

Vets treating wildlife -Ministry of Natural Resources Policy

Veterinarians can keep injured, sick or immature wildlife in captivity for the purpose of providing that medical treatment without having their own Wildlife Custodian Authorization issued by MNRF. If a veterinarian is not working directly with a wildlife custodian and is keeping wildlife for the purposes of rehabilitation they must have their own authorization. All practising veterinarians in Ontario must be licensed by the College of Veterinarians of Ontario. The MNRF does not play a role in the licensing of veterinarians.

Ontario Regulation 668/98 (Wildlife in Captivity) -

Veterinarians are exempt from the requirement for a Wildlife Custodian Authorization if they are keeping injured, sick or immature wildlife in captivity solely for the purpose of providing medical treatment (O. Reg. 668/98).

44. Subsection 40 (1) of the Act does not apply to a person who keeps injured, sick or immature wildlife in captivity for the purpose of, (b) treatment by a veterinarian.

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