



## Research Aims and Goals

WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of BC provides leadership in rehabilitating wildlife and in promoting the welfare of wild animals in the urban environment. WRA recognizes the value of initiating and participating in ongoing research programmes, and collaborations with academic and government institutions. We welcome proposals for non-invasive research projects that aim to increase knowledge of wildlife, wildlife habitat, or wildlife rehabilitation.

All external research proposals are subject to approval by the WRA Animal Care Committee (ACC) and Board of Directors. Submissions to the ACC should be made no later than 6 weeks prior to project commencement.

## Areas of Focus

- Post-release monitoring
- Admission trends and the value for education
- Applied research improving husbandry practices (various topics)

## Selected publications and presentations

Drake, A. and Fraser, D. 2010. Testing two husbandry protocols for mallard ducklings: Does running water or an older "mentor" bird improve brood weight gain and survival? *Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation* 30(3): 17-22.

Potter, M. 2010. Bat World Bootcamp: Bat rehabilitation. *Wildlife Rehabilitators' Network of BC 2010 AGM and Speaker Series, Gabriola Island, BC.*

Sheldon, L. and Drake A. 2008. Case study: A split-brood comparison of formula for nestling songbirds (FoNS©) versus three facility-specific diets. *Wildlife Rehabilitation Bulletin* 26(2): 20-25.

Drake, A. and Fraser, D. 2008. Admission trends and mortality correlates for mallard ducklings at wildlife rehabilitation facilities. *Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation* 29(1): 4-14.

Ward, J. 2004. Rescue, rehabilitation and recovery of an injured wolverine: A collaborative approach to rehabilitation. *International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*, Portland, Oregon.