidly expanding human population.

As a result, there are increasing numbers of human wildlife interactions each year.



Most of these interactions are positive...

**But human-wildlife
interactions occur
every day that result
in people needing help**



Your child goes out into the backyard and discovers a young Raccoon, growling and terrified, with his leg stuck in the fence



Your dog goes out into the backyard and discovers another animal stuck in the fence...



You hit a hawk with your car while driving to work. The bird limps off to the side of the road, its wing dragging...



There was a big storm last night, and in the morning you find a nest of baby birds on the sidewalk



A mechanic arrives at work in the morning and discovers...



You hear a noise coming from your yard, and find tangled up in your dog's leash...



Out for a walk on a quiet afternoon, you and your wife discover an odd looking bird beside a pond. As you approach, it lets out a loud noise and stabs its beak at you. But it can't walk or fly, you can't just leave it there...



Arriving home from the grocery store, you remove your bunch of bananas from the bag and out crawls a very intimidating looking spider...



Returning home after a long day, you surprise an animal on your front walk – what is it?



Residents need and expect help with wildlife-related situations from a specialized, knowledgeable source



Why do wildlife issues need to be addressed?

- ✓To ensure Public Health & Safety



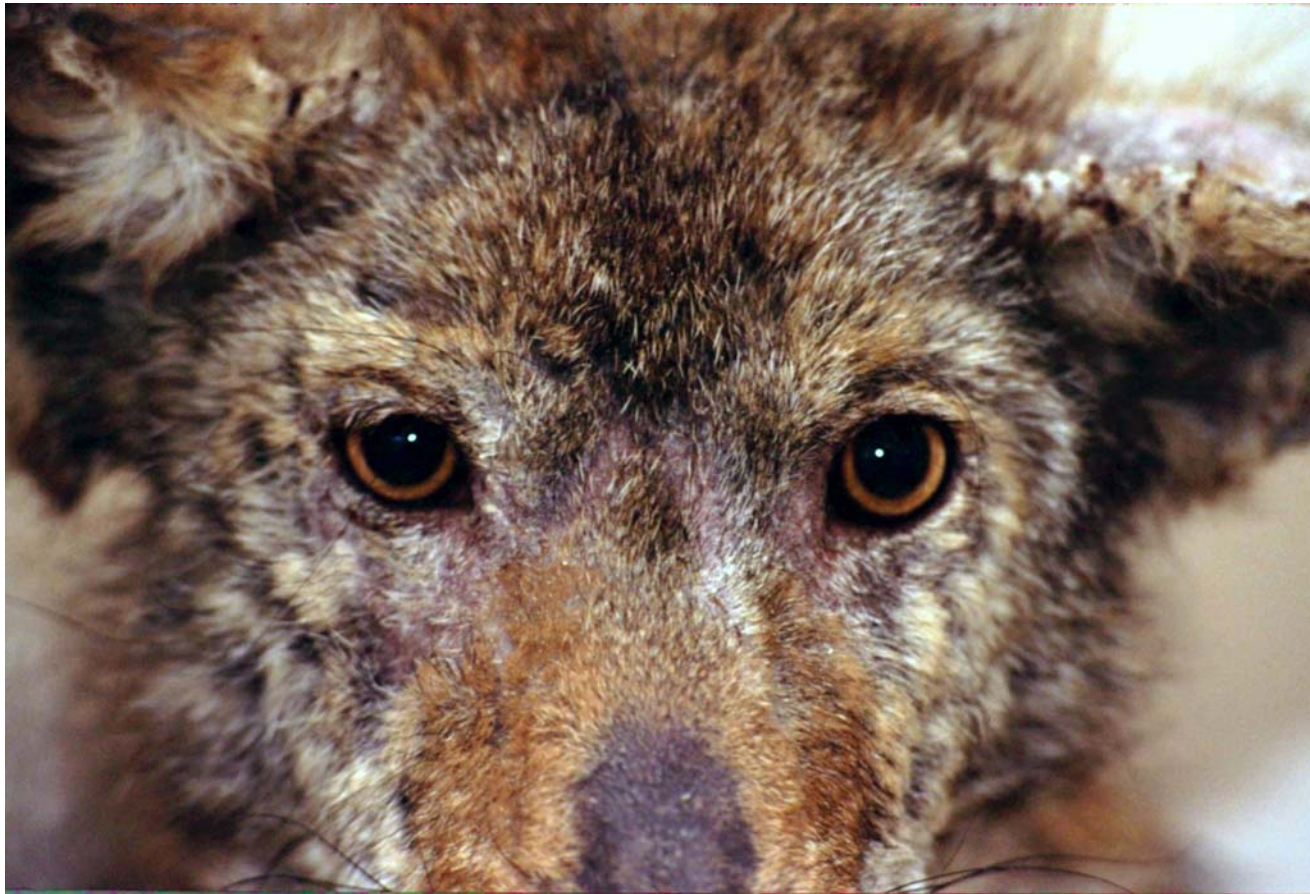
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- ✓ To help the public resolve nuisance situations



