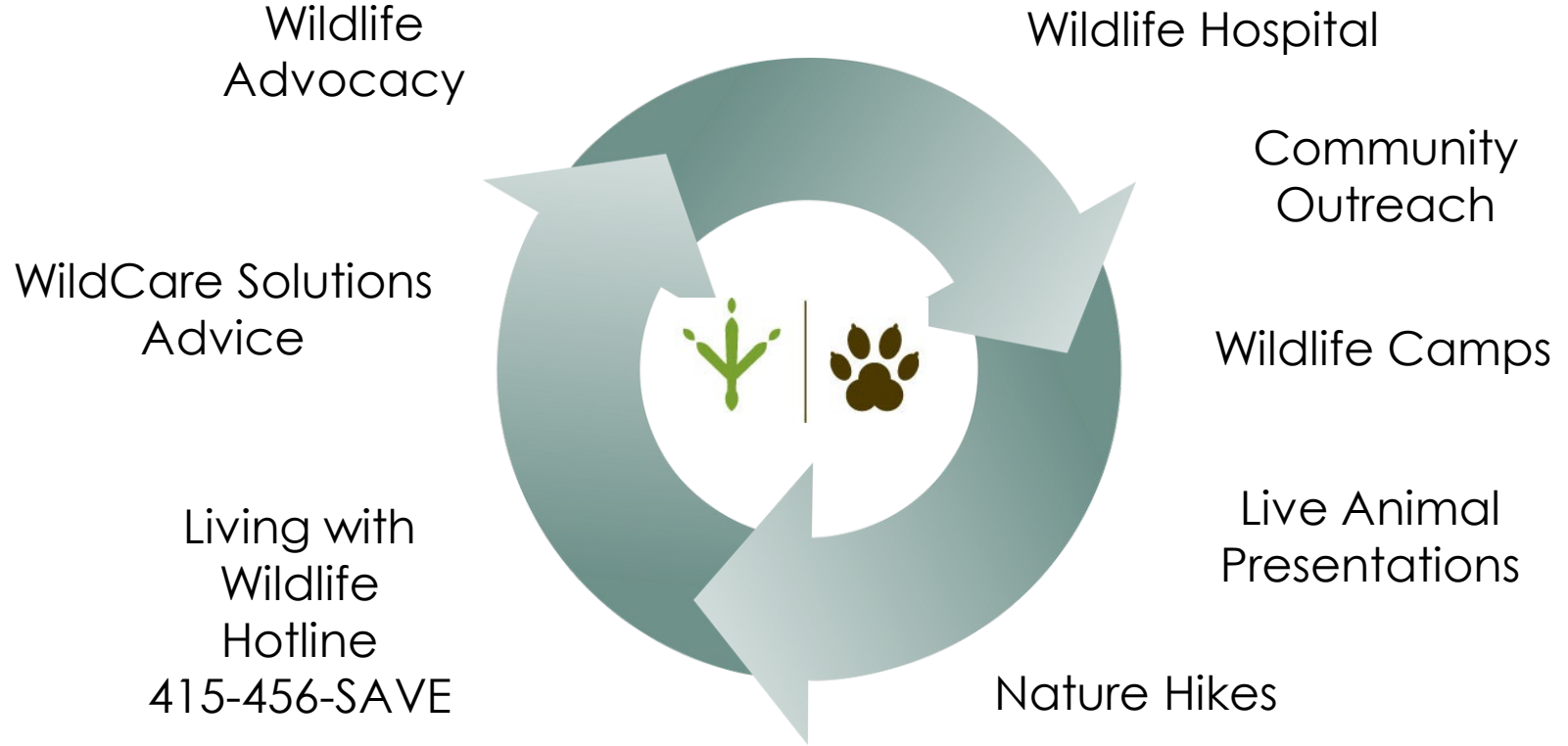




The Case Against Glue Traps:

Perspectives from WildCare's Wildlife Hospital

WildCare is a full cycle of programs that all work together...



... to help people live well with wildlife

Wildlife Hospital

- Treating wildlife since 1974
- 3,431 animals treated in 2024
- Over 200 different species
- Over 80% of patients admitted due to negative human interaction





