

# **Ten Things We Love About You**

# How everyday acts of kindness save the lives of animals like these

By Yolanda Brooks Communications Manager

The year 2016 was amazing and eventful for Wildlife Rescue. We treated a record-breaking 5,533 animals, worked through a weekend without power, dealt with several oiled bird incidents, narrowly escaped a flood, and lived to tell the tale when 500 snakes came to stay.

We achieved so much during the last year thanks to our supporters whose active compassion for wildlife ensured that we could focus our attention on the animals. Many of you made donations, some of you gave gifts in kind, more than 300 of you have volunteered your time, while some have shown your concern for wildlife by rescuing animals in distress.

Whatever your contribution, we would not have survived without your help. Which is why we are celebrating the great things that you do and dedicating this issue to our friends and supporters.

1. A few days before Christmas a water main burst sending a river of water cascading towards the Business Administration building. Staff and volunteers onsite stopped what they were doing and rushed to divert the water away from the basement. We managed to keep the flood at bay



These animals survived and were given a second lease of life thanks to the support you gave to Wildlife Rescue in 2016. (Photos: Paul Steeves).

until the firefighters from Burnaby Fire Hall No. 1 arrived to pump the water away before it seeped through our emergency defences. Everyone who works and volunteers at Wildlife Rescue has a "all hands on deck attitude." Without it, we'd be writing about the ruined classroom.

2. Every day people are willing to help widlife in distress. Just before the New Year, the Wildlife Helpline got a call about a female bufflehead in distress in the water off Kits Beach. Going above and beyond the call of duty, a local resident went into the water to rescue the bird and then

spent several minutes shivering and dripping in the public restroom until one of our rescue volunteers arrived to drive the bird to **Continued** 

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#### **BIRD'S EYE** VIEW

# **Abundance for** Wildlife

I believe we are each responsible for creating our world and the life we experience. This is why I chose to accept the position of Executive Director with WRA.

I have been involved with this organization since 2006 in a variety of capacities and have grown a deep respect for the integrity and character of the organization. Many amazing people have contributed passionately to developing this outstanding wildlife hospital throughout its 36 years. WRA has become a leader in quality of care in rehabilitating urban wildlife, as well as in providing community education.

Standing side-by-side with dedicated volunteers and staff are the heartwarming donors who provide the financial resources to make possible the treatment of 5,533 animals during 2015!

**Congratulations** on your choice to contribute to this exceptional team who dedicate their lives to creating Abundance for Wildlife in every way imaginable. Please take a moment to reflect on your generosity toward our native wildlife and accept my personal gratitude for everything you have done. I believe that your kind perspective towards wildlife matters. What we think, results in how we act, which leads to the abundance we create for ourselves and the cherished wildlife who live along side us. **Thank You** for being you.



In this issue of *To the Rescue* you will find stories illustrating the importance of wildlife rehabilitation and how you can continue your relationship of caring for wildlife. WRA's Legacy Program (page 9) is a way for you to make a long-lasting impact on generations of wildlife.

Our Major Donor Program opens the door to a two-way relationship between wildlife and donors through wildlife interaction events. Keep an eye on WRA's website and social media sites to stay current on special cases and contribute to unique campaigns that put important individual animals successfully back into their natural environment.

I'm honoured to be working with you for the greater good of BC's wildlife and hope to see many of you at our AGM on Sunday, June 26 to participate in the ongoing growth of this great non-profit organization.

Let's create abundance together!



**Coleen Doucette** Executive Director

AGM The Wildlife Rescue Association of BC will hold its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, June 26, 2016, at the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion. Wildlife Rescue members are invited to the AGM which will be held at 1pm at Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion, 6871 Roberts Street, Burnaby, V5B 3C1.

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# **Critter-Proof Your Home**



Every spring the Wildlife Helpline receives calls about geese and ducks on high-rise courtyards and balconies, squirrels, raccoons and skunks in sheds and attics and woodpeckers building nests after enlarging holes in the siding of buildings in need of repair.

Wildlife moving into human homes is a big source of conflict and Wildlife Rescue is calling on property owners to critter-proof their properties ahead of the nesting and denning season. "We advise property owners and building managers to check their properties, sheds, garages, eaves and balconies for holes and other potential entry points to deter unwelcome guests," says Janelle VanderBeek, WRA Wildlife Hospital Coordinator.

When the young are born, moving the family is a more complicated process that can put the animals' lives at risk.

Homeowners will also need to call on the expertise of licensed wildlife control experts as it is illegal to interfere with most nests.

