

# Back into the wild

BY JANAYA FULLER-EVANS, BURNABY NOW JULY 10, 2010



The mallards were brought to the care centre from all over the Lower Mainland.

**Photograph by:** Larry Wright, BURNABY NOW

---

A flock of ducks was released at Deer Lake on Wednesday afternoon by care centre staff from the Wildlife Rescue Association of British Columbia.

The mallards were brought to the care centre from all over the Lower Mainland, according to Crystal Simmons, care centre liaison.

"Basically people come across these orphaned goslings or mallards and bring them in to us," she said.

It takes two months in care before the birds are independent and fully flighted and can be released, Simmons added.

The entire pen was full when the release was made, she added.

"It was a great day for us."

The Wildlife Rescue Association is the largest urban rehabilitator of wildlife in B.C.

The care centre admits an average of 3,000 injured, orphaned and pollution-damaged wildlife from a range of about 150 species per year.

© Copyright (c) Burnaby Now

---

[Previous](#)

[Next](#)