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A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS



This holiday season, we want to extend the gift of gratitude to all of you in our Wildlife Rescue community. The cold weather has set in, and we are continuing to see extreme weather events like the windstorm that hit BC this November. Despite these challenges, you've made it possible for us to continue to save wild lives and our hearts are warmed by your generous support for vulnerable animals.

Over the past few months, we saw some very unique cases and a big shift in operations with our Admissions and Triage centre returning to our main site upon completion of the construction on our road. We took this opportunity to improve the speed and efficiency with which sick and injured animals of all kinds receive immediate care at Wildlife Rescue. Thanks to you, we are thrilled to be expanding our Admissions and Triage to serve more animals than ever.

While we take the time this season to connect with friends and loved ones, Wildlife Rescue's hospital and helpline will remain open 365 days of the year to support urgent animal care. This is only made possible by the giving spirit of every person who supports and shares the Wildlife Rescue mission.

Thank you for all you do for wildlife! We wish you a joyful holiday and a very happy new year in 2023!

Warmly,

Coleen Doucette & Linda Bakker
Co-Executive Directors
Wildlife Rescue Association

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LET YOUR LEGACY BE WILD

For over 43 years, we have cared for the largest number of injured wild animals in Western Canada! Please consider including Wildlife Rescue in your estate planning.

Give wildlife a second chance at a natural life.

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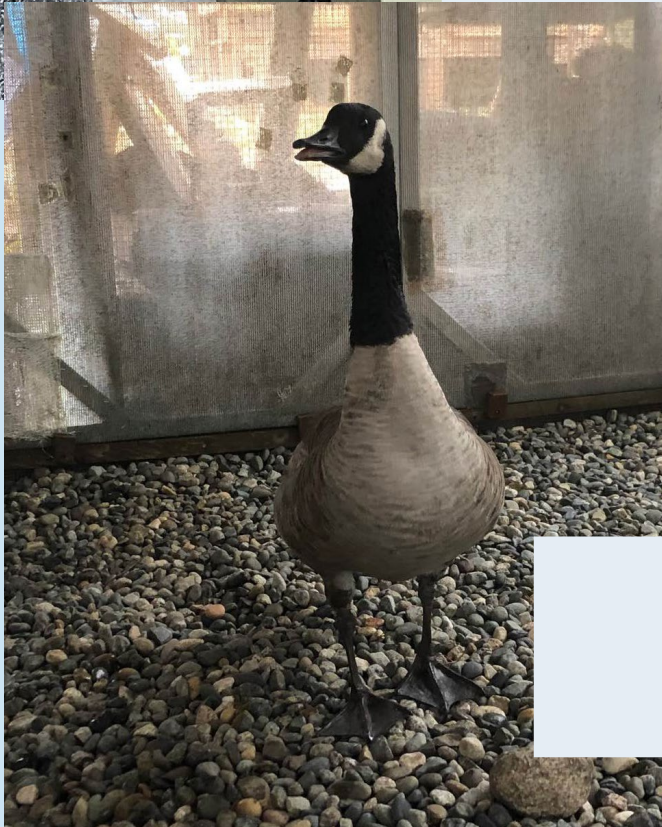
SAVING A VICTIM

A dramatic rescue was needed for this Canada Goose struck by an arrow



No rescue is ever simple, but for this Canada Goose, it was an especially complicated affair. Found in Williams Lake with an arrow in its abdomen, the goose was rescued by local wildlife rehabilitators before being transported to Wildlife Rescue's hospital. The difficult procedure to remove the arrow was made even more challenging when Burnaby was hit by a historic windstorm. Despite our power being out for days, our team worked with headlamps and flashlights to stabilize the goose until power was restored and the surgery could be attempted.

We're happy to report that despite all of these challenges, the Canada Goose healed remarkably well and was released back into the wild mid-November. Thank you to all of our staff and volunteers that were involved in this high stakes rescue and rehabilitation.



