# WILD TIMES

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## A Huge Team

How many people does it take to keep Wolf Hollow's work going? The answer is hundreds. Too many to count.

This includes the concerned people who call to report

injured or orphaned animals, the volunteers who donate their time to rescue and transport these creatures and the kind people who agree to carry them in their cars, planes or boats to San Juan Island. It takes the efforts of several people to get each injured animal to Wolf Hollow for the care it desperately needs. Often there are other people involved as well, including staff at vet clinics who examine injured creatures and provide initial care before the animal is sent to us.

When an animal reaches Wolf Hollow, our Rehab Staff, Interns and Animal Care Volunteers swing into action to carry out exams and treatment, provide nutritious diets, and take care of the dish-washing, cage cleaning and mountains of laundry that are an essential part of maintaining an effective rehabilitation program.

Once animals are ready to move to an outdoor enclosure for the final stages of rehabilitation, they benefit from the skills and hard work of our Facilities Manager and maintenance volunteer, who quietly work behind the scenes to keep all 30+ enclosures in good repair.

For the past 2 years our education program has been reduced as events and children's summer programs have not been taking place. However, our Education Coordinator has continued to work to increase people's awareness of wildlife and human impacts on these animals and their habitats. Just as it is with rehab, our education out-

reach program is the result of many people's efforts. We work with partners at local parks to carry out summer outdoor talks, and are happy to receive invitations from local organizations to provide presentations and activities.

None of this work would be possible without the funds that are needed to buy animal foods, medications and supplies, pay staff and maintain enclosures. Our Executive Director works hard to raise public awareness of Wolf Hollow, connect with supporters and write grant applications. Ultimately however, it is the support provided by generous individuals, families, foundations and organizations that keeps Wolf Hollow running. Everyone who donated funds, items from

our wish list, or goods and services, made a difference and is an essential part of the Wolf Hollow team.

In 2021 we received a very special boost at the end of the year. Donations had been flagging and we were concerned about covering essential costs, so we reached out to our supporters to help fill the funding gap. One very generous supporter immediately offered to match donations received in December, up to a total of \$90,000. Thanks to the many people who donated during that month, we not only reached but surpassed our goal. This enabled us to pay bills and catch up on some essential projects that had been put on hold. What a wonderful way to begin 2022! THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Wolf Hollow may have a small staff, but we have a huge team of people like you who make our work possible. THANK YOU!



#### Short-eared Owl

In mid-December, a woman was driving to work on Whidbey Island when she noticed an owl sitting at the side of the road. Later, she saw it in the same spot and became concerned. She gave us a call, carefully put the owl into a box and connected with our volunteers, who were able to send it over to Wolf Hollow. When he arrived, the owl was in bad shape. He was lethargic, his eyes were partially closed, his right wing drooped, he had blood in his left eye and bruising on the roof of his mouth. All of this suggested he had been hit by a car, but remarkably, radiographs showed no broken bones. We cleaned him up, gave him fluids, and meds for swelling and pain, then left him to rest. By next morning he had recovered a little. His eyes were mostly open, and he was eager to eat breakfast. From then on, he improved rapidly, and a week later he was ready to move into an outdoor enclosure where he could stretch his wings. Unfortunately, his release was delayed by heavy snow and strong winds, but in early January he was taken back to Whidbey Island where he swooped out of the transport carrier and flew out over open fields.

## In 2021 we cared for 484 animals, representing 90 species, including:

207 songbirds, 35 raptors, 36 water birds, 13 doves and pigeons, 9 corvids, 7 woodpeckers and 7 other birds, 155 land mammals, 5 aquatic mammals, 8 flying mammal and 2 amphibians or reptiles



## American Wigeon

This poor duck was found lying on its back in a ditch near Anacortes, with blood on its chest feathers. From the description we weren't sure what kind of duck it was and were surprised when we received the bird and discovered that it was an American Wigeon. Large numbers of these ducks spend the winter in our area, but we rarely get them for care. She was emaciated, had wounds on her chest and wasn't able to stand, so we cleaned her wounds, gave her meds and made a supportive "nest" of towels to keep her upright. She wasn't able to eat on her own so we tube-fed her a delicious waterfowl slurry several times a day. Finally, after 2 weeks of care, she was able to stand up properly and dabble in her food dish. After her wounds healed, she enjoyed spending more and more time swimming and carefully preening her feathers. After a week swimming and flying in an outdoor enclosure she was released near a wetland where a huge flock of wigeon had congregated. She circled overhead then landed among the other ducks.

"Every individual matters.

Every individual has a role to play.

Every individual makes a difference."

Jane Goodall

#### **GB** Heron

You don't expect to see a Great Blue Heron walking around in a parking lot, but in early September people reported seeing this adult heron walking among parked cars in the Skyline area of Anacortes for several hours. Our volunteers were able to capture him and send him over to Wolf Hollow. When we examined the heron, we found that he was thin and weak, and radiographs showed that he had a broken bone in the outer part of his left wing. Our vet thought it was a good candidate for surgery to pin the bone, so we wrapped the wing and provided food and care to get him stable for surgery. But, when he went to the vet, she discovered that the bone was already calcifying and bridging the break, so no surgery was needed. We continued to keep the wing wrapped, did physical therapy several times a week and took regular radiographs to make sure that the bone was healing well. Once the bone had completely healed, we moved him to an outside enclosure where he could stretch his wings, and he was soon demonstrating great flying skills. It was wonderful to see this big bird heal over the course of a few weeks, then be returned to the wild, where he flew and flew out across the bay.