Apartment residents should be keeping an eye out for ducks and geese that are on the hunt for quiet spots to build a nest. If they see lone females or mating pairs, now is the time to shoo them away to encourage them to find somewhere more appropriate to lay eggs.

While a high-rise balcony or courtyard offers protection from predators, it is a dangerous location for newlyborn ducklings and goslings that are forced to attempt a multi-storey jump to make it to water.

When property owners are sure that no animals are trapped inside, holes and openings can be temporarily blocked with chicken wire and permanent repairs made at a later date.

Depending on seasonal temperatures and the availability of food, baby squirrels can start arriving in mid-February, ducks and geese will start laying eggs at around the same time with ducklings and goslings hatching in mid-to-late March.

"Taking these measures now will save time and money later on. Once inside your home, some animals can be quite destructive," says Janelle VanderBeek. "We advise that you spend a few minutes to check your property and make the required repairs before the beginning of March when most animals will be raising their young."

If you find that you already have the company of the furry or feathered kind, you should contact a humane wildlife control company such as AAA Wildlife at 604 685 6888.

You can also call the WRA's Wildlife Helpline on 604 526 7275, or visit the Wildlife Rescue website at www.wildliferescue.ca for further information and advice on how to coexist with your temporary visitors until the young are ready to leave the nest.

By Yolanda Brooks Communications Manager

# Take a Tour

Go behind the scenes at the WRA Wildlife Hospital on Sunday, April 10, and enjoy a rare opportunity to see the inner workings of the busiest wildlife rehabilitation centre in Canada.

Wildlife Rescue is hosting the standalone tours in response to requests from supporters who would like to take a peak behind the scenes of the hospital which is usually off-limits.

Each tour of the hospital and the grounds lasts 20 minutes and tour slots are available from 11am-3pm with a suggested donation of \$5.



While no animals will be on display and we cannot guarantee animal sightings, staff will be working as usual during the tours.

Spaces are limited and visitors must register in advance via Eventbrite. Go to the Wildlife Rescue website at www.wildliferescue.ca/wildlifestories/openhouse and click on the link that will take you to the Eventbrite booking page. Tour updates and parking information will also be posted on the Wildlife Rescue website.

Wildlife Rescue Behind the Scenes Tours Sunday, April 10 11am-3pm Wildlife Rescue, 5216 Glencarin Drive Burnaby, BC V5B 3C1



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### **SUCCESS** STORIES

### 'Twas the night before Christmas

This young snow goose (*Chen caerulescens*) put up little resistance when it was rescued on Christmas Eve by a city worker in Richmond.

The bird's body was riddled with bruises and lacerations and it had incurred injuries to both wings and feet. X-rays later revealed that the goose had been shot and several pellets were lodged in its body. Its most serious injury was its broken left wing.

During a surgery, rehabilitation staff removed the pellets and cleaned and closed the wounds. The broken wing was splinted and wrapped.

The day after the procedure, the snow goose was able to stand and eat unaided but it would take several weeks for all of the wounds to heal.

After careful monitoring, the wing wrap came off after two weeks. X-rays showed that the fracture had healed and it was moved to a larger aviary to give it the opportunity to



spread its wings and start to fly once again.

Within a few days it was flying, and ten days after the wrap came off, it was released in Richmond. It bounded out of its release kennel and took off to join a flock of snow geese within seconds of release.

By Yolanda Brooks Communications Manager



**Bright Eyes** It took wildlife rehabilitation staff three and a half weeks of top notch care to nurse a seriously injured Douglas squirrel (*Tamiasciurus douglasii*) back to health.

The squirrel was found semi-conscious at the

side of a road in Mission in mid-December after likely being hit by a car. Despite its small size, it was spotted by a member of the public who was able to bring it to the Wildlife Hospital within the hour.

The male squirrel had suffered multiple injuries and his prospects looked dire during his first examination. He turned in continuous circles before falling over and had a pronounced head tilt — both signs of brain trauma. It also had swelling and cuts on its right eye and his breathing was laboured.

During his early days in care he was kept in an incubator and staff needed to hand-feed him with a special critical care diet as he showed no interest in eating. Recovery from the concussion was initially slow, the squirrel was lethargic and his movement compromised, but

following three days in care he started to be more responsive to his surroundings. Day by day his concussion symptoms decreased and he began to eat unaided.

He began to walk and climb and observe the world, perched on his hind legs. While he became more active and vocal, and put on weight, his head tilt remained.

After ten days in care he was moved outdoors. His physical condition continued to improve and at the point when he became difficult to catch, he was released.

