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Calgary Wildlife Celebrates Final Release of 2024 With An Apex Predator.

Calgary, AB – January 9th, 2025 – Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society (Calgary Wildlife) marked the end of a busy year with the successful final release of 2024, a majestic Bald Eagle. This remarkable bird, emblematic of resilience and strength, was returned to the wild on December 28th after a week of care at Calgary Wildlife.

The Bald Eagle was discovered at the Glenmore Reservoir, lying on its side and exhibiting concerning symptoms. The bird was moderately thin, dehydrated, and found with fluid and blood pooled under its beak. Once on site, multiple tests were performed, all coming back as normal, which led the team to suspect the eagle had sustained injuries during an aerial fight.

During its time at Calgary Wildlife, the eagle received comprehensive care, including warmth, hydration, and a steady diet to aid its recovery. Its return to the skies marks a triumphant conclusion to a year of hard work and dedication by the Calgary Wildlife team.

In 2024, Calgary Wildlife admitted just under 2,300 patients, logged more than 7500 wildlife hotline calls, and delivered 135 wildlife education presentations, with the team of staff and volunteers clocking in just over 30,000! These figures underscore the critical role Calgary Wildlife plays in Calgary and communities around southern Alberta, providing vital care to injured and orphaned wildlife and fostering coexistence between humans and the natural world.

“Releasing this beautiful Bald Eagle as our final patient of 2024 is a poignant reminder of why we do what we do,” said Executive Director Beki Hunt. “All wildlife, large and small, will continue to require our help and commitment to rehabilitation and returning them to their natural habitats.”

Calgary Wildlife extends heartfelt gratitude to its supporters, volunteers, and staff who make their work possible. As they look ahead to 2025, the organization remains committed to its mission of keeping communities wild through education and expert, compassionate care for injured and orphaned wildlife and its vision of human and wildlife coexistence.

For more information about Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society and how you can support their efforts, visit www.calgarywildlife.org.

