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*To protect, conserve, and aid in the recovery of Hawai'i's native wildlife through hands-on treatment, research, training, science education, and cultural programs.*

## About Us

Founded by current President and Director Linda Elliott, the **Hawai'i Wildlife Center** (HWC) serves as a critical emergency response facility for the rehabilitation of injured, sick, and contaminated wildlife, the training of response personnel, and volunteers and for science-based education programs and research.

The HWC wildlife hospital receives wildlife patients from all main Hawaiian Islands. Additionally, the organization seeks to create valuable learning opportunities to foster better wildlife response preparedness and to help our Pacific Island partners with establishing critical wildlife response programs for native species.

The HWC began in 2004 with the fiscal sponsorship of the North Kohala Community Resource Center and eventually received its own 501(c)(3) non-profit status in January 2006.

## HWC Services

*The HWC provides a variety of different services, ranging from consultation and mitigation fulfillment, to training, planning assistance, on-the-ground emergency response, research, and education programs.*

ANNUAL CARE FOR SICK AND INJURED NATIVE ANIMALS STATEWIDE	EMERGENCY RESPONSE	RESEARCH	PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION
<p><i>Professional treatment and conditioning before release back into the wild.</i></p> <p><b>Treatment:</b> Triage, condition assessment, stabilization, medical care, development of individualized treatment program, quarantine, monitoring, feeding, decontamination</p> <p><b>Rehabilitation and Release:</b> Pre-release conditioning, exercise, behavior monitoring, behavior enhancement, release protocol, transport, release</p>	<p><i>For oil/contaminant spills, disease outbreaks, natural disasters, seasonal fallout, nesting site destruction, etc.</i></p> <p><b>Contingency planning assistance:</b> Development and execution of emergency response plans for main and remote islands</p> <p><b>First responder training:</b> Proper response procedure, handling techniques, capture methods, basic stabilization, disease recognition, translocation</p> <p><b>Provision of rescue kits and response supplies:</b> Rescue guides, bird capture equipment, basic field stabilization supplies</p> <p><b>Response management and assistance:</b> Site assessment, mobilization, staff supervision, wildlife capture, set-up of on-site stabilization satellites, on-site triage, disease response, handling, transportation, maintaining readiness of HWC facility for emergency response</p> <p><b>Early detection of wildlife diseases and environmental contaminants</b></p> <p><b>Mitigation contract fulfillment</b></p>	<p><b>Lab research:</b> Physiological norms, disease detection and monitoring, treatments</p> <p><b>Field researcher training and assistance</b></p> <p><b>Handling training:</b> Fulfillment of rehabilitation requirements on research and banding permits</p> <p><b>Translocation project consultation:</b> Project management, planning, equipment preparation, staff/volunteer training, wildlife capture, captive care, transportation, release</p> <p><b>Wildlife research and management:</b> Native species biology, management planning</p>	<p><b>Interactive programs:</b> Focus on native wildlife and ecosystems, understanding, awareness and enthusiasm for native wildlife conservation, how to get involved, connections to Hawaiian culture, guided tours, volunteer training</p> <p><b>Conservation education resources:</b> science curriculum enhancement, wildlife internship/externship, rescue and rehabilitation mentorship</p>