

# Wildlife Rescue

ASSOCIATION

Making a Difference for Wildlife Since 1979



Annual Report 2014



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**312**  
Orphaned ducklings were cared for in 2014.

**WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of BC**

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## CoverStory



In November 2014, 11 adult gulls were left fighting for survival after their feathers were contaminated by fish oil at a site in Richmond.

It is believed that the birds were able to access an open container at a fish processing plant in the area. When they were found their feathers were encrusted with fish scales and completely drenched in the fish oil. Several of the gulls also had eye infections as a result of the soiling. Staff and volunteers worked in tandem to clean all of the gulls. After three days spent washing and drying the gulls, and a week of recuperation, seven gulls (including the one pictured above), were successfully released.





**Regular Staff Members 2014**

**ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** Gordon White

**ADMINISTRATOR** Heather Gill

**TEAM LEADER, WILDLIFE REHABILITATION** Linda Bakker

**WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS** Gylaine Andersen, Karen Becker, Laura Evans, Marina Langland, Ana Mendes, Jennifer Palframan & Chelsea Roberts

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**EDUCATION COORDINATOR** Johanna Thompson

**EDUCATION PROGRAM LEADER** Sarah Carncross

**COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER** Yolanda Brooks

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**ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE CHAIR** Coleen Doucette

**ADVISORS** Kieran Bridge, Mira Ziolo, Albert Steer



*Top: Director of Volunteer Resources Maureen E. McKay with supporter Donna Hansen; Centre: Education Program Leader Sarah Carncross with a camper. Below (LtoR): Wildlife rehabilitators Laura Evans, Jennifer Palframan & Gylaine Andersen tend to baby barn owls that were separated from their parents when the old Port Mann bridge was dismantled.*

# Thirty Five Years Strong

Thirty-five years ago Wildlife Rescue Association of BC was a part-time, volunteer-run organization without a home to call its own. Thanks to years of dedicated effort from hundreds of volunteers and the generosity of supporters, Wildlife Rescue has evolved to become a thriving rehabilitation centre that provides professional medical and rehabilitative care for a growing number of injured and orphaned wild animals.

2014 was a pivotal year for Wildlife Rescue. We not only became the busiest wildlife rehabilitation organization in Canada, but we also took important steps towards becoming a philanthropically-oriented organization with new processes that will allow us to achieve new standards in medical procedures and financial viability for years to come. This capacity building is evident in a number of areas, including an enhanced fundraising program and increasing media presence. We are dedicated to growing our community of supporters to meet the demands of our ever-increasing caseload of injured and orphaned animals. With over 4500 animals received in 2014 and our current intake volumes in 2015 projecting to be over 5000, the increased need for greater support is paramount.

New initiatives were identified in 2014 and are being implemented in 2015. These endeavors include building the annual giving donor base, expanded giving options for finders of wildlife, new partnerships with foundations and businesses, and a new focus on donor stewardship. With over 80% of our funding coming from concerned individuals such as yourself, we are committed to improving our communications and strengthening our relationships. In 2015 we will also launch a new campaign to secure operational funding for enhanced Care Centre operations to expand our veterinary program, to provide improved care for injured wildlife and successfully rehabilitate a greater number of animals.

Our pending new phone system for the Wildlife Helpline, which receives over 30,000 calls (!) each year, is designed to provide better support for the thousands of concerned citizens who reach out to Wildlife Rescue for help with wild animals that they encounter in the Lower Mainland.

With over 35 years of providing a vital service to community and environment, Wildlife Rescue has strong foundations on which to build. Our dedicated and talented staff and Board of Directors are committed to the continued growth of Wildlife Rescue and being the best organization it can be. We look forward to partnering with you in future years, as collaboration is the essential foundational piece for successful wildlife outcomes.



