Launched in 2019, the Pennsylvania Wildlife Futures Program (WFP) is a novel partnership program between the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) and the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine (Penn Vet) to strengthen the resilience of the Commonwealth's 480 species of birds and mammals.

Based out of Penn Vet's New Bolton Center in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, the WFP integrates comprehensive disease surveillance and mitigation expertise into a single, unified effort to combat the numerous wildlife diseases that pose significant threats to health of people, animals, and the environment.

**OUR GOALS**

1. Establish new statewide, innovative research and surveillance programs to identify diseases.
2. Develop and maintain a comprehensive wildlife health information system.
3. Facilitate communication across agencies, to the science community, and to the public.
4. Enhance technical and staff capacity through a comprehensive training program.

**Updated July 2019.**
As a research-oriented program, the WFP is comprised of a vast network of scientists, veterinarians, and conservationists from across the Commonwealth.

This science-based, statewide system expedites the process of defining emerging wildlife diseases, assessing their impacts, and leading coordinated response plans across agencies, to our hunting communities, and to the general public.

By combining the vast expertise and resources of the PGC and Pennsylvania’s only veterinary school, the WFP implements a forward-thinking approach to safeguard the Commonwealth’s invaluable wildlife resources for current and future generations.

OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES, NUMEROUS WILDLIFE DISEASES HAVE EMERGED AS SIGNIFICANT HEALTH THREATS TO ANIMALS AND HUMANS — INCLUDING LONE STAR TICK, CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE, AND RABIES.

To learn more about the Pennsylvania Wildlife Futures Program, go to www.vet.upenn.edu/wildlife-futures, or call the Pennsylvania Game Commission at 717.787.5529.