

## The Same - but Different

In some ways each year at Wolf Hollow is the same. We care for injured and orphaned wild animals, provide education programs and carry out research projects to gather information that will help us do our job better.

But in many ways **every year is different**. What changes?

**The animals** – We never know how many we will receive, of which species and with what problems. Nestling songbirds will start coming in for care in spring, orphaned fawns will turn up in May and in fall and winter we will almost certainly care for owls that have been hit by cars. Other than that – who knows? Will we receive 2 seal pups or 20? Will this be a year when we see lots of kingfishers or none? Will we treat several hawks with broken wings, or will they mostly suffer from head injuries?

**The people** – Some of our staff, board and volunteers have been with Wolf Hollow for a long time, but there are also lots of new faces each year.

Staff or board members move on to other things and we recruit new members of the team. New people move into the area and want to volunteer, and each summer, new interns arrive from all over the country to work with us for a couple of months.

**Facilities** – When Wolf Hollow moved to its current location in 1986 the only structure was a large metal shed. Since then, over 40 enclosures and other structures have been built. Each year there are changes. These may be major projects such as building the Eagle Flight or the



Maintenance Building, or smaller improvements such as renovating or replacing older cages.

**Programs** – Each year our Rehabilitation and Education Programs develop as we put new information or skills into practice or adapt to meet new opportunities.

**Supporters** – There are people who have been faithfully and generously supporting Wolf Hollow since the organization began. Sadly, each year we lose good friends and supporters who pass away, or lose contact with people when they leave the area. However, there are also people who move into our area and find out about us when they find an animal in need of care or come to our education booth at an event.

Many aspects of Wolf Hollow are constantly changing, but **two things remain the same:**

**Our commitment to our mission** – *To promote the well-being of wildlife and their habitats through rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wildlife, public education and non-invasive research.*

**Our reliance on the help and support of many people** including: Those who find an injured animal and care enough to call. The staff at vet clinics, animal shelters and rehab centers who share their skills and expertise. Our wonderful volunteers who help get animals to us and care for them once they are at the rehab center. The hundreds of people, businesses, organizations and foundations who believe that what we do is important and donate the funds, materials and services that make our work possible.

**THANK YOU!**

## Green Heron

In mid July a woman in Sedro Woolley noticed her cats stalking a strange-looking bird that was sitting in one of her planter boxes. She kept the cats away, but two days later the bird was still there. One of our volunteers went to investigate and found a nestling Green Heron that was just growing its feathers and was weak and thin. Once it got to Wolf Hollow we started it on a liquid diet then gradually introduced small fish pieces. Green Herons are only about 18 inches tall but they act just like their big cousins, Great Blue Herons. Each time we went to feed it the little bird would fix us with a hard stare, puff up its feathers then make a lightning-fast stab with its long sharp beak to grab the fish. Luckily, it quickly learned to eat from a dish and was moved to an outdoor enclosure where it would stand motionless, totally invisible in the tall grass and rushes. After four weeks of care this little Green Heron had grown all its feathers and was flying well, so it was returned to Skagit County for release.

Here are a few of the 521 a

Including 160 songbirds, 58 raptors, 67 v  
8 herons, 10 other birds, 161 land m



## Harbor Seal

In late September we had just released the seal pups we had cared for during the summer and were getting ready to drain the pools. Then this youngster arrived. She was seen alone on a beach near Deer Harbor on Orcas for three days and had wounds on her flippers. When San Juan County Marine Mammal Stranding Network brought her to us, we discovered she was emaciated (only weighed 17 pounds), dehydrated and had badly infected puncture wounds on her hind flippers. We gave her fluids, cleaned her wounds and started her on antibiotics. At first she was very lethargic, quickly got shivery in her bath then huddled under her heat lamp. But after a few days she had recovered

enough to show her true character – Feisty! She was older than most of the pups we receive, had a good set of teeth and knew how to use them. This made feeding more challenging because she liked to bite the tube, but also meant that she learned to eat fish very quickly. Within the first week she was chasing dead herring in her bath and by the time she was strong enough to move into an outdoor pool was happily eating fish on her own. It took a few weeks for her wounds to heal completely but after that she made rapid progress and was released in late November, weighing 54 pounds.