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



PREVENTING WINDOW STRIKES

Now that the autumn migration is in full swing, Wildlife Rescue has seen an uptick in admissions related to window strikes. This year we have treated over 340 birds for this preventable injury. One recent patient we admitted was this adorable Northern Saw-whet Owl.

The poor owl had the misfortune of flying into a glass railing around a balcony in Maple Ridge. Stunned by the unexpected obstacle, the owl crumpled to the ground. Luckily, it was quickly found by a concerned member of the public. With one eye closed, the owl's rescuer was concerned that the bird was injured. They rushed the Saw-whet Owl to our Wildlife Hospital, where we swiftly took it into our care.

We provided rehabilitative care to this Northern Saw-whet Owl for 18 days and we are happy to report that it made a full recovery and was returned back to nature.



Simple Ways to Help

Window strikes tend to go up in winter due to seasonal migration and the position of the sun. There are a few simple things you can do around the home that can help reduce the chance of an animal flying into your windows.

- Put up decals or stickers on the outside surface of the window. Be sure to cover most of the glass so the spaces between are too narrow for birds to think they can fly through.
- Install bug screens over your windows! When the screen is taut, birds will bounce off without getting caught.
- Use window paint. Get creative and create a fun scene. A great activity for kids!
- Install frosted, shaded, or opaque windows to prevent birds from seeing reflections in the glass.

Unfortunately, many bird victims of window strikes are more complicated cases. If you find a bird that you believe has flown into a window, carefully contain it in a box with a lid and air holes and put it somewhere warm, dark, and quiet. Then contact our Support Centre at 604-526-7275 or email wildlife@wildliferescue.ca for assistance.

You can help victims of window strikes like this Northern Saw-whet Owl recover through a donation to Wildlife Rescue today!

Kids Colour

Help Bird and Bat Make a Snowman!

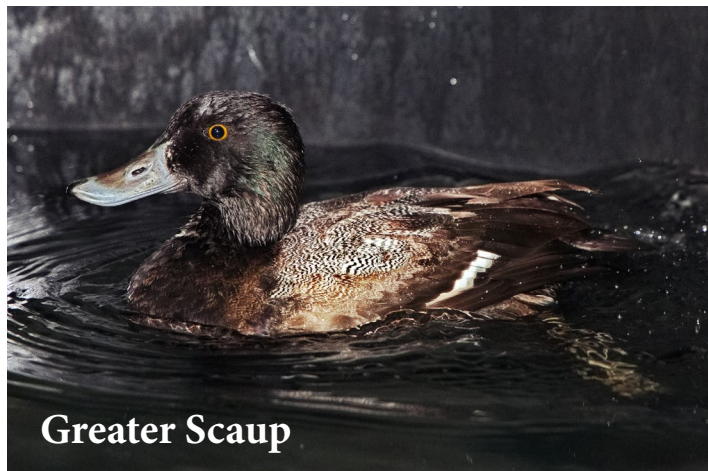


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604-526-7275



Fall 2022 Highlights

785 Patients from September to November



Greater Scaup



Hermit Thrush



Mourning Dove



Trumpeter Swan



Steller's Jay



24 New Volunteers



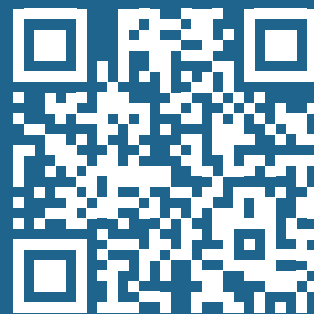
Roadwork ended and our temporary
Admissions Centre was able to close!



Follow Wildlife Rescue!



For patient updates,
helpful tips and videos of
rehabilitated animals being
released to the wild.



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YES! I'LL GIVE TO PROVIDE LIFE-SAVING SUPPORT TO ANIMALS THIS WINTER!

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

Credit Card#: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

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

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 debit my bank account (attach VOID cheque) OR
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process your first credit card payment or reach out to verify
bank account by the email provided within 2-4 weeks.

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