

# IWRS NEWSLETTER

Facility Growing | Annual Fundraiser 2024 Outcome | Many Hands...

## Executive Director's Notes

Keeping connections alive with our mentors, partners and cheering-us-on friends...

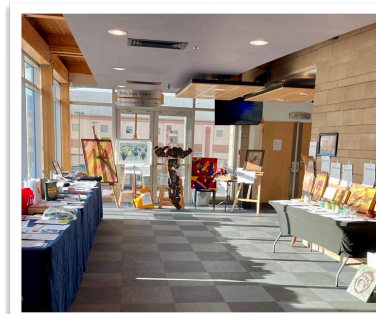


...means to show up and say hi, lend a hand and continue to learn, catch up & laugh & whine with wine together. A visit at Calgary's Wildlife Centre CWRS with Melanie Whalen as well as teaching upcoming wildlife rehabilitation students together, was completed in April. With much gratitude to our mentors!

We also thank the BCWP's rehabilitation department for donating forward their ultrasound machine to us!

Sincerely,  
**Eva Hartmann, BSC, RVT**

## "Wildlife Film Festival 2024" Kelowna - Raised 11 thousand dollars!



This year's **Wildlife Film Festival - Kelowna edition** was a fundraiser and silent auction held at the Mary Irwin Theatre. We were able to increase ticket sales and activities from last year, having featured a 50/50 raffle, door-prizes & a beautiful auction as well as 3 inspiring wildlife films!

What a night!!! Lots of gratitude to all our supporters, a special **shout-out to the Potter's Addict Studio members** for having donated an entire table of beautiful clay art!

If you've missed it, check out the trailers of this year's donated movies on our website:  
*[interiorwildlife.ca/spring-fundraiser-2024/](http://interiorwildlife.ca/spring-fundraiser-2024/)*



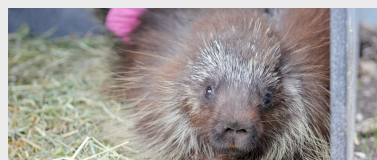
### New facility addition

**It came as a big surprise** when Luke from Affordable Storage offered to donate AND deliver a 15ft storage unit to us! Wow - finally we have an indoor space to store donations, equipment, kennels, garbage/recycling etc.



### Monthly Donations

**Invitation** to join our **monthly donors** via CanadaHelps - our life-blood for operating costs!!! Ask us how to set this up via CanadaHelps: **"Make it monthly" program :-)**



### 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.



### IWRS patient stories

We are proud to report that a generous local veterinarian and her veterinary medicine student have donated their time to perform "foreign body surgery" on this mallard duck recently. A fish hook was removed from this "lucky duck's" esophagus and she is on the mend now in her own duck pen: room-service, medications and her private pool included! Since birds heal incredibly fast, we were able to release her after 10 days of care.



### Many hands make for lighter work!

We truly appreciate our wonderful volunteers greatly! Yes, we do this work for the animals - BUT the connections that continue to evolve, as well as new one's made in every aspect of Interior Wildlife's activities... THIS IS ALSO WHAT WE CHERISH a ton. On a rainy or literally poopy day, it is what keeps us going. We couldn't do it without you !!!!!!

### Our 2024 impact "to date"

**Wildlife admissions: x44**  
**Inquiries responded to: x665**