## Barn Swallows

These three little swallows were brought to us after their nest was knocked down to prevent bird poop landing on the deck. The young birds were put in a bucket and left for more than a day before someone found them and brought them to us. All three were weak, badly dehydrated and overheated. Our first priority was to rehydrate them, so every 15 minutes we carefully gave them little drops of electrolyte solution. Gradually their tiny dark eyes became brighter and less sunken and they started to move a little. After a couple of hours they started to chirp and beg for food, so we fed them a nutritious baby bird diet every 15 minutes till dark. Next morning they were active, noisy and hungry – normal baby birds! From then on they grew quickly. A week later all their feathers had grown in and they were starting to flap their wings. Only a few days after that they were flying around in our indoor aviary practicing their flying skills and learning to catch insects. The last time we saw them they were swooping in the air above the rehab center after being released.

(Note – knocking down occupied swallow nests is illegal and unnecessary. There are ways to prevent droppings falling onto decks or walkways without disturbing these beneficial little birds. We would be glad to provide tips!)



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# Animals you helped us care for in 2013

water birds, 20 corvids, 22 doves and pigeons, 5 woodpeckers, mammals, 9 aquatic mammals and 1 amphibian/reptile.

## Red tailed Hawk

This hawk was hit by a car, and was found standing in the road, unable to fly. It was taken to a vet clinic in Mount Vernon before being transported to Wolf Hollow. X-rays showed one of the bones in its wing was broken in 3 places, but the breaks were not close to a joint and all the bone pieces were well aligned. This meant it was possible the bone could heal well by being held in place with a good wing wrap rather than requiring surgery. We carefully wrapped the wing, treated the hawk for other minor injuries and kept it in a carrier to limit its movements. Several days later we took another X Ray and were delighted to see that the bone pieces were all in place and the breaks were beginning to heal nicely. We did some careful physical therapy to keep the joints from getting stiff and re-wrapped the wing. This was repeated several times until we could see that the breaks had all healed well and the wing wrap could be removed. After a few days, the hawk was moved into an outdoor enclosure where it could begin to gently stretch its wings. From then on it gradually progressed into larger and larger enclosures to exercise its muscles, until, three months after it arrived at Wolf Hollow, the hawk was flying laps in the flight cage and was ready to go back into the wild.



## Fawn

A couple driving near Oak Harbor in mid May saw a deer being hit by a car. When they stopped to check they found that the doe was dead and her tiny fawn was huddled in the ditch. The Wolf Hollow volunteer who picked the fawn up discovered that her hooves were still soft and her umbilicus was fresh, so she was only a few hours old. Newborn fawns are very delicate and this little thing was wet, cold and dirty, so she needed special care for the first few days. But gradually she gained strength, got the hang of sucking formula from a

bottle and started to totter around on her wobbly little legs. After a few days she was strong enough to be introduced to the other fawns and was soon moved out to a stall in the fawn barn. From then on she progressed to the fawn enclosure, where she learned to nibble on leaves and clover and hide under the trees with the other fawns. By early September she had lost her spotted baby coat and had grown into a long-legged, elegant young deer. She lived in our 1-acre deer enclosure with her friends until they were released in early December.

## 2013 Statistics

### Number of Animals

Birds	350	67.2%
Mammals	170	32.6
Amph/Rept	1	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>521</b>	

### Causes

Unknown	145	27.8
Orphaned/Separated	127	24.4%
Cat Attack	54	10.4
Nest Destroyed	46	8.8
Hit by Car	44	8.4
Hit Window/Building	29	5.6
Dog Attack	18	3.5
Other	58	11.1
(hit by boat, plane, lawnmower; caught in fence, glue trap; etc.)		

### Results

Released	198	38.0%
Euth	168	32.2
Died	78	15.0
DOA	73	14.0
In Treatment	3	0.6
Transferred	1	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>521</b>	



# Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center 2013 Annual Report

Our mission: *To promote the well-being of wildlife and their habitats through rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wildlife, public education and non-invasive research.*

## Summary of Changes and Achievements

**Board of Directors:** Names of current Board Members are listed below. During 2013, Jan Murphy left the board. Our thanks to all our board members for their efforts on Wolf Hollow's behalf.

**Staff:** Staff members current as of the end of 2013 are also listed below. The following changes took place during the year. In February, Vicki Taylor joined our team as Wildlife Rehabilitator, and later in spring Maintenance Assistant Eric Hoban left our staff. In fall, Nikki Ruggiero stepped down as Volunteer Coordinator. We would like to thank Nikki for her many hours of volunteer work and Seasonal Rehabber Megan Perry for all her efforts during the busy summer season.

**Rehab:** Our rehab staff, interns and volunteers cared for 521 animals in 2013, representing 94 different species.

This newsletter includes the stories of just a few of these animals, and the rehab statistics for the year are shown on the opposite page.



