

Wildlife Health Centre



Leaders in the Care and Protection of Wildlife Species

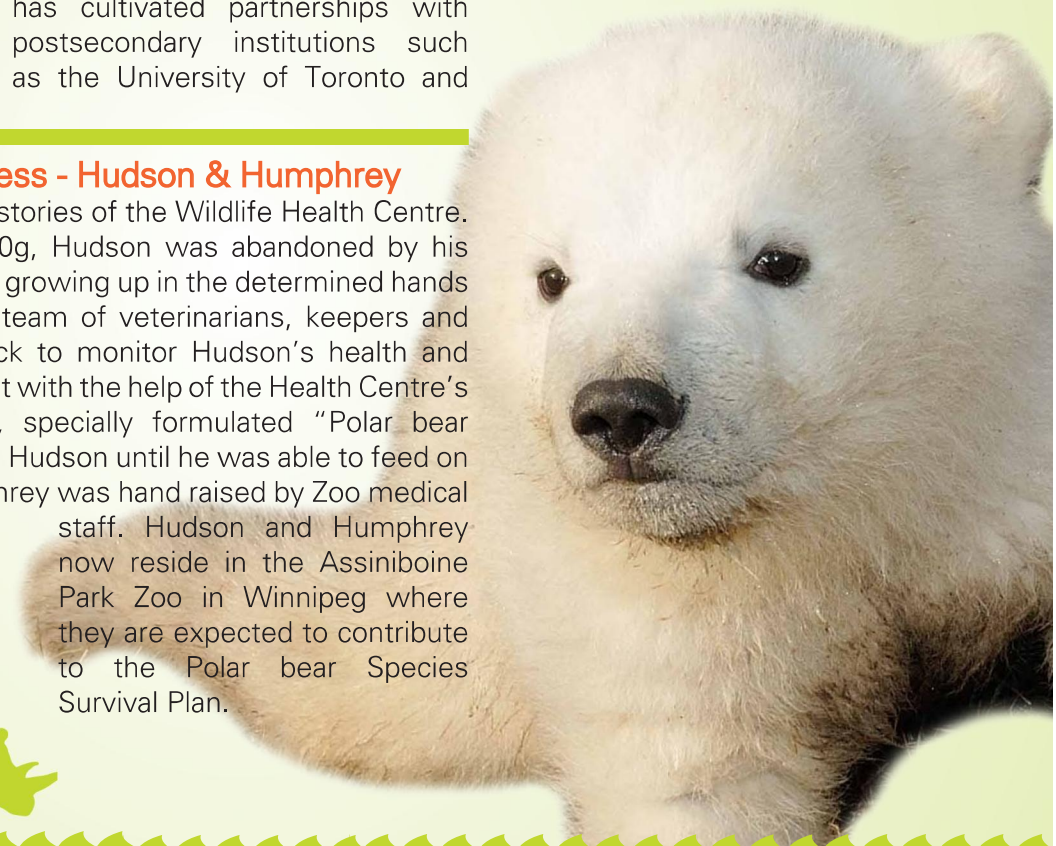
The creation of a new state-of-the-art Wildlife Health Centre stands at the top of the Toronto Zoo's priority list. The current facilities evolved within the original 1974 animal holding building, and minor upgrades over the years have done little to increase the quantity and quality of the space. Our new health

centre will lay the foundation for high-quality wildlife health, nutrition and species survival research. The Zoo has attracted world-leading veterinarians, nutritionists, keepers and conservationists. It has cultivated partnerships with postsecondary institutions such as the University of Toronto and

Guelph University. It is essential to put the infrastructure in place to ensure the best wildlife care and learning environment.

Compassionate Care and Success - Hudson & Humphrey

Hudson and Humphrey are success stories of the Wildlife Health Centre. Born on November 11, 2011 at 700g, Hudson was abandoned by his mother and began his 98 day journey growing up in the determined hands of Toronto Zoo staff. A dedicated team of veterinarians, keepers and technicians worked around the clock to monitor Hudson's health and growth. Hudson became independent with the help of the Health Centre's resources including a home-made, specially formulated "Polar bear formula" that was used to hand raise Hudson until he was able to feed on his own. Similarly, his brother Humphrey was hand raised by Zoo medical staff. Hudson and Humphrey now reside in the Assiniboine Park Zoo in Winnipeg where they are expected to contribute to the Polar bear Species Survival Plan.



