



The Richmond Wildlife Center works to provide wildlife and feral exotic animals access to critical and quality veterinary care while teaching others about our wild neighbors and responsible pet ownership.

- The Richmond Wildlife Center, in addition to its native wildlife program, admits companion and agricultural animals found feral, running at large, and abandoned in the wild, to exclude cats and dogs.
- The decision regarding the intake of any animal will be made by the Founder/Executive Director who also currently serves as the primary intake coordinator and will be based on facility capacity and constraints, human resource capacity, commonwealth regulations surrounding the individual species and current nonprofit financial constraints.
- Criteria used in the decision of admitting any animal will not at any time be based upon the age, health, and temperament of the animal, or availability of approved adopters.
- Owner relinquishments are not accepted.
- Animals admitted are typically found by the general public or transferred from local governmental animal control agencies.
- All animals turned into the Richmond Wildlife Center by the general public will be reported to the local governmental animal agency in which the animal was originally found. A Found Animal Report will be filed by the Richmond Wildlife Center as required by the local governmental agency in which the animal was originally found. The Richmond Wildlife Center will advertise the animal as found in any method the center deems suitable to include any of the following: road front signs, utilization of local media outlets, social media and online advertisements.
- Animals transferred from local governmental agencies will be accompanied by an animal custody report and transfer form.
- Animals previously adopted from the Richmond Wildlife Center may be returned subject to the terms of the Adoption Contract signed at the time of the adoption and at the discretion of the Founder/Executive Director.
- All veterinary care is provided by the Richmond Wildlife Center and animals are only placed for adoption once returned to a healthy adoptable state.
- Animals placed for adoption must meet all current state laws regarding the private ownership of that particular species. All animals who do not meet requirements for private ownership are then placed in a suitable captive environment based on current laws and species requirements. Preference is given for AZA accredited facilities with veterinary facilities on premise.
- Richmond Wildlife Center volunteers are not permitted to initiate intake of any animal on the behalf of the Richmond Wildlife Center without the expressed approval of the Founder/Executive Director.

Intake procedures and policies are determined by the Richmond Wildlife Center Board of Directors and may be reviewed periodically at the Board's discretion.