Non-Toxic

Ready-To-Use

Use as a flat or covered trap

Captures Mice & Insects

Glue Traps and Sticky Traps

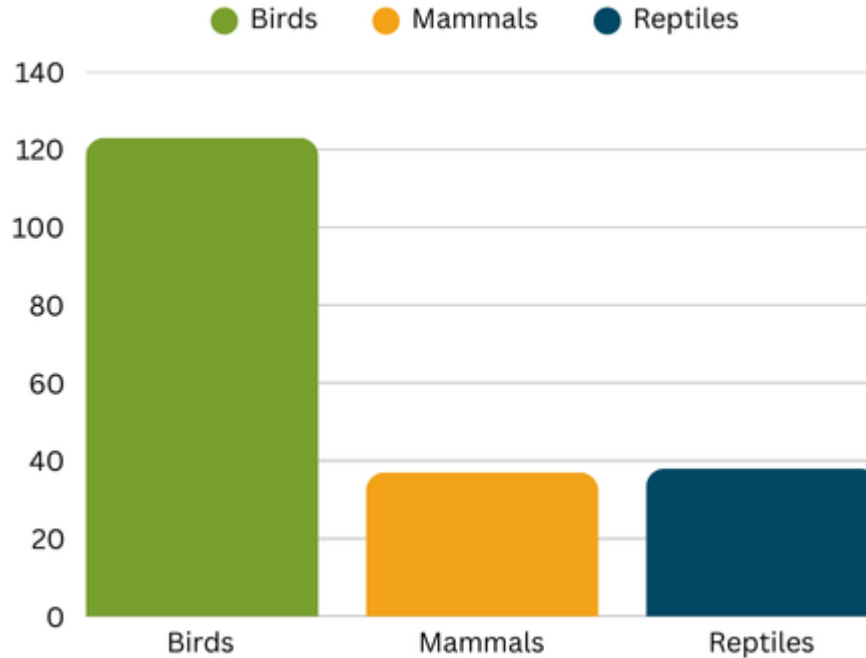


WildCare's Wildlife Hospital has treated **197** glue trap victims, from 49 species, since 2017.



WildCare Glue Trap Statistics

Glue Trap Patients admitted to WildCare 2017 - 2025



Glue Trap Patients
Admitted by Year

2019 – 23

2020 – 22

2021 – 29

2022 – 26

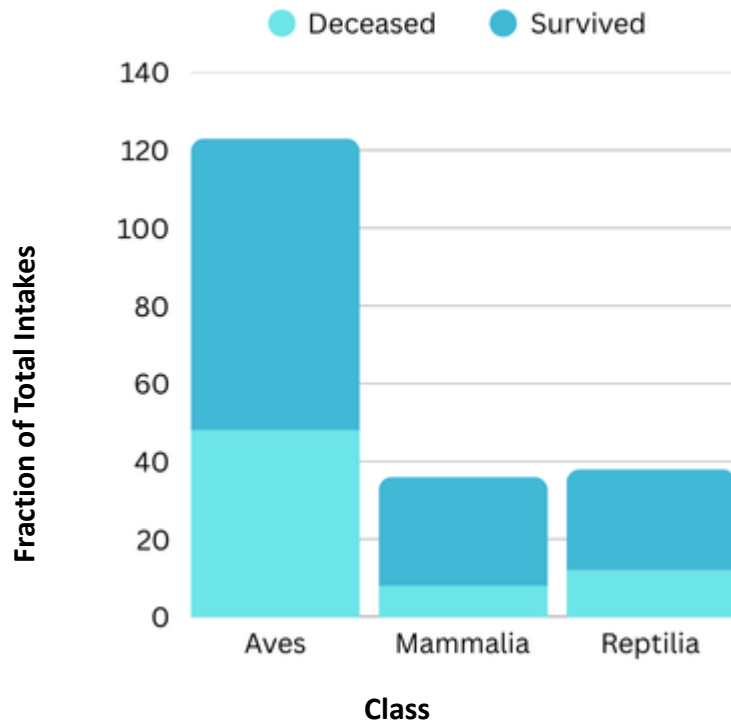
2023 – 26

2024 – 30

2025 – 5 so far

Chart 1. Species Types Admitted to WildCare 2017 – April 2025

WildCare Glue Trap Statistics 2017 - 2025



Birds: 123 total
48 died (39%)
75 survived (61%)

Mammals: 36 total
8 died (22%)
28 survived (78%)

Reptiles: 38 total
12 died (32%)
26 survived (68%)

Chart 2: Fraction of total intakes that survived to be released

WildCare Glue Trap Statistics 2017 - 2025

The Most Common Glue Trap Victims

Rock Pigeon: 36

Roof Rat: 10

Western Fence Lizard: 24

House Sparrow: 9

House Mouse: 14

Dark-eyed Junco: 9

Bewick's Wren: 13

Oak Titmouse: 7

California Towhee: 11





34 of WildCare's 197 recent patients (17%)
were rodents (the intended targets).

The glue itself does NOT kill the animal...



He dies of exposure, dehydration, exhaustion, sometimes suffocation, and injuries from trying to escape the trap.



Death can take days. The instructions on many glue trap labels suggest you throw the trap, and the trapped animal, into the trash.







Removing a glue trap patient requires time, patience,
and many hands...

Video of an Actual Glue Trap Patient (not in PDF version)

- Patient Number 25-482, Roof Rat. Admitted 4/4/25
- Homeowner placed the trap, brought in the rat when she saw how much he was suffering
- Video is disturbing, but the patient SURVIVED!
- He's actually being released tonight!





