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## Urgent Action Needed for Wildlife



### Your Help is Needed by October 1st

Louisiana's *Wildlife & Fisheries Commission* has moved to ban licensed wildlife rehabilitators from caring for coyotes and armadillos — even when they're orphaned, hit by cars or otherwise injured.

The proposal advanced in August and is now in a public comment period which ends on Wednesday, October 1st, the last day comments will be accepted. After that, the Commission will vote.

This ban doesn't make anyone safer. It just outlaws compassion. Coyotes and armadillos already face some of the most permissive kill policies in the state. No one is hindered from protecting their pets or property. Blocking volunteers from helping these

animals, while others are allowed to kill them without question, simply isn't right.

**Please take 2 minutes to speak up!**

Email (or copy) the contacts below. **Brief, respectful comments are best!**

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**SAMPLE MESSAGE** Feel free to copy/paste but your own reworded message will have the most impact. If you are a Louisiana resident, please mention it. If not, you can still express your viewpoint.

**Subject: Oppose the ban on rehabilitating coyotes & armadillos**

*I respectfully oppose the proposed rule that would prohibit licensed rehabilitators from helping injured, orphaned, or ill coyotes and armadillos. These species have ecological value, and volunteers should be allowed to provide humane care so animals can recover and return to the wild when appropriate. Please keep rehabilitation permitted and focus on education and coexistence, not blanket bans.*

**Please make sure to express your views by October 1st - the last day of the official public comment period.**



If you'd like more information or to add your name publicly, see this overview and petition. [CLICK HERE.](#)

#### **Compassion Needed for Louisiana wildlife**

Recently, LDWF agents seized and euthanized a long-tamed, partially blind deer that a Louisiana family had cared for and loved for years — a story that shocked the public. [VIEW STORY HERE.](#) We need more humane, common-sense policy, not less.



A recent workshop at our headquarters provided training for new wildlife rehab volunteers. Kindhearted people like these need to be encouraged, not prevented from making a difference.

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