



## Ireland's Wildlife Rehabilitators Association (IWRA)

### MISSION STATEMENT

#### **Our Vision**

To create an inclusive support environment where Ireland's Wildlife Rehabilitator community can achieve best practice in caring for wild patients always with a view to successful rehabilitation and release.

#### **Our Mission**

Ireland's Wildlife Rehabilitators Association is a membership organisation for those interested and involved in wildlife rehabilitation and conservation. We seek to achieve the highest standards and best practice in animal care through respectful communication, cooperation, training and development.

#### **Our Objectives**

- a) Provide an inclusive space for all rehabilitators and volunteers working in this sector.
- b) Provide members of the public access to a community of reputable experienced licensed rehabilitators in Ireland.
- c) Help wildlife rehabilitators expand the support network, whose sole focus is on providing the best care for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife in Ireland.
- d) Encourage standardisation of care and build a shared knowledge base of processes, techniques, and best practice, to ensure a consistent high level of care maintained by every IWRA member.
- e) Set acceptable standards for the practice of wildlife rehabilitation in Ireland and help members attain and maintain those standards.
- f) Raise the profile of rehabilitators as a group who collectively and individually are performing much needed work that is not covered or funded by Government or Local Authority bodies.
- g) Provide practical support for rehabilitators in achieving best results for their own particular animal group.
- h) Build relationships with other groups that are helping to protect Irish wildlife, and advocate on behalf of its members and represent them in dealing with other relevant agencies.
- i) Where possible educate our wider society (with a particular emphasis on young people) on the importance of native wildlife and the necessity for intervention when required.
- j) Liaising and working with likeminded wildlife rehabilitation organisations overseas where and when necessary.