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Sandhill Crane Family at Burnaby Lake



A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

As the leaves begin to change colour and the Wildlife Rescue team bids farewell to the final broods of babies raised in our care for the season, it is also time to prepare for our cold weather operations and the new challenges the cooler season brings. But first, we want to take a moment to reflect upon the lifesaving work your support has made possible this summer.

Over June, July, and August, Wildlife Rescue's Helpline received 14,640 calls— an average of 159 calls every day from compassionate and proactive members of the public like yourself.

With our Summer Admissions and Triage location established early to support shorter wait times and quicker treatment this busy season, 2,326 animals received immediate care when they needed it most.

We expect this fall to be our busiest yet and we're preparing by stocking up on equipment and resources such as heat pads, medication, and specialized diets. Consider becoming a monthly freedom partner today and ensure these essential resources are stocked all year round!

As more and more wildlife patients come through our doors each day, we are grateful that we can respond to every case with the highest level of emergency and rehabilitative care thanks to your support.

Our work is only made possible by you and we can't thank you enough.

Warmly,

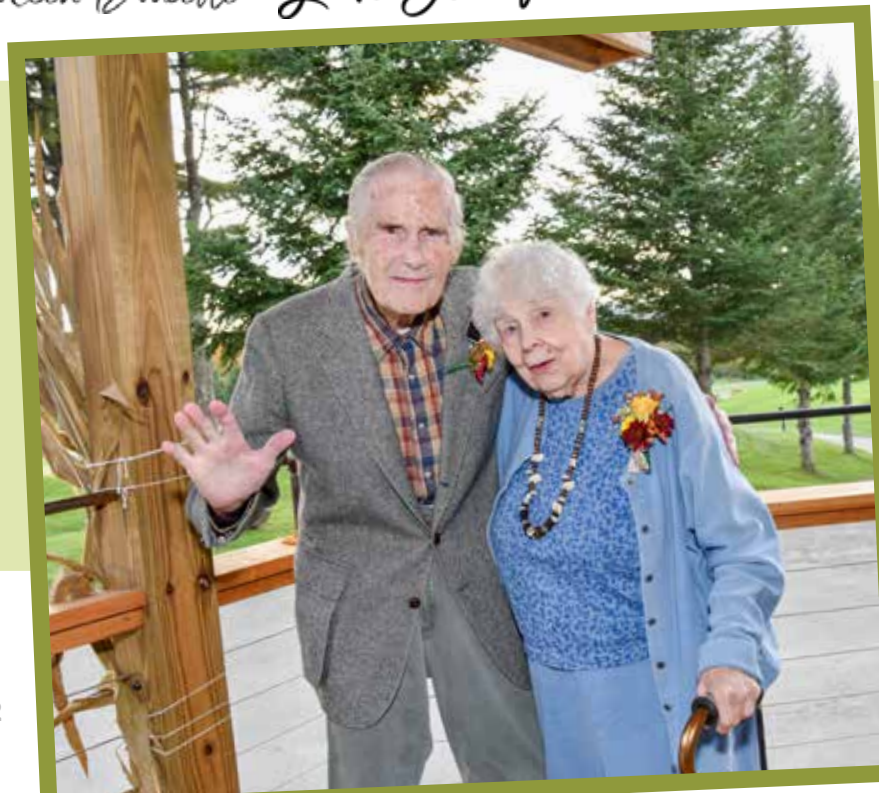
Coleen Doucette & Linda Bakker
Co-Executive Directors

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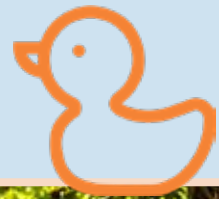
*in loving memory
Robert & Terisa Doucette*

Bob and Terry had a life-long love of wildlife and shared their passion with both of their daughters through art, travel and fully supporting Coleen's 30 year career path of rescuing wildlife.