The bright-eyed, bushy-tailed, bundle of energy was released in Mission early in the New Year for a second chance at life.

**By Yolanda Brooks** Communications Manager



**Sighted and Flighted** When this sharpshinned hawk (*Accipiter striatus*) crashed into the glass door of a home in North Delta in late November, it was left concussed, battered and bruised.

During its initial exam, the female hawk made repetitive head movements (a common sign of head trauma in birds), its flight was slow and uncoordinated and her eye was swollen shut.

A day after arriving at the Wildlife Hospital, the swelling around her eye had reduced and rehabilitation staff were able to get a good look at a lesion on her eye and start a course of treatment.

After five days, the hawk's condition had stabilized and she was moved to an outdoor aviary. She regained both her flight skills and her appetite.

Although the lesion healed, it left a scar on her eye which staff feared would impair her vision.



However, regular eye exams and extensive flight testing established that her hawk-eye vision was unaffected by the scar and she would be able to hunt in the wild.

The hawk was successfully released after two weeks in care.

By Yolanda Brooks Communications Manager



From left to right: Greater scaup, horned grebe and goldeneye.

A Flood of Sea Birds In the days leading up to Christmas and the first few weeks of the New Year, WRA could have been re-named the Waterfowl Rescue Association. Close to 20 birds including surf scoters, buffleheads, herons, goldeneyes and cormorants were admitted and for several days the waterfowl facilities were fully occupied.

These birds need to be kept on water as much as possible and need specialized housing and foot protection if they are not well enough to be kept in a pool. They require an expensive all-fish diet and they tend to be more stressed than other species.

With so many waterfowl in care, staff and volunteers needed to be extra diligent while dealing with the needs of their high-maintenance patients.

The greater scaup (Aythya marila), was found in Abbotsford just before Christmas. It had blood around its face and belly, a damaged beak and exposed tendons in its feet. It required surgery to repair the damaged tendons. The scaup was released along with a common goldeneye at Barnet Marine Park in Port Moody.

Early in the New Year, a surf scoter (Melanitta

perspicillata) was rescued after flying into a North Vancouver home. It incurred facial bruising and a displaced wing. However, its injuries were not life-threatening and it had enough energy to try and escape during its first session in a pool. His wounds healed quickly and he was released to a North Shore beach.

The horned grebe (*Podiceps auritus*) arrived on the same day as the surf scoter. Like many grebes treated at the Wildlife Hospital, it had crash-landed on a slick road in Coquitlam. To grebes coming in to land, wet roads resemble a body of water and once on the ground, they are unable to take off again.

The grebe suffered cuts and bruising to its body, wings and feet. Its general body condition and waterproofing were excellent and it recovered quickly and was released at a Port Moody park a week after intake.

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Making a Difference for Wildlife



# Willing & Wise

Wildlife Rescue volunteers don't just give their time and their labour, they share their experience and wisdom to help make the world a better place for wildlife. This is particularly true for those who no longer participate in the traditional workforce and are able to be a part of our year-round support system.

Our veteran volunteers support many different aspects of the organization and with more and more animals in need of treatment, their continued participation is essential.

"We encourage and appreciate volunteers of all ages," says Fiona Burness, Wildlife Rescue's Human Resources Director. "However, our volunteers who are 55 plus, bring a level of wisdom and expertise, dependability and commitment, knowledge, leadership skills and flexibility," to the organization that are absolutely essential to the smooth running of the organization."

Paul Steeves is a great example of a volunteer whose skills have made a huge difference to the organization. Paul started volunteering in the Care Centre in 1991. Since then, the animal care volunteer has parlayed his hobby of wildlife photography into a position as our "official" photographer. Many of the images you see in this newsletter, outside media and Wildlife Rescue merchandise were taken by Paul. Not





Volunteers Paul Steeves and Brenda Howat make use of their skills and experience to support the work of Wildlife Rescue.

only has his expertise helped us to raise funds, it has made it easier to share our stories with the media.

"I have always been interested in wildlife photography and I've been able to use my knowledge when taking photographs in the Wildlife Hospital. Of course I get to see the animals close-up in the hospital and the experience I've gained from that is useful when I am back out filming in the wild."

Brenda Howat started out as a duckling babysitter during the summer of 2014. She then put her scouting volunteer experience to good use and went on to volunteer with the education team for the summer camp program. When the camps ended and the weather worsened, she moved indoors and became an administration volunteer. As well as providing office

support for staff, Brenda is currently providing organizational support for the annual conference of the Wildlife Rehabilitators Network of BC which Wildlife Rescue is hosting in March.

