Injured, Sick, Stranded, or Deceased Wildlife

Public Information

At any given time of the year, the public may encounter various types of wildlife that may be injured, sick, stranded, or deceased. Whether on a beach, in the water, or on land; there are numerous agencies available to assist.

This document will provide phone numbers for immediate assistance, as well as links to the various agencies' websites and the species they handle.

Most importantly the public is asked to stay safe during any encounter with wildlife. Stay at a safe distance and make the call to the appropriate agency. When calling you will be asked to provide your name, phone number, type of incident, and precise location of the injured, sick, stranded, or deceased animal.

Phone numbers and websites for the Town of Barnstable Agencies. When calling after hours, please leave a message. If it is an emergency, please call 911.

Natural Resources: 508-790-6272

Website: https://www.townofbarnstable.us/departments/naturalresources/

Animal Control: 508-790-6274

Website: https://www.townofbarnstable.us/departments/animalcontrol/

Sandy Neck Beach Park: 508-362-8300

Website: https://townofbarnstable.us/sandyneckpark/

Birdsey Cape Wildlife Center: 508-362-0111

https://capewildlifecenter.com/

Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary: 508-349-2615

Cold Stunned Sea Turtles

https://www.massaudubon.org/places-to-explore/wildlife-sanctuaries/wellfleet-bay

IFAW Stranding Network: 508-743-9548

Dolphins, Porpoises, Seals, Whales

https://www.ifaw.org/campaigns/strandings

Wild Care: 508-240-2255

https://www.wildcarecapecod.org/

New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance, (NECWA): 508-566-0009

Ocean Sunfish, Mola Mola

https://www.necwa.org/

Center for Coastal Studies hotline: 1800-900-3632

Entangled whales and sea turtles, (live and dead)

https://coastalstudies.org/