

# To The Rescue



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## A Vision for Wildlife Rehabilitation in BC

By Jackie Ward (with Liz Thunstrom)

What is wildlife rehabilitation? Does it have a meaningful purpose in society today? What does Wildlife Rescue hope to attain in its next 25 years of operation?

The definition of rehabilitation is to 'restore to normal activity in good condition.' For a wild animal, this includes the ability to function fully in its own environment, to be able to locate and utilize appropriate food sources, to be able to recognize and avoid predators, and to be able to recognize and interact with others of its own kind. Ensuring an animal has attained this state is no easy task.



Care Centre staff examining an injured Great Blue Heron

Collectively, more than 16,000 animals a year are treated at Wildlife Rescue and other licensed rehabilitation centres in BC. Patients are identified upon admission, examined, and a treatment plan is commenced. Staff members and volunteer caregivers provide supportive care for each animal as it

progresses from intensive care, to intermediate and finally pre-release care.

For some animals, rehabilitation is a brief stay in a safe environment, for others it is months of medication, physiotherapy and ongoing treatment. Each animal has its own unique

needs, and special care must be taken to ensure that stress is minimized. Once the animal is rehabilitated, staff members seek an appropriate release site that will provide the animal with the resources it will need upon its return to the wild.

In its 25 year history, the Wildlife Rescue Association has evolved from a small, seasonal operation to a facility that is able to accommodate thousands of patients a year. Our wildlife rehabilitation expertise is well known within the Lower Mainland of BC, and is also respected within the national and

international rehabilitation communities.

Although WRA has accumulated a wealth of knowledge over the last quarter century, there is always more we would like to accomplish. This winter, I was excited to join the Earth Rangers' rehabilitation team in Ontario for a three-month period. Their new, multi-million dollar facility has received strong corporate support, enabling them to adopt some of the most modern technology available, hire a veterinary practitioner, and build specialized and expansive caging.

In its next 25 years I hope that WRA will have the opportunity to  
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# President's Message

## Cynthia Picker

I am extraordinarily pleased and proud to present this issue of the newsletter to you. To me, it captures the dynamic and synergistic spirit that exists at WRA as we work to fulfill our mission and vision.

I would like to share a selection of the sentiments expressed to me by some of my fellow Board Members as we enthusiastically look forward to serving our 2004/2005 term:

**Kevin Bell**, Retired North Vancouver District Parks Dept. Manager. WRA has two important functions (1) saving injured wildlife and (2) educating the public on why wildlife is injured and what we humans can do to protect it.

**David Cook**, Biology/Geology Instructor, Continuing Education, Capilano College. WRA satisfies my desire for new knowledge about animals and for the preservation of animal life.

**Dirk Haack**, Credit Union Central of BC. Serving on the board is how I give back to the community and the city I live in, while contributing my time to an organization that I truly believe in. Working with a great group of people, having fun...those are some of the other benefits as well.



**Linda Heep**, Credit Union Central of BC. I became involved with WRA in 2003 after learning of the incredible work that is being done by the dedicated staff and volunteers to care for and rehabilitate wildlife. I am delighted to have the opportunity to combine my business and human resource background with my passion for animals.

**Liz Thunstrom**, President, Wildlife Rehabilitators' Network of BC. I continue to encourage high standards of animal care and knowledge of ecology and natural history as we continue to develop a greater understanding of the practice and theory of wildlife rehabilitation. I promote these principles not just in individual centres, but also in co-operation with other groups provincially and nationally.



WRA's 2003 Annual Reports are now available. To have a copy set aside for pick-up or mailed to you, email us at: [wildlife@vcn.bc.ca](mailto:wildlife@vcn.bc.ca) or call 604.526.2747.

## Correction

Devin Manky's name was misspelled in our last issue. Our apologies to Devin!

# WRA Celebrates

By Janice Dickie, Executive Director

Yesterday while powering through some paperwork at my desk I noted that it was August 18<sup>th</sup>, my one-year anniversary as WRA's Executive Director. This realization did not elicit any fanfare - no trumpets blasting or confetti falling from the sky - but it did prompt me to pause and reflect on the events of the past year.