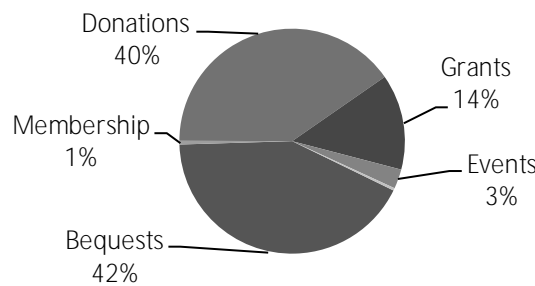
Young Opossum

**Education:** Our education department took part in 111 presentations and activities during 2013, reaching about 3,930 people. This included presentations to clubs and organizations, activities with school classes and children's groups, weekly talks at local parks and educational displays at fairs, festivals and other events. Ten students completed internships with us during 2013.

**Facilities:** Projects completed in 2013 included building a platform around the large seal pool and a fence around the seal rehab area. We also made alterations to the chain link pool enclosure to allow direct access to our new sea lion transport cage.

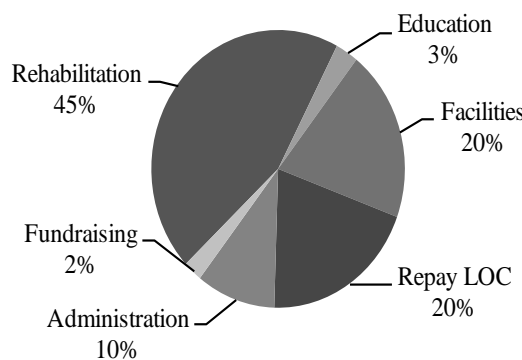
### 2013 Revenue

Donations	\$117,800
Bequests	123,753
Grants	40,219
Events	8,180
Membership	1,565
Other	1,036
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$292,553</b>



### 2013 Expenditures

Rehabilitation	\$108,106
Education	7,053
Facilities	48,252
Administration	24,585
Fundraising	5,829
Repay Line of Credit	48,145
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$241,970</b>



### Board of Directors

Chris Minney – President  
Elyse Van den Bosch – Vice President  
Cindy Hansen – Treasurer  
Tamara Weaver  
Susen Oseth

### Staff

Julie Knight – Executive Director  
Lynne Mercer – Administrative Coordinator  
Penny Harner – Wildlife Rehabilitator  
Vicki Taylor – Wildlife Rehabilitator  
Shona Aitken – Education Coordinator  
Mark Billington – Facilities Manager

Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is licensed for wildlife rehabilitation under the auspices of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.





# Our Thanks to the Many Individuals, Organizations & Businesses who supported Wolf Hollow in 2013

## Rehab Support

Anacortes Kiwanis Thrift Store	Island Farm & Pet Supply	San Juan Co Sheriff Dept
Barb and John Jensen	J & D Fisheries	San Juan Co Solid Waste Dept
Bellingham Cold Storage	Joe Gaydos VMD & SeaDoc Society	Scott Johanson
Bud Anderson	Kwiaht	Steve and Jill Burton
Dana Rice	Marty Haulena, DVM	Steve Raverty, DVM
David Drummond	Mt Vernon Animal Control	Susan Besel, DVM
Deception Pass St Park	Nate Rogers	Sue Poirot, DVM
Discovery Inn	North Bay Meat Co.	Tess Leonard, DVM
Dyanna Lambourne (WDFW)	Phoenix Central Labs	The Barking Bird
Friday Harbor Fire Dept Thrift House	Rachel Fitchett	Washington State Ferries
Friday Harbor House	Ronnie Metcalf	Whatcom County Marine Mammal Stranding Network
FH Market Place	Sally Muldahy	WDFW Officers and Biologists
Friday Harbor Pet Supply	San Juan Airlines	WSDA Labs
Harbor Rental	San Juan Co. E.M.S.	
Horse Shu Ranch	San Juan Co. Marine Mammal Stranding Network	

## Vet Clinics, Rehab Centers and Animal Shelters

Anacortes Animal Hospital	Fidalgo Animal Medical Center	Parker Way Vet Clinic
Animal Protection Society, Friday Harbor	Harbor Vet Services	PAWS Wildlife Center
Animal Protection Society, Orcas	Highland Animal Vet Clinic	Pet Emergency Clinic
ARK Vet Clinic	Islands Vet Clinic	Sardis Raptor Center
Best Friends Vet Clinic	Lighthouse Vet Services	San Juan County Park Care Center
CARE Vet Clinic	Mount Vernon Vet Hospital	Skagit Animal Clinic
Chuckanut Valley Vet Clinic	N. Cascades Vet Clinic	Skagit Valley Humane Society
College Way Vet Clinic	NW Wildlife Rescue & Rehab	Westsound Wildlife
		Wildlife Health Center UC Davis

