

Wildlife Rehabilitation in Virginia Beach

- Currently if someone wishes to begin rehabilitating wildlife and they have found someone to sponsor them under their state permit, they must apply with VDGIF and receive an inspection by a CPO and then a permit will be issued.
 - If you also wish to rehabilitate birds, then you must submit a very thorough and extensive application to USFWS, and obtain a federal permit.
 - If you live in the city of Virginia Beach, you then also must obtain a Conditional Use Permit, regardless of the amount, species, or age of animals you plan on rehabilitating.
- Proposal is to remove the need for a CUP for individuals who are home base wildlife rehabilitators that will be rehabilitating wildlife exclusively in their homes. Such as caring for neonates, nestlings, or injured adults, which require daily care/medications/treatments.
- This change would allow rehabilitators in Virginia Beach to care for young or injured animals and then transfer them to someone who has outdoor caging, either in Virginia Beach w/ a CUP, or in a surrounding city.
- Councilwoman Sabrina Wooten is going to sponsor the new ordinance, which has already been written up by the City Attorney. It will be going to the Planning Commission on May 8th and is slated for City Council on June 4th.

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