



Community Group Volunteering

Wildlife Rescue Association of BC (WRA) is a not-for-profit registered charity providing leadership in the care and rehabilitation of injured, orphaned, and pollution-damaged wild animals, primarily in the Lower Mainland of BC. We are committed to raising public awareness of, and respect for, wildlife and the issues affecting them in the urban environment. Each year, we admit around 5,000 injured, orphaned and pollution damaged wildlife, representing 170 different species. Our Wildlife Hospital admits wildlife 365 days a year and requires many helping hands to keep our site functioning properly.

We welcome the support of community groups looking to participate in a day of volunteering. Groups coming for the day usually complete on-site tasks such as light landscaping, cleaning and maintenance projects. From time to time, other projects may be available including cleaning outdoor enclosures or kennels, gardening, administrative tasks, event preparation, power washing, or painting.

Please Note: Unfortunately, volunteer groups are not permitted to work directly with animals in our care, as we have highly trained staff and volunteers that help with our wildlife patients every day. Our Wildlife Hospital is also off-limits to group volunteers, as human interaction is very stressful and can cause harm to the wild animals undergoing rehabilitation.

Group Requirements

- We prefer 5 - 12 participants at one time
- All participants must be 16 years of age or older
- All participants should have an up-to-date tetanus vaccine, which expires every 10 years (see Group Waiver for potential health risks)
- Volunteers must sign a Group Waiver
 - For volunteers under the age of 19, a waiver must be signed by their parent and/or guardian.
- Volunteers should bring their own lunch or snacks if required. A microwave, kettle, dishes and water are available on site.
- Volunteers must wear appropriate clothing while on site:
 - Closed-toed sturdy shoes
 - Long pants
 - Minimum t-shirt length tops. Longer sleeves are recommended for certain activities.
 - Dress for the weather – many projects are completed outdoors

Donations

All donations, no matter how small, help support the injured, orphaned, or pollution-damaged wildlife we care for year-round. As a non-profit organization, we rely on the support of the community to help house, feed and treat our 5,000 patients per year.

Donations from community groups participating in a day of volunteering at Wildlife Rescue are humbly encouraged, though of course not required. We suggest a donation of \$20 per person for a half day of volunteering (3-4 hours) or \$30 per person for a full day (6 - 8 hours). Donations to WRA are tax deductible. Tax receipts will be issued via email.

How to donate:

- Donate online at www.wildliferescue.ca/checkout.
 - Click 'Donate Today' and fill in the appropriate information.
 - Select 'This donation is from a business or organization'.
 - Please indicate that this donation is for Group Volunteering in the 'Organization Name' field, i.e. *Community Group XYZ - Group Volunteering*.
- Donate by Cheque payable to 'Wildlife Rescue'.
 - Write 'Group Volunteering' in the 'Memo'.
 - If not already indicated on the cheque, include the name of your community group in the 'Memo' as well.

How to Participate

If you are a member of a community group that would like to participate in a one-day volunteer project with WRA, please **contact the Volunteer Coordinator** by email at volunteer@wildliferescue.ca.

Be sure to include:

- A proposed date
- The approximate number of volunteers
- The number of hours you wish to volunteer (3-8)

Once the date is confirmed, you will be emailed a detailed activity plan including a brief orientation session introducing you to Wildlife Rescue Association of BC and the work we do.

Thank you for supporting Wildlife Rescue Association of BC!