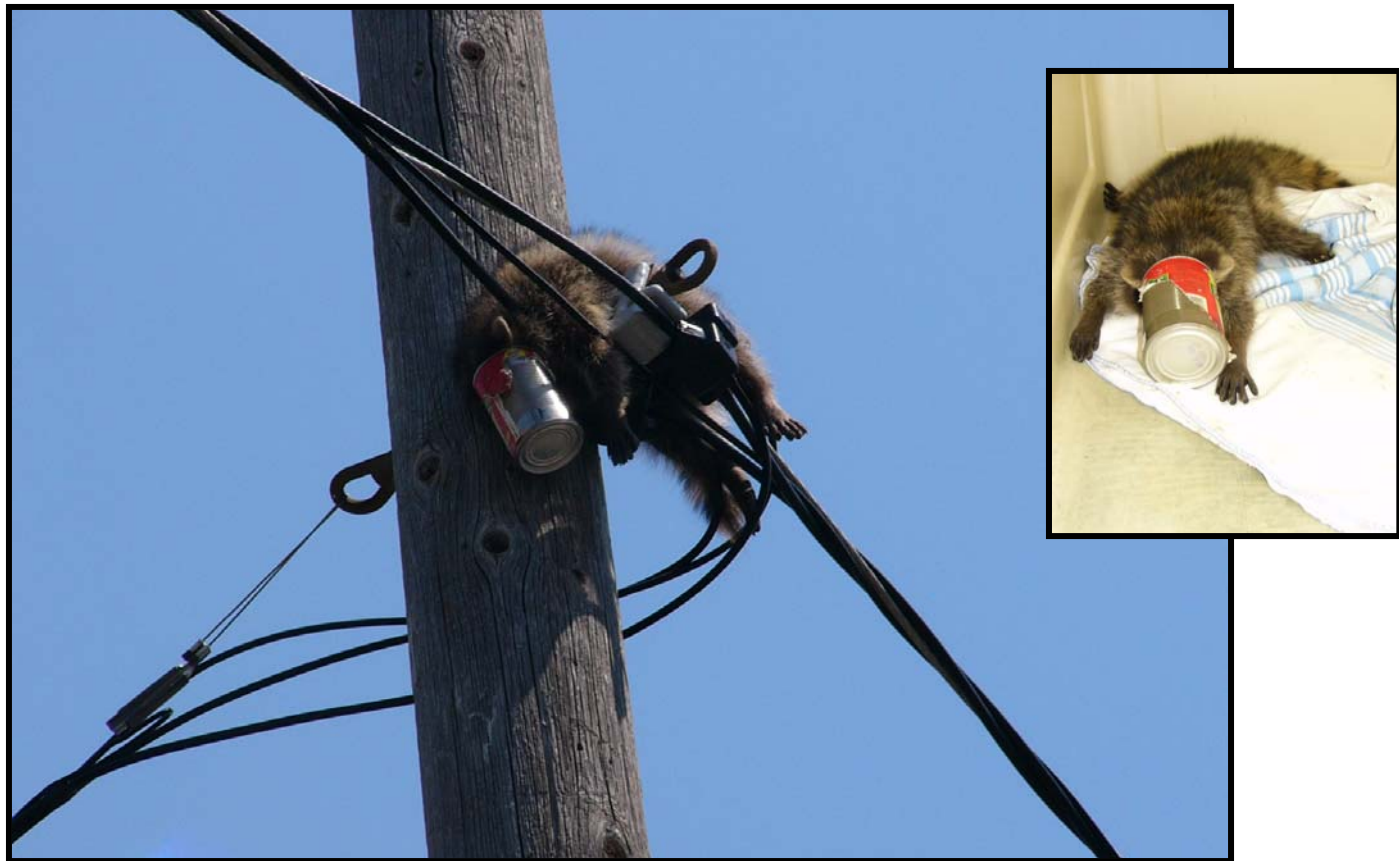
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- ✓To alleviate fears



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Because they happen a lot!

