

# IWRS NEWSLETTER

Our New Livestream | Bats 'N Turtles | Release season '24

## Executive Director's Notes

Wildlife care is only one part of what we do. The other part is to build up programs and connections to other wildlife-professionals. Reasons for this include a holistic approach to the following questions:

- How to release rehabilitated wild patients best?
- When does it make sense to rehabilitate and release vs placing an animal in permanent captive care?
- How can we contribute to monitoring released animals?

We feel that those are complex questions that require a lot of thought and skill to answer. Stay tuned for how we develop our programs over the years - starting with beavers & wetland restoration.



Sincerely,  
Eva Hartmann, BSC, RVT



## IWRS "BeaverCam" Livestream

Our facility is not open to the public, however we have installed "BeaverCams" in some of our enclosures. This allows us to monitor how our patients are doing without disturbing them. We invite you to follow along the rehabilitation process of our beavers by watching them remotely.

In order to have both cameras run "live", we rely on monthly sponsors. Currently our indoor enclosure is "live" on our YouTube channel, thanks to: Honeybox Inc.

Details about private or business sponsorships can be found on our website:

<https://interiorwildlife.ca/live-stream/>



### Special Thanks

Shout out to **Kevin** for coming every fall from the lower mainland to volunteer his mad building skills to us! This time he has built a great wooden deck that connect our two modified shipping containers and now we have a courtyard! Thank you so much!!



### Monthly Donations

**Invitation to join** our **monthly donors** such as **Tiffany** via CanadaHelps - our "life-blood" for operating costs!

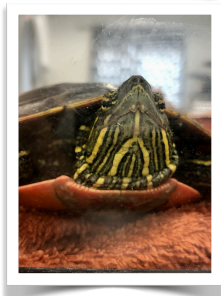


### Acknowledgements

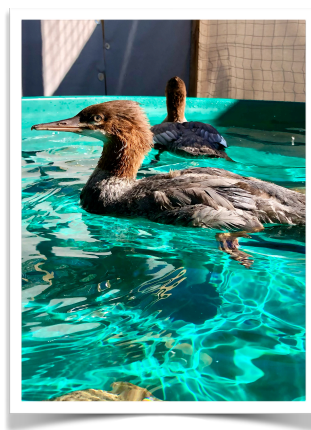
We are humbled to be able to promote co-existence with wildlife on unceded Syilx Okanagan Nation territory. We are also so grateful to use the Summerland private property we are working on.

### Threatened species intakes on the rise - Bats & Turtles -

We are proud to report that we have received a grant from the Community Foundation of the North Okanagan for a new 20ft modified shipping container. This insulated and heated unit will provide adequate indoor housing for wildlife patients of threatened species - such as western painted turtles & various insectivorous bats.



### IWRS release stories 2024



After 94 days in care, our three common merganser chicks are all grown up free again! Originally they were orphaned by a vehicle when their mother was struck on the highway in Summerland leading her chicks to water. Mergansers are excellent divers to catch fish with their serrated sharp beaks. They form large flocks on inland reservoirs and rivers. They stay in these tight flocks to feed and court during the cold months. In the Okanagan winters mergansers mix with other fish-eating, diving ducks such as buffleheads and goldeneyes.