I feel privileged to have joined WRA on the eve of its own milestone anniversary - 25 years of rehabilitating wildlife in British Columbia. The whirlwind events of the past twelve months, including opportunities to rehabilitate a rare Wolverine and unusual Magnificent Frigatebird, a spot on the Discovery Channel and a new "Wildlife Weekly" show on Shaw TV - served to remind me that WRA is making a genuine difference in the communities we serve. I also thought about how wildlife rehabilitation would not exist in BC if thousands of citizens didn't care

about wildlife and want to assist those in distress. So many times in my first year at WRA I have gone home at the end of the day feeling completely overwhelmed by peoples' support and generosity. There are numerous stories that I can share, like how invigorating it is to meet the caring community members who drop by to donate items such as berries for the animals or binoculars for our education program. Many of WRA's hard-working volunteers feel like family members and the week wouldn't feel the same if I didn't get to chat with them. I look forward to seeing the kind gentleman who drops by WRA every month to sponsor a Foster Fur and Feathers animal. And how can one not feel filled with gratitude when WRA receives a generous bequest or in memory donation, and then reads the letters of support written by family members? There is no doubt in my mind that WRA is rich in community support.



Magnificent Frigatebird

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This fall season WRA will honour our 25th anniversary by launching a campaign to celebrate wildlife rehabilitation with the people who care about wildlife. Look for news of this campaign in your mailboxes as the holiday season approaches.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to each of you who have helped WRA succeed in its mission to provide leadership in the care and rehabilitation of injured, orphaned and pollution damaged wildlife, and to raise awareness of, and respect for, wildlife and the issues affecting them in the urban environment. Because of you, over 30,000 animals received a second chance in the wild over the last 25 years.



## New Members

9<sup>th</sup> Seymour Brownie Troupe  
(lifetime members)  
Cathy Ryerse  
Claire Gibson  
David Craig (lifetime member)  
Deborah Thompson  
Donna Bradley  
Edward Peter  
Elena Folch  
Evan & Yvonne Dash  
Gillian & John Maycock

Holly & Harvey Kahn  
Irene Giesbrecht  
Jacqueline Gill  
Janice Harris  
Jocelyn Pedder & Dave  
Hillebrandt  
Kassie Olin  
Lena Doubivko  
Margaret Davidson  
Mary Kredba  
Norah & Brian McCann & Family

P. Noel Spriggs  
Olga Ruskin  
Pamela Purdy  
Paul & Lynda Truelove  
Robert Bos  
Robert Follows  
Ross & Bob Enns  
Ruth Rueger  
Terry & David Stretton  
Tom Senior (lifetime member)  
Vanessa Hill

# Education News

*By Michael Armstrong, Community Outreach Coordinator*

I have been busy delivering educational presentations to both small and large groups this summer. In late June, I presented to a small group, the 9<sup>th</sup> Seymour Brownie Troupe. These kids are smart as whips and have grown up with the Internet at their fingertips. I was astounded by their basic knowledge of THINGS, and was kept on my toes by their many astute questions.

In early July, I delivered an educational presentation to a group of over 100 children and adults from

the Tzu Chi Foundation of Canada. I often look forward to delivering presentations to large groups. You'd think that a presentation would become impersonal with a larger group but I find it quite the opposite. I enjoy the wide range of individual personalities and sometimes feel a bit like a conductor - trying to get a few words out of the shy section, and attempting to tone down the little kid in the front row yelling at the top of his lungs. I try to hold back some juicy facts to WOW them at the end of the talk.



*Gloria, an Education Volunteer, presenting to a school group*

We are busy improving our educational program this summer, and large groups are the best kind of test pilots. It is easy to see what material holds interest for the majority and what material can induce 100 people into a hypnotic daze. I always feel satisfied when I see a large group of people walk away, excitedly talking about some little kernel of knowledge they learned. I hope this knowledge may translate into reduced human impacts on the wildlife sharing our urban areas.