## Education Program

Andrea Doll	Kwiaht	San Juan County Park
Dave and Elaine Pretz	Lime Kiln Point St. Park	San Juan Island Nat'l Historical Park
Discovery Sea Kayaks	Pamela & Angela Hoke	The Barking Bird
FOLKS (Friends of Lime Kiln Society)	Robert Parr	The Whale Museum
Kat Hay	Robert Shackelford	PrintingForLess.com
	Ross Lockwood	

## Interns & Seasonal Staff

Megan Perry	Laura Pape	Mary Malerich
Kimberle Pillow	Rochelle Nisam	Brooke Yahney
Alex Biswas	Cara Gates	Sarah Kwon
Melanie Mironovich		

## Facilities Support

ACL Plumbing	Ed Kelm	Harbor Rental
Bruce Rebhan	J&D Fisheries	Sea-Cure Services
Don Jarrell	Mauldin's Well Services	Girl Scout Troop 41873
Drew Bauer		

## Foundations, Grantors and Major Donors

Jeffrey & Alicia Carnevali	George & Pauline Mulligan	Horizons Foundation
Betsy Cooper	Gwen & John Nixon	L & R Donner Foundation
Eleanor Doran	Charles Nolan	Foundation Source
David & Linda Downing	Nancy Nordhoff	MacFarlane Foundation
Dodie Gann	John & Priscilla Privat	Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
Laurie Gogic	Amy & Michael Pryce	Network for Good
Thomas & Audrey Green, III	Brooks & Suzanne Ragen	Orcas Island Community Foundation
Lucy Hadac	Kendy Rossi	John H Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Program
Ronald Hendrick	Jill & William Ruckelshaus	Robidoux Foundation
Glenn & Diane Kaufman	Ann Tanner	San Juan Island Community Foundation
John Keffer	Alex & Jean Taylor	Seattle Foundation
Ginni Kieth	Melitta Throop	Summerlee Foundation
Gary Larson & Toni Carmichael	Cyntha Wayburn	The Allen Family Charitable Trust
Helen Liepart	Curtis Wikstrom	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Harvey Lipp	Kathleen Williams & John McLeod	Wildlife Support Charitable Trust
Lyle & Jean Lockwood	Anna Jane Miller Estate	
Ross Lockwood	Margaret and Daniel Carper Foundation	
Heather Macphail	Doran Family Charitable Trust	
Vivian Meyer	Henry J Kaiser Family Foundation	
Monte, Candy, Araminta & Amelia Midkiff		
Bill & Diana McGaw		

## Business/Group Members and Supporters

Ace Hardware, Friday Harbor	Friday Harbor Marketplace	Rock Island Communication
Anacortes Kiwanis	Island Air Inc.	San Juan Airlines
Bellingham Cold Storage	Islander's Insurance	San Juan Canvas Company
Billmyer Services	King's Market	San Juan Outfitters
Cedar Realty	Loea Design	San Juan Safaris
Classic Cab Company	Lowman House, LLC	Sea-Cure Services
Coldwell Banker, SJI	Mauldin's Well Service, Inc	The Barking Bird
Concrete Technology Corp.	Mike's Café & Wine Bar	The Nature Connection
Discovery Sea Kayaks	Napier Sculpture Gallery	Tif & Gif Creative
Friday Harbor Fire Dept. Thrift Store	Olympic Lights B&B	Washington State Ferries
	Phoenix Central Labs	Zip San Juan
	Roche Harbor Village	

## Events

Allium/Lily Café Olga	Best Western Hotel	Pat Downey
Deer Harbor Inn	Mi Casita	Kathy Everett
Doe Bay Café		Bailey Johnson
Hogston/Ship Bay	Nikki Ruggiero	David Johnson
Juke Joint Foods	Louise Lelevich	Heather Johnson
Mia's	Meg Lainson	Gretchen Kaiser
New Leaf/Outlook Inn	Ross Lockwood	Susan Krieger
Orcas Village Store	Sam Heller	Mike Krieger
Rosario	Faith Buck	Suzanne Lyons
Island Hoppin' Brewery	Sydney Wilson	Teena Martin
NW Totem Cellars	Cali Bagby	Fred Munder
Mike's Café & Wine Bar	Susen Oseth	Linda Sullivan
American Legion Post 163	Arthur Cherry	Elyse Van den Bosch
	Barbara Ellenwood	Wade West