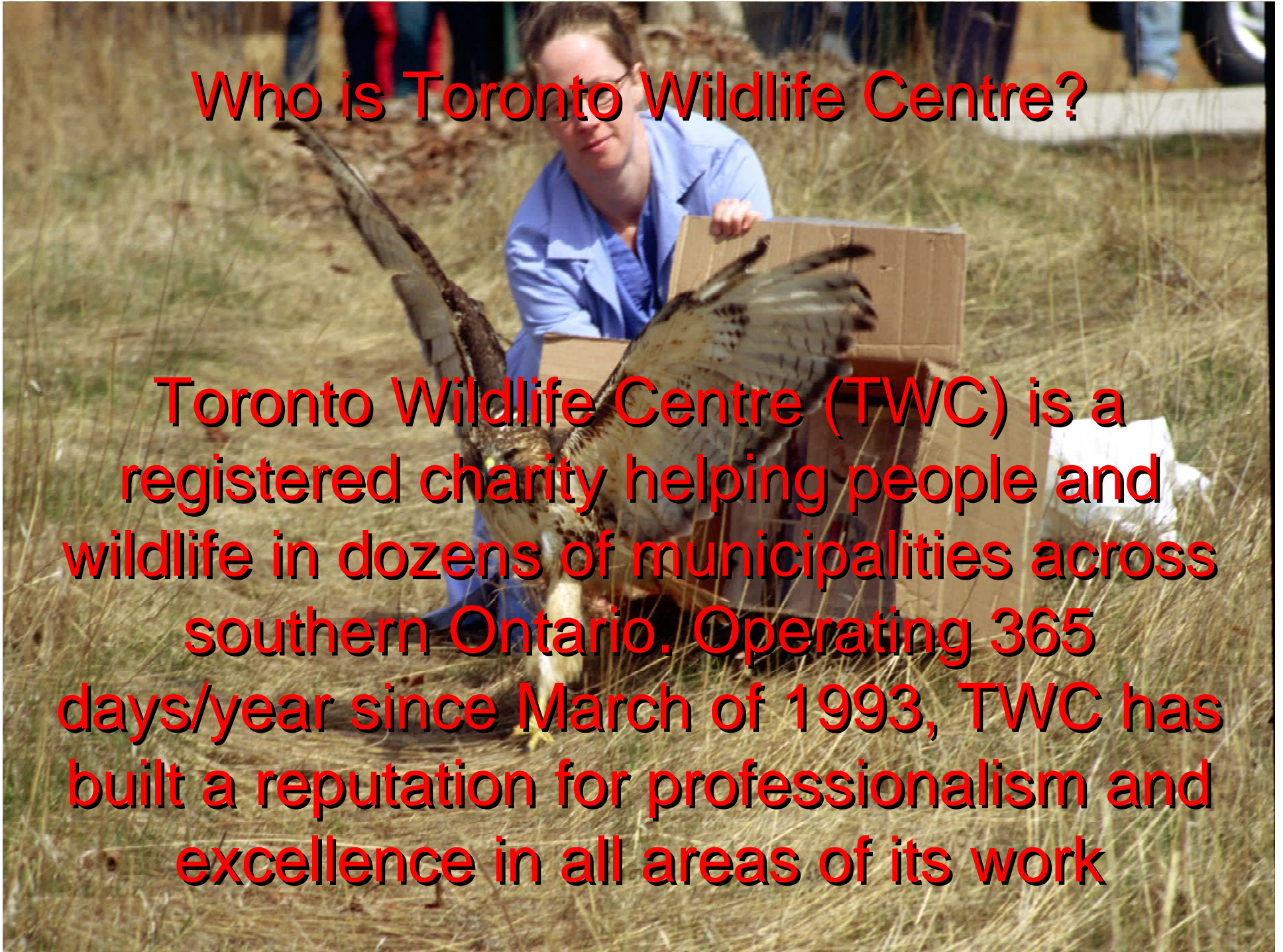
Why haven't you heard more about these issues before?

Because since 1993, Toronto Wildlife Centre has been helping people and wildlife in the Town of Markham



Who is Toronto Wildlife Centre?

Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC) is a registered charity helping people and wildlife in dozens of municipalities across southern Ontario. Operating 365 days/year since March of 1993, TWC has built a reputation for professionalism and excellence in all areas of its work



Toronto Wildlife Centre has been serving the Markham community since 1993:

- We understand the issues your community faces and know how to respond effectively



Toronto Wildlife Centre's programs & services for Markham residents are well established:

- ✓TWC's programs & services have been running 365 days/year for over 12 year
- ✓Staff are highly trained & experienced
- ✓Staff veterinarians in our *Wildlife Hospital* have years of training in the field of wildlife medicine
- ✓Wildlife biologists supervise the work of rehabilitation staff and close to 200 volunteers (some of whom live and/or work in Markham)
- ✓TWC staff are frequent speakers at international conferences
- ✓TWC is working with the largest humane society in North America on a comprehensive Wildlife Hotline manual and specialized wildlife centre software in order to teach & train others in the field



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- We have worked with over 33,000 wild animals representing over 200 different species
- Our Wildlife Hotline is the busiest service of its kind in North America, responding to over 30,000 calls / year
- TWC's Wildlife Rescue program is the only one of its kind in Canada
- TWC is the only wildlife centre in Ontario with staff trained in Oil Spill Response Supervision
- TWC was the first Canadian wildlife centre to have a veterinarian on staff



We have strong relationships with other organizations, regularly working in cooperation with:

The Toronto Zoo

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Agencies responsible for human health (e.g. CFIA, local boards of health)

The OPP as well as local police forces

Animal services agencies and humane societies from across the GTA



What has Toronto Wildlife Centre done for the Markham community in the last 12 ½ years?

- ✓Handled calls from tens of thousands of residents regarding wildlife
- ✓Admitted approximately two thousand sick, injured and orphaned wild animals
- ✓Helped to keep the public safe
- ✓Rescued wildlife from difficult situations
- ✓Provided increasing amounts of wildlife services each year since 1993, at a cost to TWC of over \$200,000



Questions?

