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Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre: Lessons Learned

The Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre (CCWHC) is a university-based, inter-agency partnership through which Canada’s Colleges of Veterinary Medicine, government agencies and non-government agencies pool their resources and expertise to reduce the economic and ecological costs and impacts of wild animal diseases in Canada.

The CCWHC has five university locations, each servicing a large region of Canada. The CCWHC partnership was established in 1992 with leadership from Environment Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Directors, and with financial assistance from the Max Bell Foundation. In 2009-2010, the CCWHC partnership included four Government of Canada agencies: Environment Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, Parks Canada Agency, and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. The partnership also included all provincial and territorial governments, with representation from ministries responsible for fish, wildlife, natural resources, environment, agriculture and health. Additional partners were the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Guelph, the University of Montreal, the University of Prince Edward Island, the University of Calgary, the Centre for Coastal Health, Ducks Unlimited Canada, the Canadian Wildlife Federation and Syngenta Crop Protection.