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Buzzard

The centre takes in and cares year round for wild animals in distress with the aim of rehabilitating them in their natural environment. The animals mainly come from Brittany and the Pays-de-la-Loire Region.

Its main objective remains animal care, and stemming from this, it aims to perpetuate education and to encourage scientific studies concerning European wildlife and ecosystems.

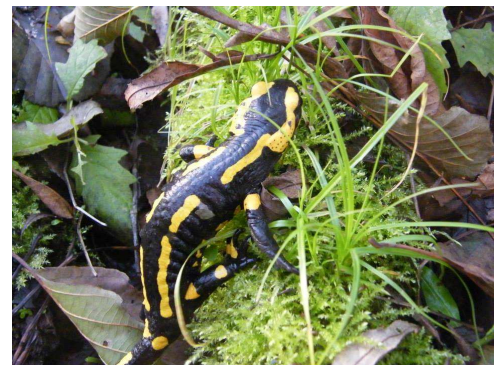
A few dozen animals were collected in the first few years (18 in 1985) but now the centre takes in hundreds of animals (up to 1500 a year over the last ten years).

The centre welcomes volunteers all the year.

The centre not only takes in animals on a daily basis suffering from physical trauma (road accidents, electrocution, hunting-related injuries) but also animals suffering from a wide range of other problems, ranging from chemical and biological poisonings (caused by pesticides, hydrocarbons, botulinic toxins etc.) through affections linked to the presence of pathogenic agents (bacteria, viruses, parasites) and birds which have fallen out of their nests.

A 55% rehabilitation rate is the average.

The centre plays a part in the aftermath of ecological disasters such as oil spills (11,000 birds were rescued after the Erika disaster and 350 after the Prestige one). It has a key role in the treatment of outbreaks of botulism in the wetlands of the area (the Grand Lieu Lake...).



Salamander



Red squirrel



CVFSE is a centre very well organised, where volunteers are trained in very good conditions along with professionals veterinarians and healers.

The film we made was realised during two weeks, with the participation of all the volunteers.

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