"I just feel appreciated and needed, there is always something to do and it is never boring," she says. "It is a really friendly group of people to work with."

Wildlife Rescue has a wealth of volunteer opportunities that range from gardening, maintenance and animal care, to event planning, transport and editing. If you would like to learn more about volunteering at Wildlife Rescue, or know people who may have the time and interest to become more involved, please see details below of our special event for volunteers aged 55-plus.

**By Yolanda Brooks** Communications Manager

# **Join the Team**

Wildlife Rescue is hosting a **Welcome 55 Reception** for people aged 55 and over who are interested in volunteering for the organization.

The event, to be held on Wednesday, April 6, will give attendees the opportunity to talk to current volunteers, find out more about the organization and

volunteering positions, tour the facilities and sign up for further training. Refreshments will also be served.

You can register for this event by going online at http:// wildliferescue.ca/volunteer/. Complete an application and register for this special volunteering event. Please spread the word and tell family, friends and acquaintances about the Welcome 55 Reception and the opportunities available at this great organization.

Welcome 55 Reception Wednesday, April 6 2-4pm Wildlife Rescue, 5216 Glencarin Drive, Burnaby, BC V5B 3C1





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Olga Hawkes

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## **DONOR PROFILE**



Wildlife Rescue is bursting at the seams. With more than 5,000 animals coming in each year, enclosures, cages, aviaries and isolation rooms are often in use.

As well as room to house animals, rehabilitation staff need storage for fresh and frozen food, thousands of towels, blankets, transport kennels and cleaning

That leaves very little room for staff in the Business Operations team who share three offices and need space to store files, event and presentation equipment, merchandise and archive media material.

Thankfully, our space crunch is greatly reduced by the donation of two POD storage containers by PODS in Burnaby which serves the Greater Vancouver area.

PODS has been donating the use of the container to Wildlife Rescue for five years.

With convenient access to storage, switching seasonal supplies and storing extra equipment is no longer the seemingly impossible undertaking that it once was."

# **E-Newsletter Registration**

Stay in touch with all the latest news at Wildlife Rescue by subscribing to our E-Newsletter, *The Tweet*. You'll receive regular updates direct to your inbox.

To sign-up for the next issue, send an email with the subject heading, "Tweet registration" to: info@wildliferescue.ca



# **Your Legacy is Their Lifeline**

The WRA Wildlife Hospital will likely receive another 5,000 animals in 2016. This, by itself, is a remarkable figure, but when you consider that by the end of this year we will have treated more than 100,000 wildlife patients since opening our doors in 1979, the numbers are truly incredible!

From small beginnings in the Nature House on the north side of Burnaby Lake, when we received just a few hundred animals annually, the WRA has transformed into the busiest wildlife centre in Canada.

Large, sustained increases in wildlife admissions in recent years have strained the WRA's facilities and resources, but we have survived this period, in large part, because many wonderful people have chosen to make legacy gifts after their lifetime to help us in our mission to deliver consistent care for wildlife in need.

#### Making the Difference

While other income sources wax and wane over time, legacy gifts have been a mainstay in funding our rehabilitation and education programs for many years, especially during an unprecedented period of growth in which all records for animal intakes have been shattered.

In addition to supporting regular day-to-day operations, these gifts can provide the foundation for major capital campaigns to fund better facilities.

As the oldest centre dedicated to wildlife rehabilitation in B.C., the WRA has an established history



of helping wild animals. Projected growth in the numbers of animals impacted by continued development throughout the Lower Mainland, means the demands on our facility will only increase over time as our work takes on more regional and national significance.

If you want your legacy to help wildlife in the longer term, the WRA is well placed to meet your wishes, now and in the future.

#### How You Can Help

There are many options for making a planned gift to help the WRA, depending on your circumstances.

These include will bequests (specific and residual gifts), life insurance policies, property (real estate, RRSPs/RRIFs, stocks, bonds and mutual funds), and charitable remainder trusts. We recommend you consult with qualified financial and legal advisors to find out what would work best for you and your family.

If you would like more information on creating a legacy gift for the WRA, or to receive a brochure on planned giving, please contact the WRA's Executive Director, Coleen Doucette at 604 526 2747, ext. 508.

# **Giving** thanks

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the Wildlife Hospital.