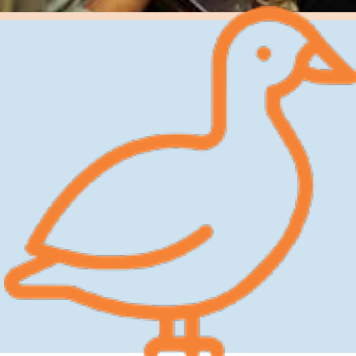
*a heartfelt thank you to
all who give in tribute*



VOLUNTEERING AT WILDLIFE RESCUE



Volunteers are integral to all levels of operation at Wildlife Rescue. Here's some of the essential work our team has been up to recently!



If you think you'd be a great fit to volunteer with us and would like to see our current openings, visit our website at:

wildliferescue.ca/volunteering



A FAMILY IN NEED

If you're a birdwatcher at Burnaby Lake, you're likely well acquainted with the family of Sandhill Cranes that make their home in the reedy shallows. These majestic birds are a popular sight and bring joy and wonder to hundreds of park-goers each day. Earlier this year, the pair of cranes raised a colt, making the family even more popular.

In June, Wildlife Rescue was alerted by vigilant members of the public that the cranes had been coughing and exhibiting other worrisome symptoms of illness. Our team of experts' assessment determined that parasites were the most likely cause of the cranes' illness.

After confirmation from the medical teams observational assessment, Wildlife Rescue

enacted a plan to provide treatment without removing the cranes from their home. Wildlife Rescue's plan was to administer two safe doses of anti-parasitic medication over a period of two weeks, though this plan was not without its challenges!

For the first dose the team arrived early in the morning in the hope that the quiet atmosphere would help us make the most of a stressful situation, but the cranes were shy and kept their distance. However, upon returning to the site in the evening we were able to provide the first dose of medication by using a food source.

With help from the public, we continued to monitor the cranes' health and the first treatment showed signs of improving their

condition. Wildlife Rescue returned in the evening two weeks later to provide a second dose.

The family appeared to be doing well and were more receptive to our team. The mother crane was diligent in feeding the baby and fed the colt the bait dosed with the medication. The father was more elusive, but upon a return visit to the park the following morning, all members of the family had received the safe and often effective treatment.

Committed field teams continued to monitor the family daily, but it became clear that though the health of the cranes was improving, a third dose was likely necessary. By the third visit, our team was well aware of the family's habits, and the final dose was administered with relative ease.

Thank you to the members of the public who keep us in mind when observing wildlife. It's because of you that we were made aware of the health issues these beloved cranes were facing. We will continue to monitor this family, but we believe that with our help they've surmounted this challenge. With luck, these cranes and the generations to come will be around for many more years to awe and delight.

Thank you for your incredible support. If you'd like to contribute to our mission to protect wildlife, please consider donating today.

Note: Wildlife Rescue does not recommend feeding wildlife under most circumstances. This field service required an exception for the betterment of the animal's health. Wildlife Rescue obtained appropriate permitting from government authorities.

You can help families like these Sandhill Cranes have a chance to thrive in the wild. Donate to Wildlife Rescue today!