**Coleen Doucette**  
President, Board of Directors



**Gordon White**  
Acting Executive Director

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

**Our vision is to continually improve the welfare of urban wildlife.**



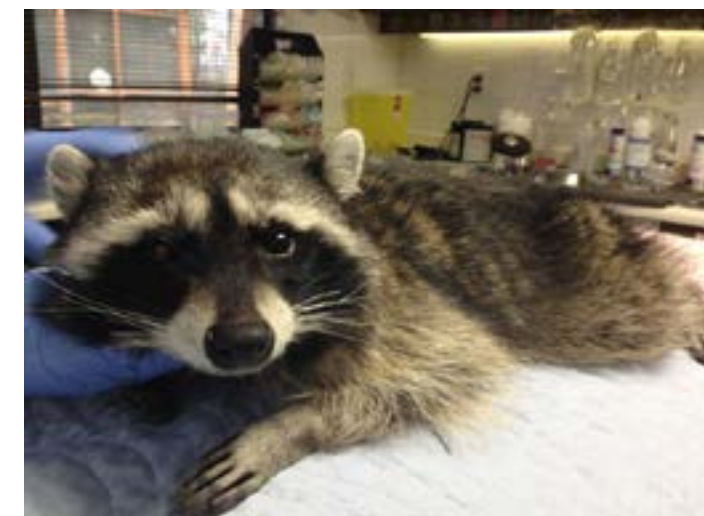
# Rising to the Challenge

2014 was a landmark year for Wildlife Rescue. With a record intake of 4,500, it became the busiest wildlife rescue centre in Canada.

The Care Centre was built in 1985 to accommodate 1,000 animals a year. Despite the limited space, rehabilitation staff continue to deliver high levels of care for animals that are admitted for a wide range of issues.

With loss of habitat, increased development and population growth, the need to protect urban wildlife in B.C. grows every year. Wildlife Rescue's institutional knowledge stretches back 35 years, while current staff share many years of hands-on experience with wildlife.

No other wildlife rehabilitation centre in B.C. can match this level of expertise or cater to such a wide range of birds, mammals and reptiles.



## 4,516

### A record number of animals were treated in 2014

Increase in intake since 2013 9%

Birds 85.5% of total

Mammals 14% of total

Number of reptile & amphibians 13

Number of bats 51

Reason for intake

Vehicle Collision **620**

Cat attack **307**

Entangled/trapped/soiled **191**

**New facilities & equipment**

An outdoor baby bird nursery, an additional anesthesia machine and a bat enclosure built by volunteers.

**Unusual case**

Six bats glued to a homemade sticky trap. Three of the bats, which included little brown bat and Yuma myotis survived.

**Endangered species**

Two Western painted turtles were treated for injuries caused by fish hooks. Both survived and one was placed into a provincial breeding program.



# Building a Community that Cares

Reaching out to the community is an essential part of the Wildlife Rescue mission. Whether reaching out to a new generation with school programs and day camps, providing critical information through our Wildlife Helpline or sharing information during community events, we aim to nurture a greater respect and understanding for local wildlife. Many of the animals we treat are impacted by human behaviour. By sharing our knowledge of local wildlife and habitats, we hope to alleviate the impact of human activity.



**Highlights**

Presentations delivered 110  
 Day camps hosted 51  
 After-school sessions hosted 33  
 Summer camp registration rate 97%

Four-day summer camps were offered for the first time in 2014. Financial support from the CKNW Orphans' Fund and Chevron Canada enabled us to make our camps inclusive for children with special needs. With a grant from the Lucy G. Davies Fund and support from our volunteers, we expanded our animal artifact collection.

# Giving the Gift of Time

Wherever you turn at Wildlife Rescue, there is a volunteer lending a helping hand. They provide support to Care Centre staff, help to maintain the facilities, carry out administrative duties, attend outreach events, rescue and transport sick and injured animals, answer calls on the wildlife helpline and provide professional expertise in a number of different fields.

Some volunteers have been with us for more than 25 years, others travel from overseas to spend a summer to help animals, while others arrive through a community service program organized through their workplace. Every minute of volunteer support allows staff to focus on animals that need help. Without their time, skills and dedication, Wildlife Rescue would not be able to offer such a comprehensive level of service.



# 24,692

Volunteer hours logged during 2014



**Volunteer Participation in 2014**

Number of active volunteers 572  
 Distance travelled by Transport Volunteers 73,396km  
 International volunteers 18  
 Number of Care Centre volunteers on duty each day during the summer season 18



# Acts of Charity

Whether through direct mail appeals, one-off donations, monthly donations or planned gifts, members of the public continue to show their concern for wild animals and their faith in Wildlife Rescue by providing more than 80% of our total funding.