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Health First

We are privileged to have in our care over five thousand animals representing almost 500 species. However, the physical limitations of our facility are making it harder every day to provide the care needed for our beloved ambassadors. Spaces have become crowded with the addition of new technology and staff. Building systems do not support the complex level of care that modern health facilities require. While our alliances with post-secondary institutions and national wildlife organizations are broadening our reach, they are also putting additional pressure on the entire facility.

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Enabling Education and Species Survival

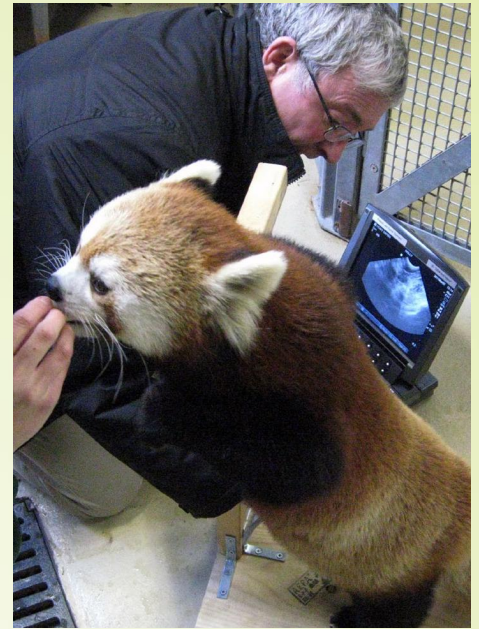
The Zoo has a much broader mandate than when it opened in 1974, that includes research and teaching in animal nutrition, behaviour, reproduction, reintroduction and biodiversity. We have more staff and a wider range of activity, including the research and practice of assisted reproduction, a key to wildlife survival and biodiversity. The Zoo plans to increase this practice, which demands sterile conditions and sophisticated new technologies. Offices and labs built for a handful of people barely accommodate the ever-growing conservation science team, not to mention new lab equipment, cryo-preservation storage and computers.

Meeting High Standards

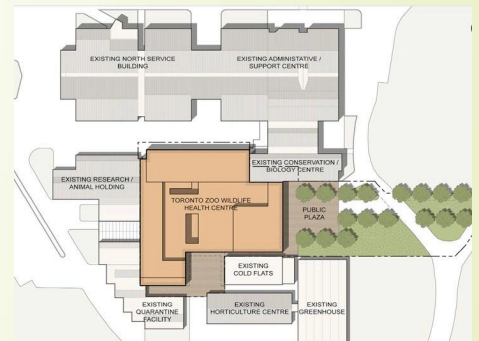
Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA) and the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) have noted the limitations of our current facility and strongly support the upgrades we are proposing. As animal care standards advance, the Zoo is eager to meet and exceed requirements for high quality veterinary and nutritional care and to demonstrate that we are moving forward on our plan. Our accreditation is key not only to our animals' health but also to our extensive programs, including university collaborations and research grants.

A State-of-the-Art Facility

Established architects and animal health partners have designed the new Wildlife Health Centre in close consultation with Zoo staff to ensure that it responds precisely to our range of needs. The 29,746 square feet of interior space—nearly double the current area—will be easy to maintain in a hygienic state and provide ample room for handling post surgical care, modern diagnostics and research equipment. Veterinary staff will be able to treat larger species such as gorillas at the Centre rather than in their enclosure. A viewing area for private guided tours will provide a behind-the-scenes peek into wildlife care.



Red panda receiving an ultrasound in the current Wildlife Health Centre.



Concept plan for the new state-of-the-art Wildlife Health Centre.



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Become a Partner in the Survival of Wildlife Species

This project is an investment in the care and well-being of our animals. We invite you to take part in this unique opportunity to invest in a facility that will define excellence in the field for years to come. The Zoo is able to offer donors and sponsors a wide variety of investment and naming opportunities on properties including animal care units, suites, wards and support facilities.

Get Involved Today!

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