Summer 2022 Highlights

2326 Patients from June to August



Red-necked Phalarope



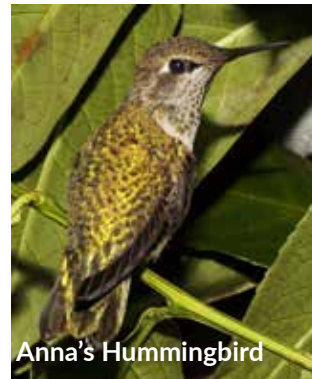
Belted Kingfisher



Pelagic Cormorant



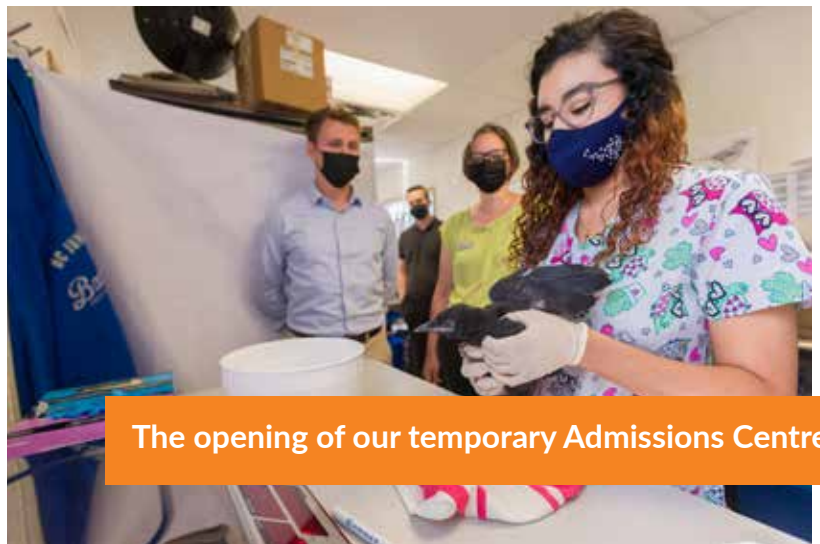
Green Heron



Anna's Hummingbird



37 New Volunteers



The opening of our temporary Admissions Centre



A record average of 159 Support Centre calls per day in August!

Kids Colour

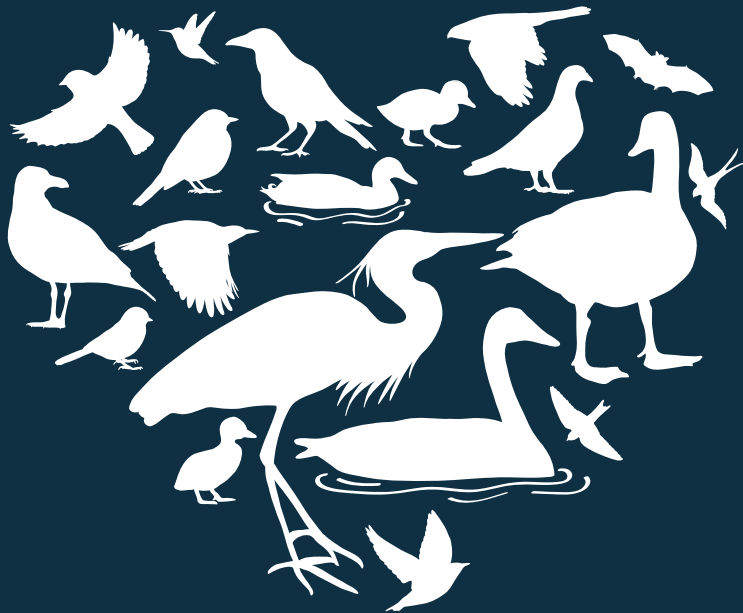
Help Bird and Bat make a face for this Jack 'o Lantern!



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helpful tips and videos of
rehabilitated animals being
released to the wild.



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I would like to make a one-time gift of:

- ☐ \$25 to support injured wildlife
☐ \$50 to support injured wildlife
☐ \$100 to support injured wildlife
☐ \$250 to support injured wildlife
☐ \$_____ to provide medical treatment to as many animals as possible!

PAYMENT OPTIONS

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Amex ☐ Enclosed Cheque

PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY GIFT OPTION

**YES! I wish to support local wildlife
through an ongoing monthly gift to Wildlife
Rescue's Freedom Partners Program:**

- ☐ \$10/month to support wildlife in need
☐ \$25/month to support wildlife in need
☐ \$35/month to support wildlife in need
☐ \$50/month to support wildlife in need
☐ \$_____/month to help
as many animals as possible

Please make cheques payable to Wildlife Rescue Association.

Credit Card#: _____

Exp. Date: ____/____/____ CVV: ____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

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Email*: _____ Tel: _____

☐ I would like more information about remembering WRA in my will.

Thank you! To reduce waste and lower administration costs, official tax receipts are issued by email, unless otherwise requested.



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