As we progress into autumn, we are actively looking for more individuals who would like to become part of the WRA Education Team. I welcome you to contact me at 604.526.2747 if you would like to learn more about the program and how you can help.



## **A Special Thanks to:**

Rawn's Buy & Sell Network for the donation of two computer motherboards. A big thanks as well to Paul Steeves for installing them.

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# Care Centre Update

## Sad End to Wolverine's Journey

By Jackie Ward, Care Centre Team Leader

Summer is the busiest and generally one of the happiest times of year around Wildlife Rescue. Gaping beaks, downy babies, cries for food and a constantly ringing telephone all indicate that the season is in full swing.

This summer season, however, did bring some sad news. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 the body of the Wolverine (*Gulo gulo luscus*) we had rehabilitated last fall was discovered washed up on a beach in Port Moody. From the date of its release on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003, the young male had survived seven of the harshest months of the year.

Although we were saddened by the Wolverine's tragic end, the unexpected discovery of the body did provide some valuable insight about its journey after rehabilitation and release. We observed that it was underweight, had several wounds on its head and body (perhaps caused by a large predator such as a cougar) and its forearm

had not recovered full mobility. We have sent the Wolverine's body to the provincial lab and are awaiting the results of the necropsy to determine exact cause of death.

During the winter, Wolverines journey through deep snowpack, requiring incredible strength. As well, they travel significant distances in search of prey and carrion. Male Wolverines have been known to travel home ranges of more than 3000 km<sup>2</sup>. (Lofroth et al, 2000). Along the way they will encounter other top predators and thus, even when fully healthy, can face a short life in the wild. Winter is always a more difficult time of year for wild animals, and typically will result in a higher degree of natural mortality.

Although this Wolverine did not experience a long life in the Lower Mainland's backcountry, it did survive a full season in its natural habitat. With as few as 1000 male Wolverines remaining in BC, we hope



Wolverine just prior to release

that it had an opportunity to breed successfully in the wild. The Wolverine's rehabilitation and release, and the interest from across Canada in its case, was truly an experience we will always remember.

### In Memory of:

Acia  
Bohdan Hryb  
Charlotte Anders  
Christine Fisher  
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# Success Stories

## Spotted Sandpiper

By Devin Manky

While every animal that arrives at WRA is unique, few arrive in their own helicopter! Yet that is precisely what happened on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, when a very young Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*) arrived by helicopter on the fields near WRA. A volunteer pilot had transferred the young bird from the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre on Salt Spring Island.

The sandpiper had a fractured wing and needed prompt assistance. The bird was immediately fitted with a wing wrap, which helps to hold the bones in place while they mend, and was given the time and space it needed to recuperate. Sandpipers are precocial; self-feeding from birth. This young bird ate voraciously upon admission and

promptly devoured all the food it was provided. It continued to feed well and thrive during its time at WRA.

After a month of care, the bird's wing had healed well and the sandpiper could fly with ease around the outdoor waterfowl pen. At dawn, on a misty morning in August, the bird was released and flew off to join a local flock of Spotted Sandpipers.

Watch for flocks of these little sandpipers on any mudflats and you will see their heads bobbing up



and down as their bills probe the mud for food. The males are the ones who look after and incubate the eggs during breeding season, while the female sandpipers go off to find other mates and lay further clutches of eggs!

## American Dippers

By Anya Smith and Michael Armstrong

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, two American Dippers (*Cinclus mexicanus*) were admitted to WRA. The fledgling birds were mildly dehydrated and as with many young birds molting new feathers, their waterproofing was also not ideal. Dippers are water birds, and as their name implies, they dip just below the surface of the water to catch small fish swimming along the surface of rivers and streams. Thus, it is imperative that their waterproofing be perfect pre-release.

The siblings were misted several times during the course of the day, which encouraged them to preen their scruffy feathers. This process improves waterproofing not only by distributing

preen oil from the uropygial gland over the feathers to act as a sealant against the elements but also by



physically aligning feathers for better waterproofing and streamlining. Release plans are currently underway for the pair.

