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.
Bald eagles and lead

We saw 25 bald eagle submissions in Q3 with 14 deaths caused by trauma and four by electrocution. Of the 25 submissions, 11 animals tested positive for lead. Lead poisoning remains a significant concern for bald eagle population health. With ongoing research on lead toxicosis and its impact on the population, we have produced a new software app specifically for bald eagle population recovery, life history and population scale impacts of lead toxicosis.

Check out EaglePOPd and get the facts on lead’s impact.

Program happenings in the field and in the lab

New head of Wildlife Health Program named Kevin Hynes took over as new head of the WHP in September!!

Anticoagulant test development

Dr. Beth Bunting is working with the Cornell Coagulation lab on new testing for rodenticide poisoning.

Optimizing CWD Surveillance

Drs. Schuler, Hanley, and Nick Hollingshead are getting started with a multistate project to improve chronic wasting disease surveillance efficiency and effectiveness by combining cutting-edge modeling with state agency needs.

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.

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