

# IWRS NEWSLETTER

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## New connections to California's rehabbers

Aquatic birds and semi-aquatic mammals need pools. Rather than re-inventing the wheel, we've visited an expert in aquatic bird care.



**Monte Merrick** from the Humboldt Wildlife Care Centre (HWCC) in California had a few tips and tricks for us on waterbird housing.



And while we were there, we've lent a hand in construction of one of his new mammal pens.

## Mammal pen extension - "Beaver Hotel"



It continues to be a pleasure to assist in beaver relocation for wetland restoration with Tom Willms and the BC Wildlife Federation. Our new beaver indoor/outdoor complex is complete!

Read more about this project online:

<https://bcwf.bc.ca/volunteer-run-rehab-centre-returns-beavers-to-the-wild/>



### First wildlife care intern at IWRS

This summer we've welcomed our first international summer intern at our facility.



Anna just finished her studies as an animal care taker in Germany. She came to us to gain some international wildlife rehab experience & to lend a hand with the various jobs we do on a daily basis.



She was also swinging hammer, drill and saw for enclosure improvements. Great job!

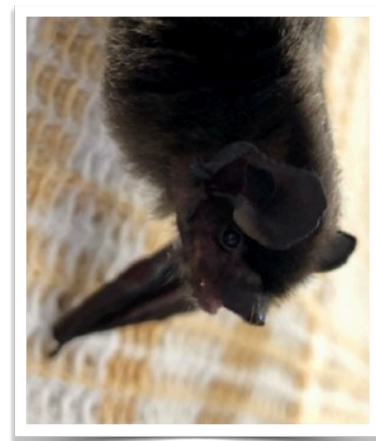
### IWRS release season stories

This spring we've admitted a litter of truly orphaned **skunk kits** (their mother was seen hit by car). Their original habitat was burned in a wildfire, so an alternative release site had to be found. We are happy to report nobody was sprayed in the release and a suitable habitat within the boundaries of our permits was found eventually - with the helping hand of our friends at Wise Wildlife Control. Thank you Holly!



We've also cared for two **silver-haired bats** this summer. One fell out of a tree that was cut down and broke a forearm bone, the other was caught in a glue-trap. They both did remarkably well.

Eating up to 20 mealworms a day, healing fast from dehydration/starvation and injury. A second chance at life in freedom, healthy & fat for release back to their home colony!



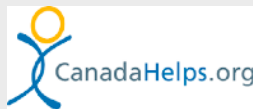
### Our Wishlists

Want to send us a gift from our wish list?

Check out our amazon link on:

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

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



### With gratitude

Special **thank you** to our dedicated summer volunteer and intern **Jody & Anna**.



Great work - once again !

### Acknowledgements

We are humbled to be able to promote co-existence with wildlife on unceded Syilx Okanagan Nation territory. We are also so grateful to use the Summerland private property we are working on.

## Local community support comes as a surprise!



In the middle of our busiest months of summer there is little time to even think about fundraising. Lucky for us, we didn't have to! We're thrilled to be the beneficiary of Ava & Lilah's great work of fundraising for our cause! These two creative young women who are with Penticton's TotalPet store decided to raise 10,000\$ for Interior Wildlife. They have run multiple small fundraisers after work (from bake sales to horse grooming) and have reached their goal within their timeline of three months. We're amazed at their dedication, hard work and generosity and will be sure to put their donation to good use.

