

Summer/Fall 2021

Dear Friends and Supporters,

While we continue to plan the construction of our new facility, life in the hospital has continued on at our present location, as busy as ever! **(visit ontarioturtle.ca to have a virtual tour of our new facility!)**

With 1200 turtle admissions to our hospital so far, from all over the province, and almost **5,000 eggs retrieved from these turtles, currently hatching**, we have been kept on our toes!



As the **only turtle hospital accredited by the College of Veterinarians of Ontario**, we help to support other rehabilitation centres that may not have veterinarians on staff. We help them become more familiar with treating turtles, and we provide consultations as well as acting as a surgical referral centre. It's all about collaboration and partnership so as many turtles receive help as possible! We provide this support free of charge to all other centres across the province, and even help to transport the turtles to us, through our turtle taxi program!

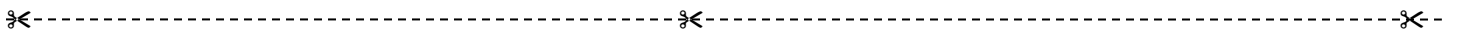


We see all types of injuries and illnesses in the turtles admitted to our hospital. Some examples include:

- A map turtle that had swallowed a fish hook
- A Blanding's turtle crushed by a car
- A snapping turtle hit by a boat propeller
- Several map turtles with signs of infectious disease
- A wood turtle with a leg that had been chewed by a predator
- A spotted turtle injured on the road
- A painted turtle positive for "ranavirus"; a globally emerging disease.

Some injuries require extensive surgeries. The snapping turtle above was hit by a boat propeller. The **'before' above left** shows him after a few weeks of treatment. **Above right shows him recently**, with wounds healing well (and you'll notice he's a bit plumper!)

Below: Eggs from injured or deceased turtles are collected, incubated and hatched, with babies released back to the mother's home wetland. All of these eggs (almost 5,000!) would have been lost to their populations otherwise. **Below left:** one of many newly-hatched map turtles; **below middle:** a healthy clutch of snapping turtles are now ready to go to water; **below right:** a painted turtle leaves his egg!



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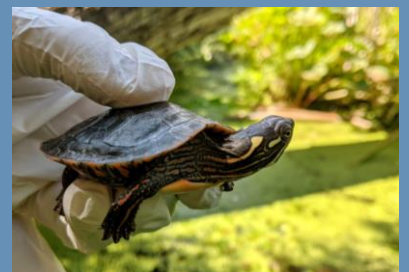
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Above left: This beautiful female Blanding's was admitted with severe injuries after being hit by a car. She was quickly given strong pain medication, fluids, and her wounds were treated and bandaged (**above middle**). Once stable, our veterinarians performed surgery under anesthesia to put the pieces back together. She was also x-rayed and found to have eggs! **Above right** shows her 12 weeks after surgery – she is swimming, basking, eating and doing great! Not only will she be released, but her 14 hatchlings also will go home too!

If this turtle had been treated through a regular veterinary clinic, the cost would be approximately \$2,000!

Our hospital has a staff of highly qualified veterinarians, but is funded by donations.



Left: this map turtle swallowed a fishing hook; **Right:** this snapping turtle was hit by a car and 3 months on is healing great. How old is he? There is no way to tell accurately, but he probably is over 75 years old!

Thanks so much to all who have supported us this season – especially to our huge number of volunteers who worked tirelessly all season to get turtles to the hospital from across the province, helped to care for them, and also helped to release them!



We could not achieve the scope of our work without supporters such as you!

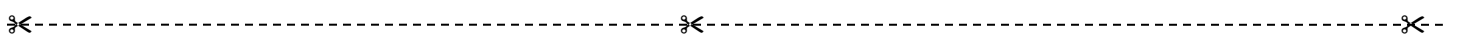
THANK YOU FROM OTCC AND FROM THE TURTLES OF ONTARIO

Sincerely,

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