

Celebrating 35 Years – Thanks to You!

In 2018, Wolf Hollow celebrates 35 years of helping injured and orphaned wildlife and providing public wildlife education.

Although the faces have changed and the organization has grown and developed over the years, our mission has remained constant: *To promote the well-being of wildlife and their habitats through **rehabilitation** of injured and orphaned wildlife, public **education** and non-invasive **research**.*

Since Wolf Hollow first began in a small veterinary clinic in Friday Harbor, we've provided care for 17,700 injured and orphaned wild animals and interacted with nearly 87,000 people through our educational outreach programs. Over 200 young people have completed wildlife rehabilitation and education internships at the center and have taken that experience into their careers.

We purchased our 40-acre property and refurbished the original building to provide treatment rooms, food preparation areas and medical facilities for initial care. We've built more than 30 outdoor enclosures to fully prepare our wild patients for release back into the wild.

None of this would have been possible without your help and support!



Northern Pygmy Owl

The time, energy and resources of thousands of people have made it possible for Wolf Hollow to continue its work for three and a half decades. From the small group of passionate individuals who founded the organization in 1983, our service to animals has flourished with each committed staff and board member and every volunteer who carefully transported or fed an animal, built an enclosure, or helped with an event. Our partners at other animal non-profits, vet clinics, rehab centers, and government agencies have provided loyal support to achieve a common goal. Finally, hundreds of generous individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations have provided the materials, services and funds to keep Wolf Hollow open and ready to receive wildlife year after year.

We are so grateful to each and every one of you who has made it possible for Wolf Hollow to care for wildlife for 35 years. With your continued support, we're so excited for 2018 and

the next 35 years of giving the most vulnerable animals in need a second chance at life in the wild.

Please stay tuned for opportunities to join our celebration in 2018. We look forward to thanking you personally for the many ways you have helped Wolf Hollow remain in service to wildlife!

Northern Pygmy Owl

A tiny Pygmy Owl flew into a window in Birdsvie early one morning and was found sitting on the porch. After a few hours recovering in a box he still couldn't fly so the people gave us a call.

The little owl was only ~6 inches tall but didn't let us forget that he was a raptor. During the initial exam we discovered that his right wing was sore and drooped slightly, but that both feet worked really well and he had needle sharp talons! X-rays showed some damage to his collar bone and he probably had sore muscles too, so medication and cage rest were the best treatment. But the owl had other ideas. He hopped and flapped around in his cage and pounced on his dead mouse to make sure it didn't escape. His wing gradually healed and after ten days he was able to move into an outdoor aviary where he flew straight up onto a perch. He spent his time hidden among the branches, glaring like a grumpy little gnome if we disturbed him, but all his food disappeared and tell-tale spots of droppings told us he was flying all over the enclosure. The volunteer who released him a few weeks later tried to get photos of the great moment, but he quickly flew up into the branches and disappeared.

Here are a few of the 545 animals you helped us care for in 2017

Including 158 songbirds, 59 raptors, 53 water birds, 20 doves and pigeons, 16 corvids, 11 herons, 9 woodpeckers and 5 other birds, 193 land mammals, 15 aquatic mammals, 3 flying mammals and 3 amphibians or reptiles

Bald Eagle



This adult Bald Eagle was seen lying at the side of a road on Shaw Island one evening. We assumed it had been hit by a car, but when one of our volunteers sent it over to Wolf Hollow the following morning, we noticed symptoms of a very different problem. Both of its legs were rigid and stuck straight out in front, it barely reacted when we examined it, its crop was partially full even though it hadn't eaten for at least 12 hours, and it couldn't move its tail – all signs of acute poisoning. Sadly, it's not uncommon for raptors to feed on animals that have been poisoned and consequently suffer the effects of "secondary poisoning." There are hundreds of pesticides and other toxic compounds on the market and no quick test to determine which one we were dealing with, but the eagle needed help immediately. We tube fed her fluids and activated charcoal to bind with the poison and flush it from her body. We repeated this several times during the day, but by evening her head was drooping, and she was sitting on her hocks with her wings spread. We didn't think she would make it through the night. Surprise! Next morning, she was not only alive but alert and trying to move around. Her legs were

less rigid, her crop was empty and copious amounts of black droppings showed that the charcoal was doing its job. As we continued to treat her over the next few days, she made a rapid recovery. She was soon standing up and being hand-fed pieces of meat. By the following day she tried to fly in her indoor enclosure and was ready to move outside where she flew straight up to the top perch. After a few more days she was flying strongly in a large enclosure and was sent back to Shaw for release. We are so glad that someone found her before the poison had been completely absorbed into her system and done irreparable damage.

Harbor Seal

This seal pup had a tough start in life. When she was only a few days old, she somehow became separated from her mother and ended up stranded on a beach at a busy marina on Lummi Island, where lots of people thought it was fun to take selfies with the poor pup. Whatcom County Marine Mammal Stranding Network picked her up and transported to Wolf Hollow the following day.

She was weak, dehydrated, only weighed 13 pounds (normal birth weight is ~20 pounds) and had a serious umbilical infection, so she spent the first few days lying quietly under a heat lamp in our nursery area while we gave her fluids and medication and slowly introduced her to special high-fat seal formula. Gradually she started to be more active and splash around in her bath but she had bad digestive problems and wasn't gaining weight quickly, so more treatment was needed. Finally, when she had been with us for over a month, she recovered from all of her health problems, started to swim more actively in her pool and learned to eat fish on her own. From then on she didn't look back. She doubled her weight in 4 weeks and was a fat, healthy 51-pound seal when she was released with another youngster in mid-October.