## Striped Skunk

By Anya Smith and Jackie Ward

In mid-July, WRA's Care Centre received an urgent call from the District of North Vancouver Fire Services. A young Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*), in an effort to obtain some scraps, had gotten its head lodged in the drain hole of a dumpster. After fighting all night to free itself it was exhausted, dehydrated, and starting to overheat from the sweltering sun.

The District Fire Services had attempted to use canola oil to lubricate the head, but was unsuccessful in removing it. Fortunately, a member of our care staff was able

to go to the site to aid in the skunk's removal. The skunk was sedated and its head coated with water based lubricating jelly. A large piece of gauze bandage was

positioned like a collar over its head with the flaps fed through the mere millimetres of remaining space in the drain hole. While the Care Centre



staff pushed from the inside of the dumpster and monitored the head, the Fire Services personnel shimied the skunk out using the flaps

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## Green Heron

By Devin Manky

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004, a juvenile Green Heron (*Butorides striatus*) was found orphaned on a golf course in South Vancouver and was brought to the WRA for care. Most of us are familiar with the large, prehistoric looking, Great Blue Heron, which frequents the shores of the ocean and lakes in BC. Yet relatively few will have seen a Green Heron - a small, solitary hunter, which is known for its ingenuity in using small pieces of "bait", such as bits of leaves and feathers, to lure small fish to the water's surface where they can then be caught with ease.

Upon examination, the heron was

found to be moderately dehydrated and had sustained a b d o m i n a l bruising. Staff immediately provided fluids via subcutaneous injection.

Within six days the heron's condition showed notable improvement. Not only had its body weight increased, it had doubled! In the weeks that followed, the heron continued to grow. Once it had strengthened its flight muscles and could easily fly in an outdoor avi-



ary, the bird was all clear for release. On July 21<sup>st</sup>, exactly one month after its admission, the Green Heron was released to the wild, and was last seen secreted within the foliage next to a river - an ideal, hiding spot for this sleuthy fisherman.

# Volunteer Corner

## My Life As a WRA Volunteer

By Paul Steeves

As a new volunteer in 1991, I began bringing my cameras along.

One of my first, and favourite, photos is of these orphaned, young, Black-capped Chickadees. The Foster Fur and Feathers Program began using my pictures right away and you'll



Young Black-capped Chickadees

now find them in the WRA Newsletter and on the WRA web site.

Although I have photographed wildlife from Africa to the Amazon,

taking photos at Wildlife Rescue presents a unique challenge. How

do you capture a hummingbird while feeding it, a skunk without being sprayed, or survive a screaming marmot close up?

Working with the approximately 3,500 birds and

animals that we admit each year has given me a sense of their habits and characteristics and is a big help in creating interesting photographs.



A screaming marmot close up

My love of nature and wildlife is what originally drew me to Wildlife Rescue. Getting close, really close to the animals with my camera is a great experience. Plus, everyone here at WRA shares a personal interest in nature and this makes me feel like I belong to one big family.



### Wish List

- Batteries (all sizes)
- Berries (frozen, all kinds)
- Bleach (4L, unscented)
- Dish soap
- Garbage bags (X-large)
- Laundry baskets
- Laundry soap (unscented)
- Lumber (2" x 4" - 6' or longer)
- Microscope (school grade)
- Mop & bucket (industrial)
- Nuts in shell (unsalted & raw)
- Paper (8.5" x 11")
- Paper towels
- Scale (digital bathroom)
- Spotting scope
- Tape (duct & 1" masking)
- Taxidermy samples
- Toilet paper
- Vanilla Ensure & Strawberry Boost

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# Perspectives of a New Bird Bander

By Roy Teo, Care Centre Staff

Christmas came early for me this year - June to be exact, and it arrived in a small, bubble-packed envelope. Enclosed were five or six strings of small, shiny, aluminum bands that had arrived from the Federal Banding Office. Granted, they were not quite strings of pearls, but to a keen new bander, they represent fresh possibilities - a chance to glimpse into the lives of some our patients after their release.