In 2014 our corporate partners provided financial support for several programs, events and operations. Donations including equipment and provisions for the Care Centre, specialist staff for the education program, and sponsorship that enabled us to host and grow our EarthFest and Open House event.



*Thanks to donations from the G&F Financial Foundation and City of Burnaby, Wildlife Rescue was able to equip its Care Centre with several priority items including an anesthesia machine, an incubator and surgical instruments. Gill Sherwood (left), Branch Manager of G&F Financial Group, North Burnaby Branch, Linda Bakker, Team Leader of Wildlife Rehabilitation, Gordon White, Acting Executive Director at Wildlife Rescue and Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Chair of Burnaby City's Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, are pictured during a tour of Wildlife Rescue's Care Centre.*

## 400 Bottles of Dawn Ultra were donated following an emergency appeal during the oiled-gull incident



*EarthFest Nature Festival and Open House is our biggest outreach event of the year. Our sponsors have helped to make the family festival a popular fixture in Metro Vancouver's Earth Day celebrations.*



*As well as spending a day working in the grounds at Wildlife Rescue, staff from the engineering and environmental consultancy Stantec, held a fundraiser for the Association.*

# Community Thanks

*We would like to thank our many supporters, named and unnamed, whose generous contributions in 2014 helped us care for a record number of patients.*

### Planned Gifts

Herbert H. Beck  
Kathleen Grace Boyle  
Edwin J. Cann  
Alice Sarah Fetsch  
Ted Gorski  
Rose Hazel Hofley  
Dorothy Lucille Holubitsky  
David Nelson Sparks

### Community Donors

Argyle Secondary  
Atlantic Power – Mamquam  
Burnaby Lions Club  
CNR Employees  
Charity Chest  
City of Burnaby

Diamond Foundation  
Eden Conservation Trust  
Fortis BC Energy  
G & F Financial Group Foundation  
Joyce Investments Ltd.  
Kerr Wood Leidal Association Ltd.  
Kiewit/Flatiron General Partnership  
Mustel Group  
Oiled Wildlife Society of BC  
Provincial Employees Community Services Fund  
Richmond News  
Royal Bank  
Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School (Recycle Club)  
Telus  
Thrifty Foods

The Molson Donations Fund  
Trisura Guarantee Insurance Company  
United Way of the Lower Mainland  
Upper Lynn Elementary School  
Vancouver Foundation  
Victoria Foundation  
Greystates Foundation  
Human Resources & Skills Development Canada  
Joan Milne Stewart Fund  
SPUD (Sustainable Produce Urban Delivery)  
Whole Foods

(All donations \$500 plus)



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ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

**Gray & Associates**  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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## REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of  
 WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of British Columbia:

We have reviewed the statement of fund balances of WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of British Columbia as at December 31, 2014 and the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of inquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the Association.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

June 17, 2015  
 North Vancouver, B.C., Canada

  
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of British Columbia**  
**Statement of Fund Balances (Unaudited)**  
**As at December 31, 2014 and 2013**

**Assets**  
 Cash (note 2)  
 Accounts receivable  
 Investments  
 Total current assets  
 Property and equipment, net (note 4)  
 Total assets  
**Liabilities**  
 Accounts payable and accrued liabilities  
 Payroll liabilities  
 Deferred contributions related to projects (note 5)  
 Total current liabilities  
 License agreement (note 6)

**Fund Balances**  
 Invested in capital assets  
 Internally restricted (notes 2 and 3)  
 Unrestricted (note 2)  
 Total liabilities and fund balances

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.  
 Approved by the Board of Directors:

