

# IWRS NEWSLETTER

The first 3 months

Status update

Online fundraiser

## Volunteers needed

Join our **fundraising committee** to find new ways of raising society funds and help us build our care-facility and education programs! Timing is flexible. You can work from your home-base and we communicate remotely on a regular basis via online-meetings. This can include applying to various grants, sponsorship programs, and planning events (online auctions, GivingTuesday..). Fundraising experience is an asset, but not required. Creativity is a must! Interested? Email us: [info@interiorwildlife.ca](mailto:info@interiorwildlife.ca)

## Wishlist

- **Building materials:** plywood, wood planks (e.g. 2x4's), fence posts, chain link fencing, hardware cloth
- **Tools :** skill saw, power drill, wheel barrows
- **Cleaning/farm equipment:** free standing laundry tub/sink, pitch fork, broom, bucket etc.
- **Lightly used hospital equipment:** baby scale. exam table, stainless steel sink, infant incubators.

To donate any items go to:

<http://interiorwildlife.ca/ways-to-support-us/>

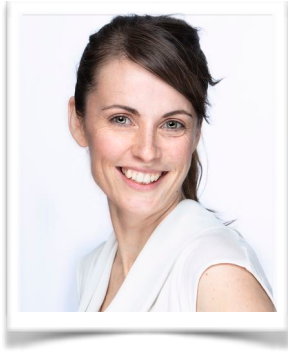


*Porcupine „Quilliam“ at CWRS, 2019, AB*

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### A review

- Our society's news of incorporation and our land search has been picked up in 18 local newspaper articles and aired on 2 radio shows. Go to our webpage for links to media releases and to listen in on our first radio interview!  
<http://interiorwildlife.ca/news>
- We have submitted our charity-status application on Feb 5th to the Canadian Revenue Agency. What does that mean anyways you ask? Currently, donors are able to get recognition of their support by free advertisement and public recognition as sponsors. However, we will only be able to apply for grants and issue any tax receipts for donations once we have been granted charitable status. We are awaiting to hear back within the next 6-8 months from the CRA. Shout out to treasurer & secretary Jonathan and volunteer Rob!
- Note that no government funding is available to assist with ensuing costs for any wildlife centre in BC.



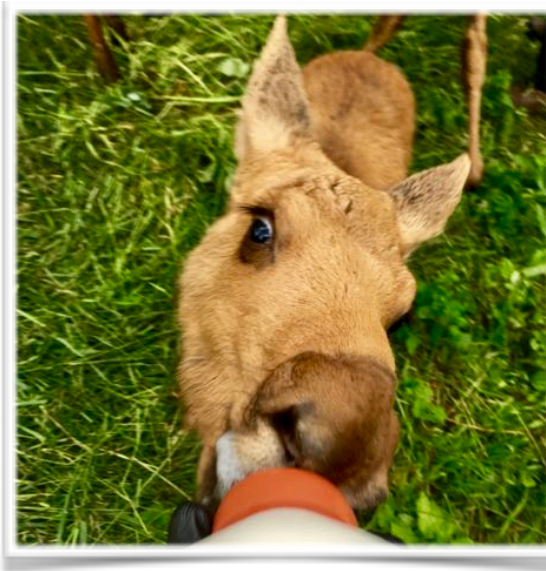
## From the president

I have worked in various capacities with domestic and wild animals internationally. Shortly after completing my BSc in Ecosystem Management in Germany, I moved to Victoria, BC. It was here that I was inspired to learn how to care for injured and orphaned wildlife. My continuing education started at Victoria's Wild ARC. Today I continue to grow my wildlife rehabilitation knowledge as a mentee under the Northern Lights Wildlife Shelter. I am committed to increasing understanding and tolerance for living amongst wildlife in the Okanagan and to marry rehabilitation of individual animals and population management, because they don't have to be opposites!! Thank you for truly caring about our wildlife, **Eva Hartmann**

Also noteworthy: grants are usually project-specific (capital costs, such as expansion of new enclosures) and can not be used to cover ongoing expenses.

This means all operational costs (incl. feed, housing, machinery, transport of animals, public education, insurance) are going to have to get covered by A) private donations, B) corporate sponsorships.

Even though we will pursue operating licences from the government, there won't be support with any funding from provincial or federal sources. Thus, we are all volunteering to



*Moose calf „Abbitt“ at NLWS, 2020, BC*

build up this society. This way all funds and goods raised for the society go directly into the care and well-being of the animals as well as to run educational programs on coexistence.

- Sounds a bit glum? The Wildlife Rehabilitators' Network of BC (WRNBC) counts 22 licensed facilities in the province today. It can be done! Within the last 3 months, we grew 33 members strong! Currently 7 active volunteers are working with us, 4 of whom make up our very first fundraising committee! Thank you to our members Jill, Corinne, Barb and Glenna!

We believe that WE CAN improve the present situation for how our neighbours, co-workers and friends see wildlife in the Okanagan. We think that NO GROUP IS TOO SMALL to make a difference. We WILL help animals that find themselves in need because of human activity.

## Land possibilities

We are developing site plans for two possible locations with a budget analysis. Once confirmations are granted by all parties involved, we will reveal the location for our facility-to-be.

We are preparing temporary and permanent variance applications for those locations, yes it sounds like boring paperwork, but we too have to comply with zoning bylaws.

Once the site plan and extra use of existing land zones are approved, we will prepare for building permit applications to get going with our first structures (storage container, admission building, outdoor enclosures).

## Welcome new board members!

Get to know our new board members **Christina, Jill and Mandy!** Read their bios on our webpage

under: <http://interiorwildlife.ca/our-board>



Christina -  
Director at Large



Jill - Director of  
Marketing



Mandy -  
Director at Large

## Our first fundraiser!

### “Wild About Spring“ online auction

We are excited to let you know that we will be holding our first ever fundraiser from **May 1st - May 24th 2021**. We are targeting \$ 150,000 CAD to raise funds for our wildlife admission/first-aid building, which will be erected at our new facility as its first structure and then can be equipped with utilities, flooring, insulation, an exam table etc... This will allow us to make a positive difference in the lives of rescued, injured and orphaned wildlife.

Each animal will be housed in custom made enclosures, built and managed specifically for each species to ensure the very best daily husbandry and animal care, until their release back to appropriate natural habitat.



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This will be our 'Wild About Spring' online auction, where our supporters will be able to bid online for items which we seek to have generously donated by local businesses. This could be a specific item, gift card or service certificate. In return the participating business'/organization's name will be recognized publicly through the online auction platform and in all our media, social media and promotional materials (print, radio, e-newsletters, supporter advertisement on our website, signage in our first building).

In addition, visuals/photographs of each item and the donor's logo will appear online with full details including the retail value and starting bid amounts. All items (physical or online) will be collected by our fundraising committee and mailed to the highest bidder. Winning bid is responsible for mailing costs unless otherwise stated. If you are interested in supporting us we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact:  
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