

IWRS NEWSLETTER

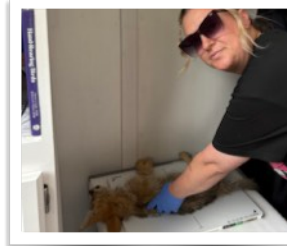
Year Recap 2025 | Growth | Upcoming Goals

Rather than breaking turtles, brake for them!



We have installed turtle signs in Kelowna and West Kelowna to get attention in two of those locations where we often get hit-by-car Western Painted Turtles. These signs aren't simply asking people to slow down, but also give info on HOW we admit injured turtles to our care facility. Let's hope word spreads, be that via local media articles, dog-walkers or otherwise. There will always be speeding cars close to wetlands in spring (nesting season), but now more can be aware and know how to help us help turtles. Recent media interviews by us are here: <https://interiorwildlife.ca/news/>

A recap of 2025 - our 5th year of operations



Winter - Ongoing collaboration with state-licensed beaver relocators in the US as well as wetland BC-based restoration activities for assisting in to create more beaver-supported wetlands. Check!

Spring - Upgrades completed for beaver as well as waterbird housing (more sheds and more outdoor pen extensions, more drainable pools). Done!

Summer - Veterinary diagnostic equipment on-site now includes: an ultrasound & an x-ray machine.

Fall - Refined our off-hands care protocols. Remotely controllable heat lamps and cameras are working well in both, small mammal and waterbird enclosures. Less human contact means less chance of habituation and less stress for raising orphaned wildlife. We raise them in groups and let them bond amongst each other whenever we can.

Our Monthly Donors



Join our **monthly donor** program. Become a “make-it-monthly supporter” via CanadaHelps and know that you will be vital support for our operating costs (electricity, gas, water, insurances, web fees, feed, medication...)

You pick your amount.

Communication-volunteer shout out!

Big shout out to our communications volunteers! YOU are the lifeline for our operations. Vitally important to communicate kindly & precisely with the public. THANK YOU Michelle, Tiff, Shannon, Heather, Johnneen and Ryan!!!!!!!



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.

Our 3-5 year goals



In previous years we have made annual goals. Going forward it is time to step it up a notch and create 3-5 year goals as well.

Our current **land lease** is expiring in 2026, so we are planning to renew it and think about saving up for an eventual purchase of property for IWRS’s facility. Mainly funded by community grants, this means we will have to shift to saving some of our donations for this specific purpose. Unfortunately our grants can’t be used towards land acquisition. This is where our long-term goal comes in. A savings account for several years has been set up and we are starting to save right now! Another goal is the expansion of our **beaver program** (within the next 3 years) to include relocation of “nuisance beavers” and more coexistence work (pond-levellers for beaver dams and keystone fencing for blocked road culverts).

IWRS 2025 stats

2022:	2025:
659 inquiries answered	3,066 inquiries answered
73 patients admitted	164 patients admitted
21 species helped	35 species helped