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 Director

**Statement 1**

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund	Legacy Fund	Endowment Fund	Total Dec-31-2014	Total Dec-31-2013
\$	195,766 \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	195,766 \$	28,373
	3,523	-	-	-	3,523	4,078
	-	-	808,781	114,374	923,155	1,311,753
	199,289	-	808,781	114,374	1,120,244	1,348,153
	-	38,704	-	-	38,704	47,019
\$	199,289 \$	38,704 \$	808,781 \$	114,374 \$	1,158,948 \$	1,395,171
\$	20,126 \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	20,126 \$	14,823
	14,350	-	-	-	14,350	10,354
	-	-	-	-	-	12,179
	34,476	-	-	-	34,476	37,358
	-	38,704	-	-	38,704	47,019
	164,813	-	400,000	114,374	514,374	506,689
	164,813	38,704	408,781	-	571,994	704,127
	199,289 \$	38,704 \$	808,781 \$	114,374 \$	1,158,948 \$	1,357,815
	199,289 \$	38,704 \$	808,781 \$	114,374 \$	1,158,948 \$	1,395,171

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 Director



Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances (Unaudited)  
For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund	Legacy Fund	Endowment Fund	Total Dec-31-2014	Total Dec-31-2013
<b>Revenues</b>						
Donations (note 7)	204,094	-	-	-	204,094	204,134
Bequests	233,764	-	-	-	233,764	78,155
Corporate	9,109	-	-	-	9,109	14,101
Foundations and grants	64,866	-	-	-	64,866	42,999
Merchandise	14,114	-	-	-	14,114	13,148
Interest and dividend income	-	-	25,491	3,825	29,316	41,357
Capital gains (note 3)	-	-	41,632	4,933	46,565	79,865
Sales, fund raising and other revenue	26,808	-	-	-	26,808	79,329
Amortization of deferred contributions related to projects (note 5)	13,871	-	-	-	13,871	22,994
Total revenues	677,836	-	67,113	8,758	753,697	604,366
<b>Expenses</b>						
Amortization of equipment costs	-	16,952	-	-	16,952	17,045
Automobile and travel	9,436	-	-	-	9,436	6,359
Rent and interest charges	5,018	-	-	-	5,018	5,332
Investment council charges	-	-	8,827	1,053	9,880	13,023
Community outreach and provision	17,567	-	-	-	17,567	16,425
Food and medical wildlife care (note 7)	88,916	-	-	-	88,916	71,814
Insurance, licenses and dues	5,853	-	-	-	5,853	6,755
Office	84,312	-	-	-	84,312	68,318
Repairs, maintenance and rentals	9,561	-	-	-	9,561	28,691
Telephone and utilities	16,876	-	-	-	16,876	18,547
Wages, contracts and benefits	63,189	-	-	-	63,189	665,978
Total expenses	607,208	16,952	8,827	1,053	634,040	918,111
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	(132,382)	(16,952)	58,266	7,705	(131,943)	(313,745)
Fund balances, beginning of year	(957)	47,819	1,105,084	106,689	1,257,815	1,571,588
Interfund transfers	347,952	8,827	(358,589)	-	-	-
Fund balances, end of year	164,613	38,204	808,781	114,374	1,124,972	1,257,815

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of British Columbia  
Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

## Statement 3

	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$( 133,343)	\$( 313,745)
Adjustments for non-cash items		
Amortization of equipment costs	16,952	17,045
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
Decrease in accounts receivable	( 116,391)	( 296,700)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4,753	4,590
	9,298	10,061
Cash flows from (used in) investing activities		
Purchase of equipment	( 8,636)	( 13,780)
Increase (decrease) in deferred contributions related to projects	( 12,179)	( 1,019)
	( 20,815)	( 14,799)
Decrease in cash and investments	( 123,155)	( 296,848)
Cash and investments, beginning of year	1,240,076	1,536,924
Cash and investments, end of year	\$ 1,116,921	\$ 1,240,076
Cash and investments represented by		
Cash	\$ 195,766	\$ 28,323
Investments	921,155	1,211,753
	\$ 1,116,921	\$ 1,240,076

See accompanying notes to the financial statements



WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of British Columbia  
Notes to the Financial Statements (Unaudited)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

1. Nature of Operations

WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of British Columbia (the "Association") is a non-profit organization incorporated without share capital under the laws of the Society Act of British Columbia. The primary objectives of the Association are to prevent and reduce the suffering of injured, orphaned and pollution damaged wildlife through rehabilitation and education. The Association is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act and as such is exempt from income taxes and able to issue donation receipts for income tax purposes.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

*Cash*

Cash is comprised of cash held by Canadian banks.

