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## Our first season!

In the wildlife rehabilitation world memories about summer days get blurry, they say.

There will be a lot of ups and downs... You'll look forward to a slower fall and winter, making new plans.. they say.

YES! ...they couldn't have been more right! The "seasoned rehabilitators", our mentors, the volunteers that have been doing this work for years, decades!

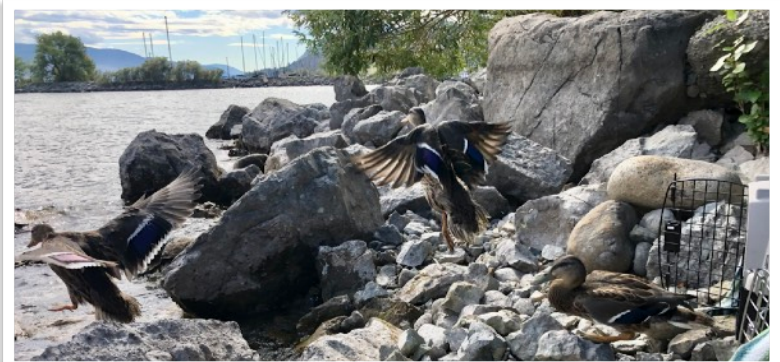


We saw >60 patients (in 3 months)!!!

## Do you remember?

**“Do you remember - what it feels like to be free?!”**

by Leila Neverland



*Photos by: Nathalie and Eva*

A lot different patients have come through our doors in need of human assistance this summer. Including water fowl such as ducks and geese, injured and truly (no suspected) orphaned. Also quail, bats, crows, and native small mammals (red and pine squirrels, marmot, racoon, skunk).

Some species we were only allowed to stabilize, hydrate and transfer to the closest rehabilitation facility similar to ours, Kamloops at the BC Wildlife Park (as some species are not part of our permits for this year).

## Check out our first brochure!

We have created our own **brochure** that summarizes our work. Thank you **Jill** for all your hard work! Soon, it will go to the print shop. Getting “the word out” about us via veterinary offices, tourist info centres, libraries and community boards.

## Our Wishlists

**For our nursery:** ceramic heat emitter lamps, chick brooder, fish tanks

**Building materials:** various common lumber types, chain link fencing.

**Household/garden items:** pea gravel, 90% UV shade cloth

To donate any items described above, go to:

[interiorwildlife.ca/ways-to-support-us](https://interiorwildlife.ca/ways-to-support-us).

To purchase items for us online, visit our amazon wish list!



*Women In Trades students 2022, of the OK College*

## Acknowledgements

We are humbled and grateful to be able to promote co-existence with wildlife on unceded Sylix Okanagan Nation territory and to be granted use of part of the Summerland private property moving forward.

## Need for education? Huge!

A steady stream of emails (>500!) has reached us with questions about wildlife and how to “deal with wildlife-human conflicts”. It can get confusing, **who to ask** and **who’s mandate** it is to **take care** of the issues, people have with wild animals? Concerns vary, either about a wild animal or people or both. We remain focussed. And down-to-earth. Education is key. We reply to every honest concern. FAQs before fiction! Check out our **new FAQs page** online:

[interiorwildlife.ca/found-injured-or-orphaned-wildlife/](https://interiorwildlife.ca/found-injured-or-orphaned-wildlife/)

## What’s new in Summerland?



First our new “Wildlife Warrior Workshop” arrived in Summerland this August. Thanks to the **OK College “Women In Trades Program”** and all the hard work the students have put into our new 12x8ft shed, we can saw and hammer and drill in our very own wood

workshop now! What a beauty - and what a great paint job **Nathalie!**

Shortly after, we’ve received our 2nd delivery, a 20ft shipping container, sponsored by a grant from the **Central Okanagan Foundation**.

We will now be able to take in and house more cases than we were with 1 container and 1 RV. We can separate new patients according to provincial wildlife health guidelines into: our “Nursery Container” & our “Isolation Ward Container”. We do not have to euthanize suspicious “avian influenza” birds upon arrival or wait a 30 day biosecurity period.



*COF board visit*

## WILDLIFE INFO

### Found injured or orphaned wildlife?

Read our FAQs on our website to find out your next steps. Examples are:

- > I saw a baby wild animal, what should I do?
- > I found a mammal, what do I do?
- > I found a baby bird that can't fly, what now?

### Still have questions?

- > Email us at [info@interiorwildlife.ca](mailto:info@interiorwildlife.ca)
- > Include your location
- > Add a picture
- > Wait for confirmation before you drop off at one of our partner locations

### Want to talk?

- > Call the SPCA Hotline for general wildlife questions on 1 (855) 622-7722
- > Call the RAPP Hotline for a wildlife emergency (involving public safety) on 1 (877) 952-7277

Note: We have housing and resources available to care for native small mammals and water birds. No direct drop-offs.



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**INTERIOR WILDLIFE**  
REHABILITATION SOCIETY

## OUR VISION

**RESPECT** wild animals as neighbours inhabiting shared space.

**EXPERIENCE** positive connections to wildlife, their natural environment and behaviour.

**UNDERSTAND** the importance and power of individual responsibility towards healthy ecosystems.

## OUR FUNDING

IWRS is a 100% volunteer run non-profit society. We are funded by private donations and sponsorships only. As a registered charity we are able to provide tax receipts for donations.

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