**Did you know?**

It is illegal to rehabilitate deer, black bears, alligators and wild turkeys.

**Fawn Facts:**

- Do not touch or interact with fawns
- They are virtually scentless and use camouflage (coats dappled with white spots) to avoid predation
- Does often leave fawns alone for hours to forage and to reduce attracting predators to the fawn
- You are most likely to see fawns in Louisiana from March-September
- If you locate an injured adult deer or fawn, contact your local LDWF Field Office

**www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/contact-us**

**1-800-442-2511**

To locate a permitted wildlife rehabilitator in your area, please visit our website:

www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/permitted-wildlife-rehabilitators

To report injured bald or golden eagles, contact your local LDWF Field Office or call 1-800-442-2511

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**WILDLIFE REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

**Rules & Application Procedures**

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The Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit (WRP) program was created to regulate the rehabilitation of injured or orphaned wildlife.

The goal of the program is to place injured or orphaned wildlife in temporary care until they can be successfully returned to the wild.

Wildlife rehabilitation requires knowledge of wildlife behavior, habitat, diet, and other species-specific needs.

An individual must possess and demonstrate the skills necessary to properly rehabilitate and release native species in Louisiana. Wildlife rehabilitation requires training and considerable commitment. WRP applicants must consider the amount of time, effort and cost associated with properly caring for wildlife species.

Please note wildlife shall not be kept as pets in Louisiana and no WRP will be issued for such activity.

**The Purpose...**

**Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Requirements**

- Must be 18 or older.
- Convicted felons or individuals with Class 2 or greater wildlife violations are ineligible.
- Must complete an application, release statement and financial responsibility statement.
- Must complete the LDWF wildlife rehabilitation course followed by a 100 question test in addition to annual continuing education courses through LDWF or the IWRC. Proof of course completion must be provided.
- Must provide statement of veterinary support from a veterinarian and a letter of recommendation from a permitted Wildlife Rehabilitator.
- Must pass a facility inspection: enclosures must meet or exceed the NWRA/IWRC minimum standards:
  

- Wildlife held under a WRP must be handled minimally and without public contact.
- Sale or consumption of wildlife is prohibited.
- A U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Migratory Bird permit is required to possess any bird listed on the Migratory Bird list:
  

- Does not exempt permittee from other state, federal, parish or municipal agency/government ordinances.
- Rehabilitated wildlife may not be imported into or exported out of Louisiana.
- S-1 ranked species may NOT be possessed by the permittee without written authorization.

For more information on the Wildlife Rehabilitator Program or to receive an application for a Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit, please refer to the contact information on the back of this pamphlet.