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**WRA Anniversary Celebrations Start At Earth Fest**

**Burnaby, BC (March 23 2009):**

The Wildlife Rescue Association of BC (WRA) in Burnaby is ready for another busy year ahead, but not just because of the thousands of wild animals that are expected to come into its Care Centre during the course of 2009. This year, WRA will be celebrating a special milestone of 30 years working for wildlife in the Lower Mainland, with a number of community events planned during the course of the year.

The event schedule kicks off in April with Earth Fest, a free environmental fair hosted by WRA at the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion on Saturday, April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This family-friendly Earth Week event will celebrate the achievements and work of WRA, along with a host of other local environmental organizations in attendance. There will be many fun games, activities, and crafts for visitors, and a variety of prizes for lucky guests to win.

Later in this special anniversary year, the events will continue when WRA invites the community's support at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Burnaby Lake Rubber Ducky Fun Run in October and at a 30<sup>th</sup>-Anniversary Gala & Fundraiser planned for November.

Since 1979, WRA has received more than 65,000 wild animals from almost 300 species across the Lower Mainland and beyond. To support the care and rehabilitation of this number and variety of wild creatures, and to promote public awareness of wildlife and the issues that they face in the urban environment, WRA continually raises funds and awareness of its work in the local community.

For more information about Earth Fest, head to [www.wildliferescue.ca](http://www.wildliferescue.ca) or call WRA's Education Coordinator, Krystal Brennan at 604-526-2747.

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WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of BC has been rehabilitating wildlife since 1979. Each year, we receive around 3,000 injured, orphaned, and pollution-damaged wild animals. Our professional rehabilitation staff and dedicated, trained volunteers provide these animals a second chance at life in the wild, and we raise public awareness and respect for wildlife through our outreach and education program.

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