



Canadian Avian Society

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Emergency Care Sheet

1. Immediate Steps for Injured Birds

- Stay calm and move slowly.
- Gently place the bird in a small ventilated box lined with a soft towel.
- Keep the bird warm, quiet, and away from pets or children.
- Do not offer food or water, as this may cause choking or stress.

2. Safe Transport

- Use a secure box or carrier with small air holes.
- Avoid loud noises, sudden movements, and extreme temperatures.
- Keep the carrier covered with a light cloth to reduce stress.

3. Signs Requiring Immediate Veterinary Care

- Laboured or open-mouth breathing
- Bleeding or visible wounds
- Inability to stand or perch
- Drooping wings or head
- Seizures or unresponsiveness
- Sudden swelling or discharge from eyes or nostrils

4. What Not to Do

- Do not force the bird to walk or perch.
- Do not attempt to splint wings or legs.
- Do not give medications or household remedies.
- Do not bathe or clean the bird unless advised by a professional.

5. When to Contact CAS

If you find an injured or distressed domestic bird, contact the Canadian Avian Society for guidance on next steps.

6. Emergency Contacts

Canadian Avian Society — info@canadianaviansociety.ca

Local Avian Veterinarian — (add clinic details)

Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre — (add local partner)

7. Aftercare

Once stabilized, the bird may be transferred to CAS or a qualified rehabilitation facility for further evaluation, quarantine, and care.

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