

IWRS NEWSLETTER

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About Jonathan our "Treasurer"



Our treasurer and secretary Jonathan works full-time at the Okanagan College teaching up and coming engineering students AS WELL AS volunteering with Interior Wildlife.

Happy to be the backbone of our operations, Jonathan doesn't just make sure our books are balanced and tax receipt are issued, he helps with all aspects of our work in Summerland.

Who makes sure the power is on, the water is flowing in and out of our pools? Who helps with writing budgets for every grant we have applied for? And who is simply just there, with a kind word when we have to make difficult decisions about euthanizing a patient too injured for repair and release?

It's Jonathan!

We are more grateful than words can say.

Unusual Patient Stories

We were asked to extract a young female porcupine from a plane wreck. It had hitched a ride during wreck recovery and was accidentally transported by



helicopter, boat and trailer from Mackenzie all the way to Kelowna! Thanks to our supporting veterinarian, we were able to sedate "Mackenzie" for extraction. Thanks to a generous private pilot as well as the public donating plane/time/fuel costs to us, we could facilitate her transport "home" for release. Finally thanks to her weekly yoga practice, our ED Eva was able to squeeze herself through the plane wreck window to deliver the sedation and pass the sleepy porcupine safely out through the tiny plane's side window. For more stories of IWRS in the media, go to: <https://interiorwildlife.ca/news/>

Other unusual patients of this summer include a western painted turtle that was so severely injured when struck by a vehicle. We were uncertain if exposed organs could be placed back into its body cavity and if antibiotics and shell-repair would be successful - BUT it was! She is now putting on weight and doing exceptionally well, even diving!

Our Monthly Donors

Invitation to become a **monthly IWRS donor** via CanadaHelps, 25\$ = vital support for our running costs.

Friends of IWRS expanding mural!



Big shout out to our amazing friends and talented artists. Cheers to **Anna** for her contribution to our seacan mural! The beaver kit & adult beaver look stunning on our "nursery seacan".



Our friends **Steph & Laurel** have also returned and given their mural on our "threatened species seacan" a touch-up. Wowser's!

Acknowledgements

We are humbled to be able to promote co-existence with wildlife on unceded Syilx Okanagan Nation territory.

Wildlife Film Festival 2025 funds paid for our own x-ray machine!



This year's **Wildlife Film Festival** was held in Kelowna again. Our annual fundraiser and silent auction in April was the

second fundraiser we have organized to be able to purchase our own portable x-ray machine. Saving up for several years has finally paid off!

Incredibly grateful to all that participated, we would like you to know that this was a dream come true! Hard work had paid off. Broken bones that are difficult to "palpate" (or feel) can now be detected a lot quicker. Patients are not extra-stressed out during lengthy transport to get to a local veterinary clinic for radiographs and we can send a digital image quickly to our supporting veterinarians for evaluation. What a game changer!!!

Our 2025 impact "to date"

Wildlife admissions = 90
Inquiries replied = 1,603

Compare that with last year's numbers: Jan-June 2024: admissions = 44, inquiries = 665.

As we're getting more known, our services are requested more often every year. We are here to help. Our latest website update here: interiorwildlife.ca/human-beaver-coexistence/.