- **3.** In 2016, we received more than 3,000 individual donations. Without financial support, Wildlife Rescue would be unable to provide this lifesaving work.
- **4.** Over the last year, the number of monthly donors has sky-rocketed. Their regular donations provide income we can rely on and allow us to plan more effectively.
- **5.** We have a team of more than 300 trained volunteers who donate their time and energy to supporting the work of Wildlife Rescue. In 2016, they volunteered more than 28,000 hours.
- **6.** With so many animals needing transport, our rescue volunteers were extremely busy driving around Metro Vancouver. They logged an amazing 68,510km while travelling to

rescue injured animals and release the rehabilitated ones.

- 7. While most of the wildlife we treat are local, some come from distant B.C. towns or even out of province. We would like to thank Pacific Coastal Air which has come to our aid on numerous occasions when we've needed long-distance transport. We also thank local helicopter pilot Norm Snihur who makes free transfers of wildlife in his own helicopter.
- 8. When we put a call out for supplies, we always got a response. Gifts in kind included fish and berries from local farms and individuals. Christmas trees, bird feeders, cleaning supplies and a garden shed which provided much-needed storage space for equipment.
- 9. Each summer, the Wildlife Hospital treats more than 2,000 animals. To help us cope with this huge intake we employ summer staff who are hired

through the federal Canada Summer Jobs program administered by Service Canada. Our application is sponsored by Kennedy Stewart, MP for Burnaby South. Without the scheme and without his personal support, surviving the summer would be close to impossible.

**10.** We'd like to thank all of our social media followers on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for their comments, observations and questions. By connecting with us, you become part of a community that cares about wildlife. Please continue to share our stories, forward links and encourage others to follow us. The more support we have, the stronger we will be.

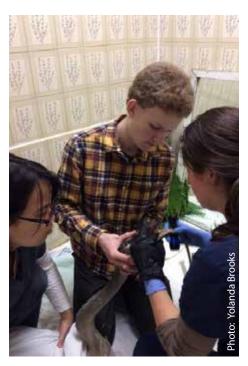
In 2016 we achieved amazing things together. Whether you are a volunteer, donor, rescuer or virtual friend. we thank you for supporting Wildlife Rescue.

# **Insider** Knowledge

For the first time in its history Wildlife Rescue is offering year-round wildlife rehabilitation internships. In recent years, internships have only been available in the summer for students able to work full-time for two-to-four months.

With year-round programs now available, the hours and commitment required are more flexible allowing a wider range of candidates to apply for the much sought after positions.

As the busiest wildlife rehabilitation centre in Canada, the organization is able to offer training in one of the most diverse wildlife rehabilitation centres in the country. Interns will gain experience in all aspects of wildlife rehabilitation and will receive training and guidance from members of staff who have many years of experience in the field.



Former intern Neil Merchant helps with the tube-feeding of a trumpeter swan.

"We are a dynamic and busy hospital and we now have the capacity to teach people all year round," explains Linda Bakker, Programs Director for Wildlife Rescue. "We see around 150

species each year, and for anyone who wants to work in the wildlife or environmental field it is an amazing opportunity."

With no full-time programs available to train Wildlife Rehabilitators. Wildlife Rescue internships provide a high-standard, hands-on educational experience in the field.

Some interns have gone on to work for Wildlife Rescue, others have taken their skills to support other organizations, while some interns have used the experience to enhance their academic studies.

Summer internships still require a 40-hour a week commitment for two to four months. However, internships that run between February to April and September to December, offer more flexible opportunities.

For full details on Wildlife Rehabilitation Internships and application deadlines, visit our website at:

http://wildliferescue.ca/opportunities/wildlife-internships/.

By Yolanda Brooks Communications Manager



# **Foster Me: Common Garter Snakes**



snake shows its displeaure at being disturbed.

Rehabilitation staff got a sense of déjà vu when they received a call about a disturbed hibernaculum (snake hibernation den) on a construction site in Abbotsford on February 2nd. A year earlier, staff had undertaken the mammoth task of providing a temporary home and care

(where needed) for more than 500 garter snakes in a similar situation.

In this latest incident, nine snakes were removed from the site but rehabilitation staff were warned that there were hundreds more to come.

However, the worst case scenario was diverted when a biologist was

called on site to assess the situation. The hibernaculum had not been destroyed and the construction crew were able to repair the damage to the den and leave the remaining snakes in situ. Construction continues at the site but care has been taken to minimize the disturbance.

Of the nine snakes treated at the Wildlife Hospital, two did not survive their injuries, four were healthy and put back in hibernation on site at Wildlife Rescue and two are being treated for lacerations and are still in care. One snake with head injuries was sent to Dr. Adrian Walton of Dewdney Animal Hospital in Maple Ridge who has considerable experience in treating reptiles that need specialist veterinary care. The surgery was successful, and the snake is now back at Wildlife Rescue.

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