

# IWRS NEWSLETTER

Aquatics expansion | "Wild About Spring" 2023 Outcome | Beavers at IWRS

## Our focus on "aquatics" grows

Wetlands, waterfowl, aquatic mammals and reptiles - a healthy ecosystem is made up of many parts.



We want to support aquatic & semi-aquatic life in BC's Interior wherever we can.



That's why we're expanding our facility to help wildlife living in and around our lakes, rivers and creeks.

## Beavers at IWRS- helping our "wetland engineers"



### Teamwork on wetland restoration!

We have been collaborating with biologist Tom Willms and his students to assist in beaver relocation for wetland restoration under the Nicola-Valley Institute of Technology (Merritt) and the BC Wildlife Federation. Two beaver siblings were housed recently at our facility until they could be relocated together to a depleted watershed where Tom and his students had built artificial dams (so called "beaver dam analogues", BDA's). Here we are loading them up, reunited, tagged and ready to re-populate a suitable and now protected ecosystem where beavers have been eradicated historically. Stay tuned for more!

### OK College supports IWRS for 2nd time

Last year in August the “Women in Trades” students have built us a beautiful little wood workshop.



**This year, the students of the “Indigenous Women in Trades” have built another wood shed for us - wow, we are super grateful! Can not wait to use it for our patients :-)**

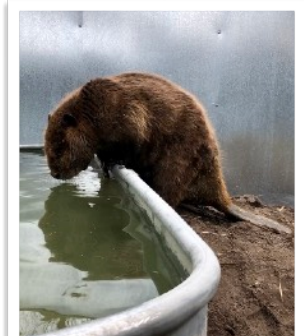


## “Wildlife Film Festival” raised over 9 thousand \$!



This year’s **“Wild About Spring - Wildlife Film Festival”** was a fundraiser and silent auction held at the Creekside Theatre in Lake Country. The turnout was great - feedback about the three films was all positive! The grand total of over **9700\$** will go towards our outdoor aquatic mammal habitat. What a night!!! Lots of gratitude to all our supporters, special **shoutout to Redbird Brewery!!**

If you’ve missed it, check out the trailers/movies on our website: [interiorwildlife.ca/spring-auction-2023/](http://interiorwildlife.ca/spring-auction-2023/)



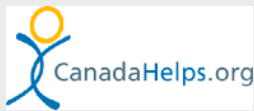
### Our Wishlists

Want to send us a gift from our wish list?

**Check out our amazon link:**

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

Learn how to become a **monthly donor** to us via CanadaHelps!



### With gratitude

Special **thank you** to our dedicated bi-weekly volunteers **Kim & Nathalie!** We are very grateful for your continued support - volunteers & members alike.



### Acknowledgements

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

### Our wildlife nursery is complete

Remember last year’s spring fundraiser? We’ve put our construction funds to good use. Our heated/air-conditioned indoor wildlife nursery is now complete!



We can now make use of a simple ‘field style laboratory’, a completely chew-proof tiled room and a stainless steel veterinary treatment table. All custom-made in a retrofitted 20ft shipping container. Our volunteers and our community support are amazing!

### IWRS patient stories

This spring we’ve had a young Trumpeter Swan in care, he presented with a small but heavily bleeding wound (of unknown cause) on the chest. Despite needing assisted feedings, he healed up fast. We are happy to report he was released to a suitable habitat, hopefully able to join other swans again in his bay.

