

H/3 Foundation Deepens and Expands Successful Partnership with New Mexico Wildlife Center



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H/3 endows a full-time veterinarian for one of the region's leading wildlife rescues

STAMFORD, Conn., May 12, 2026 -- The idea began with a quiet, unannounced visit. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, H/3 Foundation Inc.'s founder and chairman toured the New Mexico Wildlife Center (NMWC) without fanfare – and left convinced that one targeted investment could transform care for injured wildlife across the region. That conviction transformed into a mission-critical grant to endow a permanent, full-time wildlife veterinarian and to renovate flight cages for the Center's resident raptors. Five years later, H/3 has contributed approximately half a million dollars and counting – and what started as a single idea has grown into another successful example of the Foundation's approach to creating and supporting long-term partnerships with best-in-class animal welfare organizations.

NMWC now believes that it has become the only wildlife rehabilitation facility in New Mexico with a full-time wildlife veterinarian on staff – a position H/3 created in 2021 and has sustained ever since. After funding the veterinarian and the raptor mews renovation, H/3 contributed additional funds in November 2023 and, beginning in 2024, moved to a matching-grant model that provides annual funds, matched one-to-one to third-party funds raised by NMWC. NMWC met the match in both 2024 and 2025. The impact has been tangible: annual patient intake climbed to a record 1,085 last year, representing more than 160 species. The Center has become a statewide medical-referral and training hub, accepting advanced cases that smaller organizations cannot treat.

Matthew Miller, Executive Director of the New Mexico Wildlife Center, called H/3's endowment “a game-changing addition.” Five years on, the Center's caseload has grown to a record. Miller commented, “The level of patient care and staff capability that NMWC has in place would not be possible without the support that the H/3 Foundation has provided – past, present and into the future.”

Beyond direct patient care, the H/3-funded veterinarian trains other wildlife veterinarians and rehabilitators across the Southwest, lecturing on avian orthopedics and ophthalmology at regional and national conferences. NMWC has also expanded its internship and veterinary-externship programs, and launched a multi-year avian head-trauma study. The results show up animal-by-animal – a red-tailed hawk released after 245 days in care, a Northern Harrier returned to the wild after nearly a year, and multiple one-eyed owls successfully released. With the matching-grant structure now established, H/3 and NMWC intend to further the successful partnership in the years ahead, building on a collaboration that earlier made possible milestones such as the rescue and re-homing of “Mesquite,” a coyote seized from an illegal wildlife-for-media business.

“When we saw the NMWC team’s dedication to the animals in their care, despite their limited resources, we knew that with the right investment and ideas from H/3, we could together improve outcomes for thousands of animals,” said Spencer B. Haber, Founder and Chairman of H/3 Foundation. “To NMWC’s eternal credit, they made our collaborative vision a reality. NMWC is a beacon of hope for how we treat injured and orphaned wildlife. We could not be more proud of their organization and what this partnership has achieved.”

About H/3 Foundation:

Founded by Spencer B. Haber in 2014, H/3 Foundation Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to creating game-changing progress for farm animals, wildlife and companion animals globally. To that end, H/3 creates, funds and supports a wide array of media content and storytelling, as well as humane education initiatives, direct action projects and animal rescue and first-responder organizations worldwide.

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About New Mexico Wildlife Center:

Nestled in the high desert outside Española, New Mexico, the New Mexico Wildlife Center is the only major wildlife rescue in the northwestern part of the state, and a premier family-focused destination to learn about native wildlife. Each year the Center admits hundreds of injured and orphaned wild animals, treating them with the goal of returning them to the wild, while educating the public about the species with whom New Mexicans share the land.

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