

NORTH ISLAND WILDLIFE ANIMALS IN DISTRESS DID YOU KNOW?



INJURED ADULT DEER

While it is difficult to watch an injured animal, capturing an adult deer by physical or chemical restraint can trigger severe stress and can be fatal.

What Do I Do?

- Usually nothing
- If the deer can get up, move around and feed itself, leave it to heal on its own as they do very well in the wild even with the loss of a leg
- If the deer is badly injured, call a wildlife rehabilitation centre for advice



BIRD HITS A WINDOW

Most birds that hit windows are not seriously hurt but need time to recover.

What Do I Do?

- · Give it time to rest and heal
- Place the bird in a ventilated box and keep it in a quiet area for up to one hour
- · Open the box outside and watch to see if it flies out
- If the bird does not fly out, call a wildlife rehabilitation centre for advice
- Your window is a continuation of their environment. Window decals will help

During spring mating season, birds will flutter continually outside a window or even a car mirror. Not to worry, this behaviour will stop eventually.



BIRD WITH AN EYE INFECTION

Keeping bird feeders and bird baths clean is the key to preventing and spreading diseases such as salmonella, trichomoniasis, aspergillosis, and avian pox.

What Do I Do?

- · Once a month pull all feeders and baths down and soak them in a 10% bleach solution. Rinse thoroughly and dry before refilling
- · Discard old seed
- · Remove seed from the ground
- Human Contact? Some diseases can be spread to humans. Please protect yourself while cleaning If you see a bird with symptoms, call a wildlife rehabilitation centre for advice

If you must handle wild animals, please **Be Careful**. Wear gloves and wash your hands before and after

CALL A WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR ADVICE