Long-tailed Weasel

A woman in La Conner found her cat playing with a tiny, brown creature in her yard, and wasn't sure what it was. When we opened the transport box we found a long, thin, little animal with shiny brown fur – a baby Long-tailed Weasel. His eyes were still closed, and he had scratches on his shoulders, but we couldn't see any other injuries and the little weasel was moving around and squeaking. Most mammals that still have their eyes closed would need to be carefully fed formula from a syringe and tiny nipple. But weasels are tough little creatures that develop quickly and have a good set of teeth and voracious appetites before their eyes open at about five weeks. We put a dish of soaked kitten food and special formula next to the youngster and he slurped it all down right away. Apart from giving him antibiotics for the cat scratches, our main job from then on was to provide lots of food. He quickly graduated to munching down small pieces of meat and doubled his weight in the first week. His eyes opened and he started to climb around on the logs and hide in the tubes among the moss and grass in his large aquarium habitat. By the end of May he was well grown, active, feisty, was eating whole mice and was ready to take on life in the wild.



Hooded Merganser

This Hooded Merganser duckling was seen all alone in a yard in Friday Harbor. When the residents called we advised them to get it to us as soon as possible because these little creatures are very delicate and can quickly die of cold and stress. The tiny bird weighed only 27 g (about the same as five quarters) and still had the egg tooth on its beak, so was only a couple of days old.

We immediately put it into an incubator to warm up and gave it a feather duster “Mom”, and a mirror to make it feel like it had buddies. Merganser ducklings don't gape to be fed like songbirds do, but learn from their parents what food to peck at, so it can be very difficult to get them to eat on their own. We fed it tiny drops of liquid food every hour to keep it going and used tweezers to tap at food in a dish to mimic Mom. It picked at a few pieces, but wasn't eating well. Time for plan B! We put the little merganser in with two small Mallard ducklings that were eating on their own, and before long it was also slurping down tiny worms and other food. From then on the trio were inseparable. They snuggled under a heat lamp together and enjoyed swims in a tub, then, when they were bigger, moved into a larger outdoor enclosure where the merganser could dive to catch small fish. When they had grown all their feathers and were able to fly, the trio were released on a local pond.

2017 Statistics

Number of animals

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| Birds | 331 | 60.7% |
| Mammals | 211 | 38.7 |
| Amphibians/Reptiles | 3 | .6 |
| Total | 545 | |

Causes

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| Orphaned / Separated | 140 | 25.7% |
| Cat | 86 | 15.8 |
| Car | 63 | 11.5 |
| Window/Building | 35 | 6.4 |
| Nest Destroyed | 23 | 4.2 |
| Human Interference | 20 | 3.7 |
| Dog Attack | 20 | 3.7 |
| Unknown | 105 | 19.3 |
| Other | 53 | 9.7 |
| (netting, oiled, glue trap, disease) | | |

Results

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| Released | 239 | 43.8 |
| Euthanized | 170 | 31.2 |
| DOA | 79 | 14.5 |
| Died | 50 | 9.2 |

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Vet Clinics, Rehab Centers, and Animal Shelters

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| APS, Friday Harbor | Harbor Vet Services | Skagit Valley Humane Society |
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Barred Owl

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Remembering JoAnn Sample

JoAnn Sample passed away in late 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer. Over many years, JoAnn and her husband Ed Smith, Jr. were loyal supporters of Wolf Hollow. JoAnn had a great love for animals. She enjoyed feeding the hummingbirds in her backyard and watching for whales in the waters surrounding her homes on San Juan and Whidbey Islands. JoAnn has helped the animals at Wolf Hollow in a most personal way. Her estate gift in 2017 has made a lasting impact by supporting ongoing costs of providing the best possible care to wildlife in need. We're truly grateful as we honor her life and generosity to the animals.



Wolf Hollow Open House

Saturday, March 31st 11-3pm

You are invited! Come and tour our facility, meet staff and board members and help us kick off our 35th anniversary celebration.

Parking at Wolf Hollow is very limited, so please park in Friday Harbor, and catch the free shuttle bus generously provided by San Juan Transit. The bus will leave from outside the Grange Hall (152 N First Street) at 11, 12, 1 and 2 and leave from Wolf Hollow ~11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3pm.

We look forward to seeing you!

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Douglas Squirrel

Anna's Hummingbird

A family in Sedro-Woolley found this tiny fledgling hummingbird on the ground in their yard. They put it up in a tree away from local cats and watched, but after an hour no parents had returned, so they brought it inside and fed it sugar water from a dish. Sadly, it got sugar solution on its feathers, which became sticky and matted. When it arrived at Wolf Hollow we set it up in a "nest" in a covered basket, with a heating pad under it, and fed it special nectar from a syringe every 30 minutes. By the next morning it was strong enough to be washed so we carefully bathed its feathers and let it dry under a heat lamp. Now that it could move around more easily and could perch, it quickly learned to go to the syringes and drink whenever it wanted to. Two days later it surprised one of our interns by zooming out of the basket when she went to feed it, so it was obviously ready to fly. For the next couple of weeks it flew around in a fledgling cage visiting flowers and syringes of nectar before it was released in a local garden.