Remember, he survived!























Major Retailers Pulling Glue Traps from their Shelves

- Atlantic Superstore
- **Big Lots**
- Big W (part of Woolworths Limited)
- Bloor Street Market
- Box by No Frills
- Bulkley Valley Wholesale
- Buy-Low Foods
- C&K Market
- Casey's General Stores, Inc.
- Choices Markets'
- Coborn's Pharmacy
- **CVS**
- Doc's Drugs, Ltd.
- Dollar Days International
- **Dollar General**
- Dominion
- Drugstore.com
- Duane Reade
- Extra Foods
- Fagen Pharmacy
- FIELDS
- Fortinos
- Gelson's Markets
- Giant Tiger
- Home Retail Group
- Independent City Market
- JONS International Marketplace
- Loblaws
- Loblaws City Market
- Louis & Clark Drug, Inc.
- Marsh Supermarkets
- Maxi
- Maxi & Cie
- Meinhart Fine Foods
- Morton Drug Company
- Morton Pharmacy
- Natural Ginesis
- Nature's Fare
- Nesters Market
- No Frills
- **Nugget Markets**
- Overwaitea Foods
- PriceSmart Foods
- Provigo
- Publishers Clearing House
- Pure Integrative Pharmacy
- Quality Foods
- QuikTrip
- Real Canadian Superstore
- Red Apple
- **Rite Aid**
- Rossy
- Save-On-Foods
- Save Easy
- Sheridan Nurseries
- Shop Easy
- Shoppers Drug Mart
- Shoppers Food and Pharmacy
- Solway Feeders—U.K.
- **Target**
- The Bargain! Shop
- Tools & Garden Ltd
- TotalVac, Inc.
- Urban Fare
- USA Drug (Stephen LaFrance Pharmacy)
- U.S. Dollar Store
- Valu-mart
- **Walgreens**
- Walmart Canada
- Your Independent Grocer
- Zehrs

GLUE & STICKY TRAPS MUST BE BANNED!



Existing Bans on Glue Traps

- Ireland – 2000
- Victoria, Australia – December 2008
- Washington DC – March 2011
- New Zealand – January 2015
- India – 2021 (law passed in 2011 but not enforced)
- Wales – Pending 2021
- England – Passed 2022, in effect 2024

Test case: New Zealand

2009 through 2014: Glue traps may only be used by:

- Commercial pest control operators
- Persons employed to conduct pest control on food production premises
- Department of Conservation contractors or employees
- Boat operators transporting persons or goods to, from, or in close proximity to mammalian-pest-free islands.

Starting January 1, 2015, glue traps may not be used without government approval. Approval will only be granted if:

- The approval is in the public interest (including for biosecurity, conservation, public health, or animal health purposes); and
- No viable alternative is available in the circumstances.



Test case: New Zealand

Pest control operators used glue traps as a **monitoring device** and a **lethal control method**.

Chart of Glue Trap Use Approvals from the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries:

Year	Approvals	
	For use	For sale
2015	22	2
2016	9	2
2017	7	2
2018	6	2
2019	4	2
2020	2	2
2021	None so far	

How to Control Rodents Humanely

The best method of rodent control is prevention.

Rodents move in when **food**, **water** and **shelter** are made available to them.



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1. Eliminate food sources.

- Keep garbage completely sealed with lids closed and secured. Don't leave garbage bags outside of bins.
- Keep bulk food, seed, and dry pet food in metal cans with secure lids.
- Pick up fallen fruit. Take birdfeeders inside, or sweep under them at night.

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2. Remove potential rodent homes

- Yard debris, trash, construction waste, etc.
- Remove ivy from on and near structures.
- Remove sheltering ground-covering plants



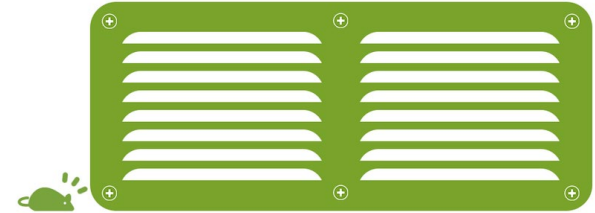
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3. Exclude rodents from your property.

- Make sure vent covers are tightly sealed
- Seal openings **1/2 inch or larger** around the outside of buildings with metal, concrete, or Stuf-fit Copper Mesh Wool,



How to Control Rodents Humanely

4. Include natural rodent predators in your solution.

- Visit HungryOwls.org to learn more about owl boxes!



How to Control Rodents Humanely

5. Use catch-and-release traps as a safe, sanitary, and humane solution, only after entry points are sealed.

6. If lethal methods must be employed:

- Rat zappers or snap traps are the most humane BUT
 - Traps should only be used indoors out of reach of children or pets. All traps must be in locked tamper-resistant boxes to prevent non-target wildlife from being captured.







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