

IWRS NEWSLETTER

1st Operating Permits | Our 1st Grant | 1st Patients

A lot of Firsts!

First inspection, first permits. First grant. First school presentation. First PATIENTS!!



We are very grateful for your continued support as a member to our society.

Help cover our operating costs! Consider becoming a **monthly donor** via

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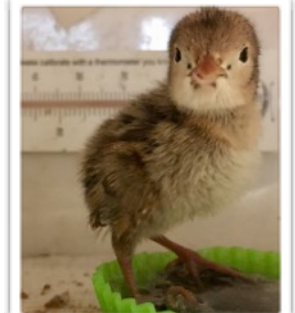
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We did it!!!

We are proud to announce that we have successfully **passed our government inspection** and have been granted our provincial and federal **operating permits!**

Species we are allowed to accept and have the resources available to care for/house this year include: **waterfowl & small mammals** (excluding large carnivores, ungulates and non-natives “schedule B and C” as per BC Wildlife Act).

With that, we opened our doors for patients on June 1st. Here are some of our first animals that came through the past weeks:

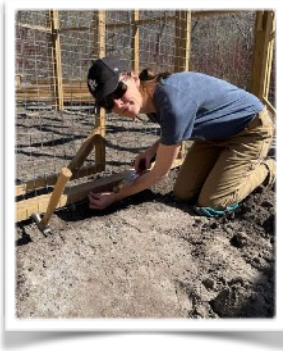


Mallard ducklings - Native Red Squirrel - Quail chick

Photos: E. Hartmann

How do we admit animals?

- 1) Member of the public, a conservation group or CO sends us a message (Mon-Sun during the daytime)
- 2) We reply within 24hrs, usually we get to messages x3/day
- 3) Arrangements are made for: drop-off at one of our partner clinics or a trained volunteer
- 4) Transport to our facility is provided by one of our volunteers



From the president

Our very first facility inspection was carried out by local biologist Andrew Walker and BC Wildlife Veterinarian Dr. Caeley Thacker. BC permit signed, the federal officials followed suit within a week (aka: "Migratory Bird Permit").

EDUCATION IS KEY

We were invited by the Central Okanagan Naturalists' Club to give an online presentation titled: „Why participate in wildlife rehabilitation“. Thanks to board member Christina Carrieres, a well perceived talk!

Upon invitation by the Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, we've also been able to connect to two classes and sharing thoughts about „Our Wild Wild Neighbors“.

What if the animal isn't on our permits?

We are able to **stabilize** certain wild animals and **transfer** them to other rehabilitation facilities in our network (e.g. BC Wildlife Park's Rehabilitation Department (Kamloops) or SORCO (Oliver)). This **is helpful** if an animal would otherwise perish during longer-distance transport. Think warming up juveniles, rehydration via injection or first-aid treatment.

Success - our first grant!

We have successfully applied for our first grant! The **Central Okanagan Foundation** provides support to local charities for community projects that align with this private foundation's mission. We will be able to put this grant towards our second shipping container - which will serve as a „Baby Animal Nursery“ at our Summerland facility. What a great opportunity! **Thank you board members** for your continued support!



“Wild About Spring“ completed again!

This year's "**Wild About Spring Comedy Show**" was hosted by DunnEnzies Pizza Mission. The show was put on by comic Velina Taskov and what a great night it was!!! Tickets were sold fast and all our silent auction items, generously donated by local businesses private supporters, we sold. The grand total of nearly 7000\$ will go towards our indoor heated wildlife nursery.

Our Wishlists

For our nursery: sturdy treatment table/counter, ceramic heat emitter lamps, chick brooder

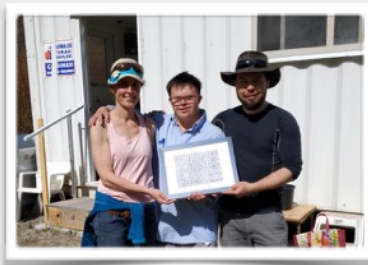
For storage: 20ft shipping container or 10x10ft garden shed

Building materials: various common lumber. See materials list for our „OK College Shed Project“: <http://interiorwildlife.ca/ways-to-support-us/>

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

To donate any items described above, go to: interiorwildlife.ca/ways-to-support-us.

To purchase items for us online, visit amazon: www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/2GG4BH118U83J



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.

We're growing our network:

Veterinary Clinics serving as drop-off locations for wildlife for us (Mon-Sat). Always call ahead!

- **Rose Valley Vet Hospital**
- **Westbank Animal Care**
- **Kelowna Vet Hospital**
- **Lakeshore Animal Clinic**



*Skunk kit receiving electrolytes for transfer to Kamloops' BC Wildlife Park
Photo: E. Hartmann*



What's next?

Students from the OK College „Women In Trades“ Program are building us a 100 sq ft shed this August!

***** We still need building materials *****

Find our materials list for this special project here:

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

Email us for more info: donate@interiorwildlife.ca

