The New York State Cooperative Wildlife Health Program (WHP) is a partnership between the NYSDEC Bureau of Wildlife and Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine AHDC that works to safeguard the long-term health of the wildlife populations of New York.
Database Upgrade

The Wildlife Health Program is in the process of moving to a new wildlife health database developed and hosted by the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative. At this point in the process, the only changes users will notice is a new submission form. However, in the long run, the updated database will allow for increased efficiency and new data products, such as a new case management dashboard and analytics. Ultimately, this supports our wildlife disease surveillance objectives for New York State.

Program happenings in the field and in the lab

Anticoagulant Impact Across Species

Both the WHU and CWHL had cases of rodenticide poisoning in non-target species including squirrels, fox and raptor species.

Raccoon Rabies in Fisher

A fisher radio-collared as part of a DEC/SUNY-ESF research project tested positive for the raccoon-strain of rabies.

Bald Eagle Lead Project Wrap-up

The Northeast bald eagle population assessment involved collaboration with researchers from academia, state, and federal agencies. We found that bald eagle recovery across a seven-state area was hindered by presence of lead and immigration from other areas supported the initial recovery.

Keeping YOU in the loop!

- Interested in getting the “WHP Weekly Case Reports?” Email us at cwhl@cornell.edu to get registered & keep up to date on all WHP cases! Access to the case reporting system is available to essential agency staff.
- Check out the latest WHP disease watch alerts, Wildlife 411, or Lab news impacting wildlife health at cwhl.vet.cornell.edu.