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Everyday Items Top Wildlife Wish List

With the holiday season fast approaching, the Wildlife Rescue Association of BC (WRA) is checking its own Christmas wish list of practical gifts for wild animals. Garbage bags, millet, vitamins and shower caddies may not be on the top of everyone's Christmas list, but these essential items will help to ensure the smooth running of the charitable organization throughout the year.

Many of the items on the list will be used in the direct care of animals receiving treatment or to make it easier for WRA rehabilitation staff to carry out their work.

"We receive thousands of animals each year and they all need to be fed, watered, housed and kept clean," says Lani Sheldon, Team Leader of Wildlife Rehabilitation at the WRA. "We hope that members of the public will be kind enough to pick up something extra for the WRA when they are out shopping for gifts or groceries during the Christmas period."

Common items include:

Food & supplements

Millet
Frozen clam meat, herring, salmon, smelt & trout
All nuts except peanuts
Vitamin E oil
Vitamin B1

Accessories

Suction cup shower caddies & soap dishes
Art tape
Calculators

Household goods

Industrial-sized garbage bags
Chlorine bleach
Laundry soap

The WRA Care Centre is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year and rehabilitation staff will be admitting and caring for wildlife in distress throughout the festive season.

WRA's full wish list is available to view on its website (www.wildliferescue.ca). All gifts and donations can be delivered to the WRA Care Centre at 5216 Glencarin Drive, Burnaby. Members of the public should phone ahead on 604.526.7275 before making a delivery.

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WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of BC is a charitable society that has been providing leadership in wildlife rehabilitation and promoting the welfare of wild animals in the urban environment since 1979. Each year, WRA cares for around 3,000 injured, orphaned, and pollution-damaged wild animals, and WRA provides public education and outreach through its wildlife hotline, website, Earth Fest community festival, summer day camps, and over 100 presentations and displays throughout the Lower Mainland.