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## On November 7, \$25 can save a life - or two.

**WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of BC will be celebrating 30 years of leadership in urban wildlife rehabilitation and public education in a Gala Fundraiser at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts on November 7, 2009.**

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The Gala will bring together civic leaders, philanthropists, volunteers, wildlife experts and special guests to celebrate the Association's successes. These include growing from a small, passionate group of wildlife enthusiasts working together with limited space and resources, to establishing a year-round operation at Burnaby Lake with six full-time staff, 200 volunteers, and a suite of facilities for wildlife treatment and rehabilitation.

WRA Executive Director Glenn Boyle, PhD, sees the daily impact that even small donations have at the rehabilitation centre. "WRA relies on support for many ongoing activities – from buying supplies for veterinary treatments – to building customized facilities for birds and mammals – to transporting animals to wild spaces for release after treatment and care. We always strive to do the best we can for animals in our care, and with around 3,000 injured, orphaned and pollution-damaged animals coming to us every year, we are always in need of the public's help and support! Even \$25 can make the difference to save the lives of wild creatures sharing our urban environment."

**Planned Gala highlights include a silent auction with over \$10,000 of donated items, and performances by jazz trio Jeremy Berkman, Bill Coon, & Jodi Proznick.**

Proceeds from the Gala will fund WRA's onsite activities in wildlife rehabilitation and support the delivery of over 100 educational programs annually throughout Metro Vancouver.

### **Event Details:**

Ticket price: \$25  
November 7, 2009, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Shadbolt Centre for the Arts  
6450 Deer Lake Road, Burnaby, BC

### **For tickets and more information:**

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## WRA - OUR MISSION

WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of BC provides leadership in rehabilitating wildlife and in promoting the welfare of wild animals in the urban environment.

## WRA - OUR STORY

WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of BC is a charitable, not-for-profit society, located in Burnaby, British Columbia. A small group of concerned citizens formed the Association in 1979 to assist growing numbers of orphaned and injured wild animals, primarily in the Lower Mainland. The public had formerly brought these animals to veterinarians, local naturalists, and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), none of whom were equipped or specially trained to care for wildlife.

Within three years of the Association's launch, a few staff and numerous trained volunteers were caring for over 800 patients annually. By 1987, the annual caseload had more than doubled again, leading WRA to move to its current, more spacious location on the south side of Burnaby Lake Regional Park. The new site, open 365 days a year, would grow to include a rehabilitation facility with examination and isolation rooms, as well as numerous outdoor aviaries and pens that could easily be modified to accommodate many species.

Today, with the aid of six full-time staff, a consulting veterinarian and 200 volunteers, WRA admits an annual average of over 3,000 patients representing almost 150 species of birds and mammals. We also teach people how to co-exist with wildlife, and have become one of the primary response groups for wildlife impacted by oil spills and pollution damage.

WRA's work is made possible by many people's generous gifts of time, supplies and financial donations, which account for about 80% of WRA's annual budget. Together we are demonstrating the many ways a committed group of people can protect wildlife and the remaining wild places in our communities.