Garden Wildlife Health









Garden Wildlife Health is a citizen science project monitoring the health of British garden wildlife. GWH investigates infectious diseases as well as toxicity, trauma and predation.

How it works...

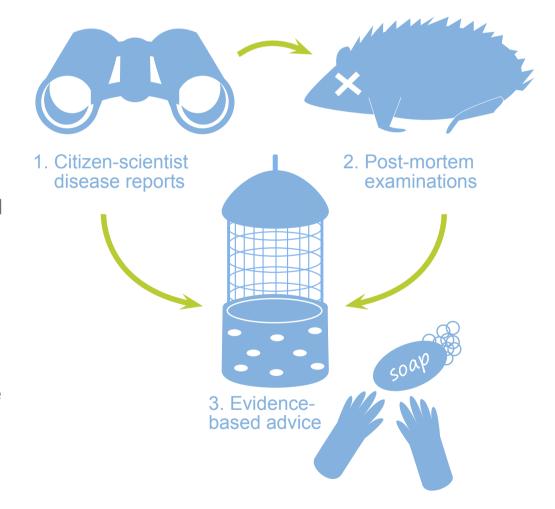
1. Citizen-scientists report sick or dead wildlife in their gardens. GWH focuses on amphibians, reptiles, garden birds and hedgehogs.

Citizen Science is where volunteers work with scientists to answer real-world questions.

2. Post-mortem examinations may be performed by a GWH vet when freshly dead carcasses are available. Specimens should not be handled directly and further guidance is available online.

Post-mortem examinations are required to determine the cause of death and reach a diagnosis. GWH vets use a variety of detailed tests in their research. These investigations also provide invaluable resources such as tissue banks that can be used in future studies.

3. GWH reviews information on wildlife disease in combination with population trends to determine if there is evidence of health conditions causing species declines. GWH uses this information to advise government and conservation policy. Science-based guidance on wildlife-friendly gardening practice is provided.



Report sick or dead garden wildlife at gardenwildlifehealth.org

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