



# College of Veterinary Medicine

## Policies and Procedures

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#### During Business Hours:

If a person calls regarding wildlife during business hours, the admissions staff may give the caller the number and website for Mississippi Wildlife Rehabilitation Inc.; (662) 429-5105 or [www.mswildliferehab.org](http://www.mswildliferehab.org).

If a person brings in orphaned, non-injured animals during business hours:

1. The admissions staff may give the visitor the number and website for Mississippi Wildlife Rehabilitation Inc.; (662) 429-5105 or [www.mswildliferehab.org](http://www.mswildliferehab.org).
2. The admissions staff may give the visitor and MS Wildlife Rehabilitation brochure.

If a person brings in injured wildlife during business hours:

1. The student/clinician will be contacted and the animal will be examined.
2. The person bringing in the wildlife will fill out a Good Sam/Wildlife Admittance form.
3. If the animal cannot be treated, it will be euthanized.
4. If the animal can be treated and returned to normal function necessary for life in the wild, it will be treated and released to Mississippi Wildlife Rehabilitation Inc. [(662) 429-5105 or [www.mswildliferehab.org](http://www.mswildliferehab.org)] or other LICENSED rehabilitator for further care and release.

#### During Non-business Hours:

If a person calls regarding an orphaned, non-injured animal during **non-business hours**:

1. The student may give the caller the contact information to the Mississippi Wildlife Rehabilitation Inc.; (662) 429-5105 or [www.mswildliferehab.org](http://www.mswildliferehab.org).
2. A clinician does not need to be called.

If a person calls regarding injured wildlife during **non-business hours**:

1. The person can bring the animal to the AHC for euthanasia.
2. The student may give the caller the contact information to the Mississippi Wildlife Rehabilitation Inc.: (662) 429-5105 or [www.mswildliferehab.org](http://www.mswildliferehab.org).

If a person brings in orphaned, non-injured animals during **non-business hours**:

1. The person will be given the contact information to the Mississippi Wildlife Rehabilitation Inc. [(662) 429-5105 or [www.mswildliferehab.org](http://www.mswildliferehab.org)] and/or the emergency student will call the organization for assistance in locating the nearest licensed rehabilitator.
2. The person will be given a brochure on orphaned wildlife.
3. If the person cannot or will not accept the information provided, MSU-CVM will take the animal.
4. The animal will be euthanized.

If a person brings in injured wildlife during **non-business hours** the animal will be euthanized.

Exceptions: Bald eagles, Golden eagles or any endangered/threatened species. These can be transported to Auburn University Raptor Rehabilitation or other appropriate licensed rehabilitator.

### Exotics


During Business Hours:

1. CVS Clinicians will see exotic animals for wellness visits and minor illnesses and provide care to their individual clinical comfort level.
2. If an exotic animal requires care and expertise above what MSU-CVM is capable of handling, the animal will be referred to:

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Saltillo Small Animal Hospital  
106 Flynt Drive  
Saltillo, MS  
Phone: (662) 869-7301

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6384 Highway 98 West  
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