



## Wildlife Rehabilitation in New York City

To rehabilitate wild animals in New York State, you need to [secure a wildlife rehabilitator license](#) from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. **Within New York City, there are additional requirements for engaging in rehabilitation work:**

- You must keep the wild animal at one of these venues:
  - a zoological park or aquarium operated by the Department of Parks and Recreation, Wildlife Conservation Society or Staten Island Zoological Society
  - a veterinary hospital or other veterinary or medical facility where veterinary care is provided for such animals

If you wish to use an alternative venue, you must first receive permission from the Health Department by emailing [veterinaryhealth@health.nyc.gov](mailto:veterinaryhealth@health.nyc.gov).

- If bitten by the wild animal, you must report the bite to the New York City Health Department by calling 311.

Also, if you have a wildlife rehabilitator license and want to exhibit or display wildlife, including for educational purposes, you must first [obtain an exhibition permit](#) from the New York City Health Department.

If you have any questions, please email the Health Department's Office of Veterinary Public Health Services at [veterinaryhealth@health.nyc.gov](mailto:veterinaryhealth@health.nyc.gov).