Master Bander, Liz Thunstrom, has been banding birds that were successfully rehabilitated and released from WRA since 1987. Through her hard work and diligence, we have been privileged to learn about the lives and fates of some of these animals. This past summer was particularly exciting for me because I had the opportunity to assist and learn from Liz, as I worked toward acquiring my own permit. Additionally, WRA sponsored me to participate in a banding workshop offered by Rocky Point Bird Observatory in March. The experience proved invaluable, as I was able to learn new techniques and skills from other banders, and gain exposure to new research possibilities.

Ornithologists first carried out the process of marking and banding birds in the early 1800's. Through their collaborative effort, significant

insights have been obtained about the migration paths, breeding ranges, and population sizes of various bird species. Thus, each bird that is banded and released from WRA continually adds to the overall knowledge base.

The focus of my banding project is to gather information on the post-release success of rehabilitated birds. Some of the questions I am hoping to answer include - How well do birds recover from (or compensate for) certain injuries? Do hand-raised birds possess the necessary survival instincts to make it in the wild? Answers to some of these questions may prove to be fundamental to the efficacy of wildlife rehabilitation. It will not only confirm cases of success, but also identify areas of weakness.

Although, some of the results may directly challenge the effectiveness of certain treatment protocols and decisions, it is hoped that patient care will ultimately benefit in the long run.

Although the process of physically banding a bird is fairly straightforward, the importance of the procedures leading up to it (and including it) cannot be overstated. It is usually our final opportunity to complete a thorough examination to ensure the bird meets all release criteria, and to collect all the nec-



Photo by Devin Manky  
Putting a band on a Violet-green Swallow

essary data (ie. proper ID, age, sex, and measurements). The application of the band to a bird denotes the end of its stay at the care centre, but more importantly marks a new beginning - a second chance at life in the wild. I usually take a moment to reflect on the countless hours of hard work put in by volunteers and staff to get the animal to this stage, wish it the best of luck, and bid my final farewell.



Banded Great Blue Heron

## Striped Skunk

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of gauze bandage.

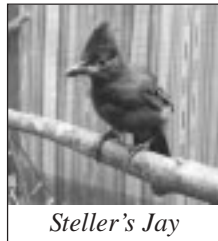
Although the skunk was successfully removed, it was suffering from a swollen head, badly abraded neck, scratched corneas, dehydration and exhaustion. The skunk was treated with steroids to bring down the swelling both internally and externally, a topical antibiotic for the eye, and a round of precautionary oral antibiotics. He recovered well from all injuries, and was released in North Vancouver earlier this month.

## A Vision for Wildlife Rehabilitation

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make some similar advancements. In particular, expanding our education program, and increasing our capacity to respond to the thousands of public calls for assistance would significantly reduce the number of animals requiring our help. We also hope to hire a full-time veterinary manager, add a rescue team equipped with a specialized van, and develop a dedicated treatment program for oil spill response.

A quick glance out the window at the Steller's Jay perched in the cedar tree, or the Cooper's Hawk



soaring over Burnaby Mountain reminds me that British Columbia has some incredible wild friends. It is home to diverse and rare ecological and climatic zones, harbouring a plethora of wildlife, many of them threatened or endangered.

Although it may be easy for some to lose sight of this richness when inhabiting urban areas, it surrounds us, even in the city. Those work-

ing at WRA have developed an intimate awareness of the seasons simply by observing the different animals that are admitted each month. These animals travel on and over BC lands, and cope with the challenges each season presents. Many less fortunate animals will need our help along the way, especially those that suffer injuries and pollution damage from human-related causes. As WRA begins our next 25 years of operation, we aim to continue working with BC communities to resolve the problems that impact wildlife.



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Please visit our web site at: [www.wildliferescue.ca](http://www.wildliferescue.ca) for a better idea of colours and sizing.



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