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Status of Animals Removed from Kroschel Wildlife Center in Haines, AK

(Juneau) – Thirty-nine animals were secured from the Kroschel Wildlife Center in June 2025 and relocated to temporary facilities. Currently, 27 of these animals are now in permanent homes, the majority remaining in Alaska at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, the Alaska Zoo, and Bird TLC. Some were relocated to zoos and rescue facilities in other states. Nine animals are still in temporary placement, but have permanent homes identified and will be transported to their final destinations soon. Regrettably, one wolf died prior to transport, and one snowy owl and one red fox were euthanized due to extenuating medical conditions.

“The process of finding homes for game animals is nuanced” said Division of Wildlife Conservation Director Ryan Scott. “These are individuals; some are social, some are not, and it takes time to determine the best placement options for them. Some adjust quickly and others need time.” Animals are closely monitored in temporary placement, provided with veterinary care, high quality food and water, and enrichment while their behavior is assessed. After an assessment by our partners and the department we can match them with a home that suits their behavior and needs,” said Division of Wildlife Conservation Director Ryan Scott

Several animals remain at the Kroschel facility, and the department is working on a plan to secure the remaining animals. This includes ermines, Arctic foxes, cross foxes, marten, mink, and a snowy owl. The department will continue to provide information regarding the placement status and well-being of these animals as the process evolves.