Enabling Education and Conservation
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 conservation and biodiversity. The Zoo plans to increase this practice, which demands sterile conditions and sophisticated new technologies. However, we are rapidly outgrowing the space and conditions available for this and other kinds of research. 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 the Highest Standards
The Canadian Association of 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 other activities, 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 22,000 square feet of interior space—nearly double the current space—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.

Leaders in Wildlife Care and Conservation
The creation of a new state-of-the-art Wildlife Health Centre stands at the top of the campaign 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 centre will lay the foundation for high-quality wildlife health, reproduction 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 universities of Toronto and Guelph. It is essential to put the infrastructure in place to ensure the best wildlife care and learning environment.

Compassionate Care and Success - Hudson
Hudson is just one success story that has resulted from the initiatives in 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 Wildlife 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. After 98 days of impassioned care Hudson moved to his home in the Polar bear house.

Get Involved Today!
Contact the WILD For Life Campaign team at 416-392-9113
Wildlife Health Centre

Naming Opportunities

- Building $5,000,000
- Animal Holding Unit $1,000,000
- Clinical Unit $2,500,000
- Pathology Unit $1,000,000
- Public Viewing Corridor $2,500,000
- Reproductive Unit $1,000,000
- Veterinary Unit $1,000,000
- Clinical Lab $500,000
- Endocrine Lab (2) $500,000
- Gamete Lab $500,000
- Intensive Care Suite $500,000
- Necropsy Lab $500,000
- Necropsy Suite $500,000
- Pharmacy $500,000
- Radiology Suite $500,000
- Surgery Suite $500,000
- Treatment Suite $500,000
- Aquatic Ward $250,000
- Hoofstock Ward $250,000
- Isolation Ward $250,000
- Small Animal Ward $250,000
- Strong Animal Ward $250,000
- Assay Lab Collection $100,000
- Gamete Collection $100,000
- Keeper Collection $100,000
- Medical Collection $100,000
- Necropsy Collection (2) $100,000
- Specimen Cold Storage (4) $100,000
- Tissue Collection $100,000
- Walk-in Cooler $100,000
- Clinical Clean Area $50,000
- Clinical Soiled Area $50,000
- Conference Room $50,000
- Disinfectant Area $50,000
- Emergency Entrance $50,000
- Medical Support Area $50,000
- Necropsy Change Area $50,000
- Scrub Room $50,000
- Sterile Area $50,000
- Surgical Change Area (2) $50,000
- Keeper Office $25,000
- Medical Secretary Office $25,000
- Partner Office $25,000
- Pathologist Office $25,000
- Post-Doctoral Office $25,000
- Records Office $25,000
- Reproductive Biologist Office $25,000
- Reproductive Staff Office (2) $25,000
- Research Office $25,000
- Resident Vet Office $25,000
- Senior Vet Office $25,000
- Staff Lunch Room $25,000
- Veterinarian Tech. Office $25,000
- Veterinarian Office $25,000
- Wildlife Health Office $25,000

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Aerial mock-up of the new Wildlife Health Centre

Concept photo for state-of-the-art laboratory facilities.

African lion under general anaesthetic in current diagnostic suite.

Concept image of a specialized medical suite.

Hudson the Polar bear in incubator holding.