



Transfer criteria for animals to Mallydams Wood

RSPCA Mallydams Wood is a rehabilitation centre caring for native wildlife to a high professional standard. The centre has in-house wildlife vets and staff with specialist skills in wildlife care.

The centre can receive wildlife from veterinary practices provided they meet the following criteria. In all situations, if you have any doubts as to whether the animal is suitable for rehabilitation it is strongly encouraged for you to contact us for specific advice.

1. The animals must be a species native to the UK and are not listed as an invasive species on schedule 9 of the wildlife and countryside act, the most commonly encountered of which is the grey squirrel.
2. All wildlife casualties must be fit to be released at the end of their rehabilitation process. If you judge that their condition is such that it is unlikely to be releasable, euthanasia is advised.
 - In particular all wild animals must have two functional eyes and all limbs present and functional after they have undergone treatment.
3. It is not advised to treat wildlife with infectious diseases which either can cause serious zoonotic illness in humans, or contagious viruses which pose a serious risk to other animals.
 - Examples of zoonoses which it is not advised to treat in wildlife: psittacosis, leptospirosis.
 - Examples of infectious viruses which it is not advised to treat in wildlife: PMV infection in pigeons, myxomatosis.
4. Some severe injuries which may be treatable in domestic species can be considered untreatable in wildlife due to the severe negative welfare implication of prolonged captivity and questionable prognosis, for example severe fractures. If you are unsure whether a particular injury is treatable in a species presented to you, please contact us for advice.
5. During periods of high and medium national avian influenza risk, the centre may be unable to accept the highest risk species of birds. This list (see below) is fluid and will vary depending on the disease dynamics, along with facility improvement and availability at Mallydams. We will endeavour to update you of major changes but please contact us if uncertain. We may be able to direct you to alternative wildlife facilities as an alternative to euthanasia.
6. Mallydams Wood does not currently rehabilitate deer or badger cubs. If you admit either of these we will be unable to accept them but we may be able to direct you to an alternative wildlife centre able to help.



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If you have wild animals admitted which you feel can not wait for the weekly volunteer driver collection please contact the centre and efforts will be made to arrange an earlier collection. For example, adult foxes and badgers which are stressed in the practice environment, or neonatal animals requiring specialist care to rear. This is dependent on availability and cannot be guaranteed. You are also welcome to bring animals directly to us yourself, please let us know to expect you.

During the winter Mallydams is open to receive animals and take enquiries between 9am and 5pm 7 days a week. Opening hours are extended during the summer months and can be seen on our website.

Please either email clinical notes for the animals to us in advance of transfer, or send paper copies of their records with the animals. An example admission form can be found below detailing the information which is required.

Address:

RSPCA Mallydams Wood

Peter James Lane

Fairlight

East Sussex

TN35 4AH

Email: mallydams@rspca.org.uk

Website: <https://www.rspca.org.uk/local/mallydams-wood>

Phone number: 0300 123 0723

Mobile number for vet practice use only- DO NOT PASS ON TO THE PUBLIC:

07825 158801

Please be aware that the wildlife centre is not manned continuously by a receptionist. If the phone is not answered, after listening to the recorded message you can leave a voicemail. These are checked daily and we will return your call when we are able to.



RSPCA bird species admission based on Avian Influenza risk.

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This list is dynamic, please contact us for an up to date list if required.

Species which can be admitted:

- All mammals, reptiles and amphibians.
- All small garden birds
- Pigeons and doves
- Corvids (eg crows, jackdaws, magpies)
- Owls
- Small birds of prey (eg kestrels)

Species which can be admitted in limited numbers depending on quarantine space available-
contact us asap:

- Seabirds
- Ducks, geese and swans
- Other water birds
- Large birds of prey (buzzard, peregrine falcon, red kite)

Species which CANNOT be admitted currently:

- Gulls.



Vet Wildlife Admission Form

Date and time of admission:

Species:

Weight on admission:

Age (if known - circle as appropriate):

Birds - Nestling Fledgling Juvenile Adult

Mammals - Unweaned Weaned Juvenile Adult

Location found (as exact as possible, postcode if known - important for badgers/foxes/hedgehogs/birds of prey):

Name and phone number of finder if to be released on their property (needed for adult resident hedgehogs or any fox/badger - must have finder's permission to pass on to us. We won't be able to release other animals back to finder's property due to limited resources)

Reason for admission (if known):

Vet initial triage notes/findings:

Treatment:

Please keep this form with the animal during its time in care. Continue to record on a daily basis the animal's weight, feeding, motions, treatment given (times) and if any fluids were given (times).