

## HOW ARE WE FUNDED

We receive no government funds and are funded solely through private donations. You can make a donation through our website donation feature, located at: [www.dadewildliferescue.com](http://www.dadewildliferescue.com)

We are incorporated in the State of Florida as a non-profit corporation. We are recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt charity under section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Tax Code.

This means that persons or organizations wishing to contribute to Wildlife Rescue of Dade County may be able to deduct their donation from their taxable income.

## OUR MISSION

To rescue, rehabilitate, and release back into the wild the injured, orphaned, and/or displaced wild animals native to South Florida.

To provide free educational programs to schools and community organizations from our area.

To train, equip and deploy personnel to respond to and assist local authorities in animal rescue, disaster, and emergency relief situations worldwide.

## HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

Checks can be made out to:  
Wildlife Rescue of Dade County  
12055 SW 240 Street  
Princeton, FL 33032

Donate Online:  
[dadewildliferescue.com/donate](http://dadewildliferescue.com/donate)

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[wildliferescue@bellsouth.net](mailto:wildliferescue@bellsouth.net)

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## WHAT WE DO

What we do is called wildlife rehabilitation. It involves caring for sick, injured and orphaned native wild animals, and doing so in such a manner that they can be released to continue living their lives as wild animals.

## HOW DO WE DO IT?

We are staffed by trained and experienced wildlife rehabilitators and volunteers. We are permitted by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to rescue and rehabilitate injured and orphaned wild animals. We are additionally permitted by both of these organizations and the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the possession of non-releasable animals for use in our educational programs.

We have a close relationship with the area's best veterinarians, who not only donate their time and services but also the resources of their clinics to help us care for the animals. Several of these clinics act as drop off points for animals in need of rehabilitation.

## THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A NATIVE AND AN EXOTIC ANIMAL

A native species is one that would be found here in Florida naturally without any interference from people. An exotic is a species which has been introduced to our area almost always through human actions like the release or escape of pets or domestic agriculture animals. Because of the potential ecological hazards that these animals present, state and federal law prohibits the release of exotic animals into the wild. We are able to find appropriate homes for some species (e.g. parakeets or iguanas), so on a case-by-case basis we may accept an exotic species. But as a general rule, we do not rehabilitate exotic species.

## WHAT SHOULD YOU DO FOR A WILD ANIMAL THAT NEEDS HELP?

Contact a permitted wildlife rehabilitator, describe the situation to them, and follow their instructions. Every situation will be different, and you may be instructed to leave the animal alone and do nothing. Many times, animals that people find are actually not in need of care. At that point, our help becomes interference.

## WHAT IF YOU WANT TO CARE FOR THE ANIMAL YOURSELF?

Caring for injured and/or orphaned wild animals requires a permit from the government organizations described above. Different animals require different levels of permitting. Anyone who cares for a wild animal without an appropriate permit is doing so illegally.

## WILL YOU COME TO PICK UP INJURED ANIMALS?

Because we are funded entirely by private donations, we do not have the resources to pick up every animal that needs our care and rely on our community to bring the animals to our center. If an animal poses a threat to the safety of a person trying to rescue it, or if an animal cannot be brought to us, we will make every effort to pick up the animal.

