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## **New Series Focused on Care and Rehabilitation of Virginia Wildlife to Premiere May 2 on Local PBS Stations**

*“Untamed” takes viewers inside the Wildlife Center of Virginia, one of the world’s leading teaching and research hospitals for wildlife and conservation medicine.*

Harrisonburg Area TV Premiere - May 2 at 8 p.m. on WVPT PBS  
Richmond/Charlottesville Area TV Premiere - May 2 at 9 p.m. on WCVE/WHTJ PBS  
Watch Party at Seven Arrows Brewing Company in Waynesboro - May 2 at 7 p.m.  
More information: [IdeaStations.org/Untamed](http://IdeaStations.org/Untamed)

**Harrisonburg, Va.** - Virginia is blessed with a diverse abundance of wildlife species. When these wild animals run into trouble, they are often brought to the Wildlife Center of Virginia in Waynesboro for veterinary care and rehabilitation with the goal of returning each to to their natural habitat.

**“Untamed,”** a new series produced by the Community Idea Stations, takes viewers inside the Wildlife Center of Virginia and provides perspective on the many natural and manmade challenges facing wildlife. The series premieres May 2 at 8 p.m. on WVPT PBS and one hour later at 9 p.m. on WCVE/WHTJ PBS. A livestream on May at 8 p.m. will be available at [IdeaStations.org/Untamed](http://IdeaStations.org/Untamed).

**“‘Untamed’** is an up-close look at the patients of the Wildlife Center of Virginia, from black bears and eagles, to turtles, opossums and vultures,” explains Executive Producer Amy Roscher of WVPT PBS. “You’ll be guided through each episode by Host Ed Clark, the Center’s President and Co-Founder, as veterinarians diagnose and treat patients’ injuries. The Wildlife Center team is also continually working to identify and address the environmental threats and hazards causing harm to all wildlife.”

The Wildlife Center of Virginia is one of the world’s leading teaching and research hospitals for wildlife and conservation medicine. Each year, the Center provides state-of-the-art veterinary and rehabilitative care for nearly 3,000 wild animals. Each patient provides a window on the natural world at large.

**“During the filming of ‘Untamed,’** we are not working with animals in any way that is artificial or contrived,” explains Clark. “We are simply documenting the medical care and rehabilitation of the wild creatures that come to our hospital because of injuries, disease or displacement. This is what we have been doing seven days a week for the last 36 years. The only difference is that through the program, we can now show people what goes on in the parts of our facility that are off-limits to the public. **‘Untamed’** allows us to share our experience with viewers, in an up-close and personal way.”

Both Clark and Roscher hope their show will promote not only an understanding and appreciation of wildlife, but will also inspire viewers to take action for the conservation of wildlife and the environment.

## Attend, Watch, and Discuss

**Tour the Wildlife Center** - The Wildlife Center of Virginia will offer a tour of its facilities on May 2 at 5 p.m. [Registration](#) is required, and space is limited. Questions about the tour should be submitted directly to the Wildlife Center.

**Attend the Watch Party** - Seven Arrows Brewing Company in Waynesboro, Va. will host a watch party with personnel from the Wildlife Center and producing station WVPT PBS on May 2 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Appetizers will be provided. [Registration](#) is strongly recommended.

**Watch the Series Premiere on TV** - Watch the series premiere of “**Untamed**” May 2 at 8 p.m. on WVPT PBS and one hour later at 9 p.m. on WCVE/WHTJ PBS.

**Livestream the Series Premiere** - Locals and out-of-town viewers alike may livestream the series premiere through the [“Untamed” website](#) on May 2 at 8 p.m. An online watch party with moderated discussion may be accessed via the [Wildlife Center’s Critter Cam](#). Follow along on Facebook and Twitter at #WatchUntamed.

**Watch Episodes Online** - New episodes of the 13-part series will be uploaded to the [“Untamed” website](#) each Thursday at 9:30 p.m. after the episode’s television premiere.

### About the Community Idea Stations:

The Community Idea Stations, the largest locally owned and operated public media company in central Virginia, provides the best of PBS and NPR programming coupled with a strong set of community-based programs and services to make an important impact in the areas of arts, news, history, science, and education. Each week, the stations reach over 300,000 people throughout central Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley.

The stations offer television programming throughout the region on stations including WCVE/WHTJ PBS, WCVW/WVPY PBS, WVPT PBS, PBS Kids 24/7, lifestyle channel Create TV, and international program channel MHz Worldview.

In Richmond, the Community Ideas Stations also broadcasts on radio. WCVE News provides *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, as well as NPR talk shows and BBC News on 88.9 FM (HD1). WCVE Music provides classical, jazz, blues, world music, and more on 93.1 FM and 107.3 FM (HD2).

More information can be found at [IdeaStations.org](#).

### About the Virginia Wildlife Center of Virginia:

The Wildlife Center of Virginia was founded in 1982 to provide state-of-the-art veterinary care, often on an emergency basis, to native wildlife. Since that time, the Wildlife Center has treated nearly 80,000 wild animals, representing more than 200 species of native birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. Advancing its mission of “teaching the world to care about, and care for, wildlife and the environment,” the Center shares its conservation message with hundreds of thousands of children and adults each year. Through its extensive professional training programs, the Center has developed and deployed a capable corps of wildlife veterinarians, veterinary technicians, wildlife rehabilitators, and other conservation professionals who are working on behalf of wildlife and the environment around the globe.

For more information about the Wildlife Center of Virginia, visit [WildlifeCenter.org](#).

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