## Volunteers

Jane Albrecht	Sue Ehler	Terrina & John Guempel	Tracy & Brianna Jonasen	Lisa Lamb	Briana Obenhuber	Lorinda Roland	Jean Taylor
Kathryn Alexandra	Dom Tor Fleming	Cindy & Kraig Hansen	Marty Jones	Harold Lentzner & Elsie Pamuk	Chuck O'Clair	Kim Rose	Carol Treston
Kristen Anna	Katie Flynn	Kat Hay	Torrey Joyce	Ron Lindstrom	Susen Oseth	Corrine & Kevin Saylor	Kristen Tuttle
Sharon Bonelli	Eileen Frazier	Dave and Becky Karns	Lynn & Dave	Linda Lipke	Carol Owens	Rick Solberg	Elyse Van Den Bosch
Jan Chamberlin	Andy Gladish	Heinlein	Larry Kiger and Candi Rohr	Heather MacIntyre	Robert Pare	Trish Strong	Jacky Warren
Holly Davis	Diane Gloe	Ayla Holboy	Vicki Kirkland	Ed Maynard	Carol Parrot	Maggie Sullivan	Kathy Wilson
Jim Davis	Dick & Betty Greaves	Rose Marie Jansen		Wendy McDougal	Paula Plumer	Nancy Swalling	Kimberly Wilson
Carl Decker	Michelle Greene			Shelley McGuire	Sam Pottenger	Ann Tanner	Jackie Wolf
Bruce Distler					Jamie Rankin		

## Thank you Julie, Welcome Julie



Julie Knight has been Wolf Hollow's Executive Director for the past 6 years, but her involvement goes back much further. Julie started as an animal care volunteer in 1985, when Wolf Hollow was still part of the vet clinic in Friday Harbor. She served on the Board of Directors for 20 years, including several terms as Board President, and is also well known as an animal transport volunteer on Lopez Island. Some of you may also know her through her "other job" as Executive Director of Islands Oil Spill Association (IOSA).



Due to increasing IOSA projects and commitments, Julie has recently been finding that there just aren't enough hours in the day to do justice to both jobs (and breathe!) She is pleased to hand over the reins of Wolf Hollow to Julie Duke, but will continue working with us as an advisor and board member.

Our new Executive Director, Julie Duke, also began her association with Wolf Hollow as an animal care volunteer in 1997/98 when she was completing her Associate Degree at Skagit Valley College, Friday Harbor. She continued volunteering in animal transport when she moved to Orcas and also served as a board member until she moved away from the islands in 2004. Julie then completed her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Washington State University before focusing on non-profit management and fundraising in Mendocino, CA, and on Bainbridge Island. She is excited to come back to Wolf Hollow as Executive Director and is looking forward to becoming part of the local community, working with our wonderful supporters, and occasionally feeding baby birds (if the rehab staff will let her!)

## Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

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*Pied-billed Grebe (see story below)*

This little grebe was found sitting on the road on Shaw Island in mid December. The man who came across it couldn't see any obvious injuries, so thought it may just have landed on the wet road and was unable to take off again (a common problem for loons and grebes) so he moved it a short distance into the water – where it swam round in circles! When we examined the bird we found that its right leg was weak, its right eye was swollen and partially closed and it had a head twitch. All of this suggested it had been hit by a car and had a head injury. We gave it medication, tube fed it, and put it in a special net-bottomed carrier to prevent its feathers from becoming soiled, which would ruin its waterproofing. By next day the little grebe was more alert and tried to grab at pieces of fish from the forceps. But, it kept missing, which made us think it had a vision problem. Over the next few days the grebe became more active, so we set up an indoor pool. It immediately dived several times then carefully preened its feathers. Although it was small it was a feisty little character that found every possible way to get out of the pool and regularly stabbed at our fingers with its sharp beak when we fed it.

After two weeks of care the little grebe had fully recovered. It was swimming and diving strongly, was grabbing small fish accurately and was ready for release.



30+ Years  
Caring for Wildlife



## Bite of Orcas

Our 19<sup>th</sup> annual Bite of Orcas will be held on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, on the Village Green in Eastsound. Come along to sample all kinds of tasty dishes prepared by Orcas restaurants and cafes, and know you are supporting Wolf Hollow while you sample the goodies.