

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Balancing Human Health And Conservation

The Covid- 19 pandemic has affected us all, and we all need to join in fighting this virus.

We can all make a difference

We encourage everyone to think of their local hospitals and to support them however they can, during this time of crisis. OTCC has recently donated masks, gloves and hand sanitizer to our local hospital- right now, their immediate need for these items is greater than ours.

Designated as an Essential Service, our Turtle Hospital will remain operational. Our staff and volunteers are following all Government Guidelines for preventing the spread of Covid-19, while still caring for the 1,300 turtles at the Centre, and readying them for release.



Above: This Map Turtle is one of 1,300 waiting for release. She was admitted to our hospital with a severe wound caused by a boat propeller. She has healed great and can't wait to get 'home'! She also laid eggs while in the hospital, and the babies will also be released to the mother's wetland

CHANGES IN OUR ADMISSION POLICIES

During this season, we have implemented strict new measures when admitting turtles, to prevent human to human contact.

Our Hotline Staff will walk you through these new policies.

If you have found an injured turtle, call-

705- 741- 5000



Above Left – this male painted turtle was hit by a car last summer- you can see the fracture lines where the wound has healed, and the wires to repair it still in place.
Above Right – the wires are now removed and this beautiful painted turtle male is ready to go home as soon as the weather cooperates!



Yes! I want to support the OTCC's turtle hospital!

☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ Surprise us _____

I would like to make this donation: ☐ **This One Time** ☐ **Monthly**

*Please complete if your **contact information has changed***

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

☐ Please charge my **credit card**

☐ Please find enclosed my **cheque**
(payable to Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre)

Credit Card type: _____ Card Number: _____

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Name on card: _____ Signature: _____



Injured Blanding's with Wired Shell

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Left- This adult snapping turtle was admitted with horrific damage to his face, from vehicle trauma – as you can see, he has lost the tip of his ‘snout’ as a result. However, he has adjusted just fine- he has a huge snap now, and has NO problem eating! Luckily, turtles are not vain, and he really doesn’t care that he looks a little different!

Our in-person Education Programming has been put on hold, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, however **our education staff will not be laid off** – in fact they are helping out in many other areas! Pictured on

the right is Wendy, who is our Education Coordinator. Despite her disappointment at having the program temporarily put on hold (she normally provides both on site and off-site presentations to upwards of 15,000 people each year!), she leaped into helping in other areas while this crisis continues. Stay tuned also for her on-line educational program she is developing.



Remember – our online store is open for orders and will deliver anywhere! Visit ontarioturtle.ca to purchase merchandise.



Above: Before (left) and After (right) of one of the two buildings we are renovating to cater to the ever increasing number of admissions. Thanks to our supporters, and the Ontario Trillium Foundation, this building is now ready to house turtles!

We are balancing human health priorities, while ensuring turtles get the emergency care that they need. Each year, we have seen an increasing number of cases through our hospital – with 1500 cases admitted last year, and 2,000 hatchlings released, from the eggs retrieved from injured females.

2020 will be a challenging year for all charities, and we have seen the impact already. We *will* get through this difficult time together, however, and continue to make a mark on Turtle Conservation.

Thank you so much for continuing to help us help turtles, even during this very challenging time, where we balance Human Health and Conservation Initiatives. Together we DO make a difference!

With Sincere Thanks,

Dr. Sue Carstairs,
Executive and Medical Director, Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre
Charity number 857524409 RR 0001

Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre is the operating name of the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre

<p>GIFT SHOP: Our gift shop features many items that are both useful and fun to own – and all sales support the mission of the OTCC! Shop online at www.ontarioturtle.ca. Purchase your signs and bumper stickers today – turtle season is just around the corner!</p>	<p>PLANNED GIVING: A legacy gift can have a tremendous conservation impact for years to come. It can assist in reducing taxes owed by your estate, while supporting your values & beliefs. Professional financial advice is strongly advised! For more information, email us at info@ontarioturtle.ca.</p>
<p>SAVE TURTLES AND TAXES - DONATE SECURITIES Donating publicly traded securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, segregated funds) may provide you with significant tax benefits. Transferring securities listed on a public stock exchange directly to OTCC means you may not pay tax on capital gains. This may provide you with a tax saving of up to 50% and may be a greater tax savings than donating the cash proceeds from the sale of the securities, and you get a tax receipt based on fair market value. Contact us for more information – info@ontarioturtle.ca</p>	<p>DONATE EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, OR SKILLS: Our website "Wish List" covers it all! https://ontarioturtle.ca/donating-non-monetary/ We also have an Amazon wish list: https://amzn.to/2VVYBMb We LOVE and value our volunteers. Please email us at volunteer@ontarioturtle.ca if you have time and/or specific skills to donate!</p>