*Investments*

Investments consist of amounts invested in short-term notes, bonds, debentures and equities.

Investment income comprises the Association's share of interest and dividends on the underlying securities.

All investments are carried at fair market values.

*Fund Accounting*

The financial statements disclose the activities of the separate funds maintained by the Association:

Operating Fund:

Represents the balance of unrestricted net assets from the continuing activities of the Association.

Legacy Fund:

Represents the balance of internally restricted and unrestricted net assets allocated from the Operating Fund that have been approved by the Board of Directors. Monies held in the Legacy Fund may be used to fund activities of WRA that contribute to the mission of the organization, as approved by the Board of Directors. The Legacy Fund is obligated to hold a minimum of six months of general operating costs, the specific amount to be determined at the end of each fiscal year.

Endowment Fund:

Represents the balance of internally restricted net assets allocated from the Operating Fund which have been approved by the Board of Directors. The Endowment Funds are comprised of contributions from the Lucy Grace Davies Endowment and the Flora Alexandra Gray Endowment plus certain accumulated investment income. Investment income earned on the Endowment Fund is internally restricted and is to be used for new and innovative projects of the Association.

WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of British Columbia  
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2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

*Financial Instruments*

Financial instruments consist of cash, investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost, and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred. It is management's opinion that the Association is not exposed to significant interest rate, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair market value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying value, unless otherwise noted.

*Equipment*

Equipment acquisitions are recorded at cost and are amortized at the following rates and methods:

Computer equipment	30%, declining balance
Equipment	20%, declining balance
Furniture and fixtures	20%, declining balance
Software	100%

One-half of the above rates are applied in year of acquisition.

*Revenue Recognition*

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as income in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as income when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases in net assets.

*Measurement uncertainty*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and revenues and expenses for the year reported. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in net assets in the period which they became known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

*Donated Services and Goods*

No recognition is given within the records for the value of donated services, except as indicated in Note 7. Donated goods, that are used in the normal course of operations and would have otherwise been purchased, are recorded in the financial statements at their fair market value.



WRA Wildlife Rescue Association of British Columbia  
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For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

3. Investments

Investments are held at Canadian brokerage accounts and comprise of fixed income and equity securities traded on major Canadian security exchanges.

4. Property and Equipment

	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
	Cost		Accumulated Amortization		Net Book Value	
Computer equipment and software	\$ 59,370	\$ 54,611	\$ 57,508	\$ 49,032	\$ 1,862	\$ 7,579
Equipment	80,704	74,827	44,597	38,304	36,107	38,523
Furniture and fixtures	17,821	17,821	17,086	16,904	735	917
Leasehold and site improvements	239,407	239,407	239,407	239,407	-	-
	\$ 397,302	\$ 386,666	\$ 358,598	\$ 341,647	\$ 38,704	\$ 47,019

5. Deferred Contributions Related to Projects

During the year, the Association received grants in the amount of \$892 (2013: \$21,885) to undertake projects specified by donors. These contributions are deferred and amortized to revenue in the year the expenditures are incurred.

	2014	2013
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 12,179	\$ 13,198
Project specific grants received	892	21,885
Amortization to project expenditures	( 13,071)	( 22,904)
Balance, end of year	\$ -	\$ 12,179

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6. License Agreement

The Association occupies property located in Burnaby, B.C. by way of a License Renewal and Modification Agreement ("Agreement") from the Greater Vancouver Regional District ("GVRD"). The Agreement was renewed on July 31, 2013 with retrospective validity for a period of five years commencing on July 17, 2011 and terminating on July 16, 2016. Total consideration for the Agreement was ten dollars. All terms and conditions of the initial Agreement apply to the renewed Agreement. The Agreement may be terminated by either party, without cause, on 180 days written notice or on 30 days written notice, with cause, by the GVRD.

7. Donated Goods

Donated food, medical supplies and animal transportation costs were received by the Association during the year with a determined fair value of \$42,717 (2013: \$34,853). Donated goods have been included in donations revenues and food and medical wildlife care expenses, respectively.