## **Bald Eagle**

One morning in early August, a man who lives on San Juan Island was surprised to find a young Bald Eagle flapping around on the ground at the end of his driveway. It was tangled in blackberries along a fence line and was struggling to get free. Wolf Hollow staff went out and rescued the bird. It turned out to be a fledgling that had probably not been out of the nest for very long. It was very thin, and had an old wound on its right wing, which was weak and sore. As it had been so long since it had eaten, we had to very gradually reintroduce solid food to allow its digestive system to get up and running again. During this process, we were surprised to discover that this particular eagle preferred herring to salmon. Over the next few weeks its wing healed, it gained weight and moved into an outdoor enclosure. By September it was living in our Eagle Flight enclosure and flying back and forth to build up its strength and skills. When we opened the door of the enclosure in late fall, the young eagle took a few minutes to realize what was going on, then swooped out and headed off above the trees.



"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

-William Shakespeare



## Seal pups – 3 in a row

The first Harbor Seal pup of 2021 was brought to us for care in late June. Usually, early July is the peak of pupping season and a busy time for boating, so we get several injured or orphaned pups around that time. But no more pups arrived until late July when we received 3 pups in one day. They were all brought in by San Juan County Marine Mammal Stranding Network but came from very different parts of the archipelago. The first came from James Island, the second from San Juan and the third came over from Johns Island. They were only a few days old, were thin, weak, and had a range of small wounds and infections, but after several weeks of care they had recovered and were soon eating lots of fish and swimming around in our pools. By early September they were fat, healthy and ready for life in the wild. They were released together in a sheltered bay in mid-September.

### 2021 Statistics

Number of animals

Transferred

In Treatment (end of 2019)

Number of animals			
Birds	314	64.9%	
Mammals	168	34.7	
Amphibians or Reptiles	2	0.4	
Total	484		
Causes			
Orphaned or Separated	110	22.7%	
Unknown	91	18.8	
Cat Attack	67	13.9	
Hit by car	46	9.5	
Nest Destroyed	38	7.8	
Hit Window or Building	33	6.8	
Dog Attack	26	5.4	
Fell From Nest	24	5.0	
Other	49	10.1	
(fishing gear, shot, glue trap, poisoned, oiled, caught in fence, etc.)			
Results			
Released	173	35.8%	
Euthanized on Arrival	134	27.7	
Died	77	15.9	
DOA	65	13.4	
Euthanized	33	6.8	

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## Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center 2021 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

#### Staff and Board

Current Staff and Board Members are listed below. There were no changes in board members during 2021. Our thanks to our Board members for their efforts and support throughout the year.

Abby Fuhriman left her position as Wildlife Rehabilitator at Wolf Hollow at the end of September and Elizabeth Bukovec joined our full-time rehab staff at the beginning of 2022. Elizabeth was our Seasonal Rehabilitator in 2021 and worked with us from April through September. She then kindly agreed to stay on for 3 additional months to help out with animal care after Abby left. We are thankful to Elizabeth for all her work and enthusiasm throughout the summer and we look forward to working with her in the coming years.

We'd like to thank Abby for all her hard work during her years as a volunteer, seasonal rehabber, then full-time Wildlife Rehabilitator with Wolf Hollow. We will miss her but wish her all the best in her new role as Mom.

#### Rehab

Our rehab staff, interns and volunteers provided care for 484 animals, representing 90 species, during 2021. Stories of some of these animals, and rehab statistics for the year are included in this newsletter. A major challenge during the year was the outbreak of Deer Adenovirus Hemorrhagic Disease on the islands, which killed many deer including the fawns we had in care at Wolf Hollow in May.

#### Education

Our education outreach program saw a partial recovery in 2021, with some outdoor children's activities and summer talks at parks again taking place, in addition to virtual presentations. In 2021 we provided 92 activities and presentations, reaching 2550 people (compared to 17 activities reaching 589 people in 2020). This represents around half of the level reached in 2019 (113 activities, reaching 5428 people), so we are hoping to see a gradual increase in outreach as events and children's activities return in 2022.

#### **Interns**

Eight interns from within Washington State carried out wildlife rehabilitation internships with us in summer/fall 2021. They gained valuable hands-on experience working with a wide range of injured and orphaned wildlife during their 9-week internships at the rehab center. For the 2022 season we have returned to advertising our internships to colleges and universities throughout the US, so we will have out-of-state interns once again.

As few events and other summer activities were taking place in 2021, we did not recruit an Education Intern last year, but plan to fill this internship position for summer 2022.

#### **Facilities**

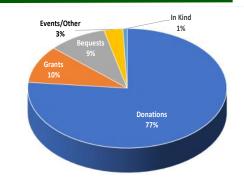
Thanks to generous grants and donations we were able to complete the following projects during 2021:

- Replaced the roof on our main building Thanks to Fly Guys Construction who donated their time and labor, and the Lions Club of Friday Harbor whose donation covered the costs of materials, we now have a nice new roof with no leaks.
- Installed new duckling tubs thanks to funds provided by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Wildlife Rehabilitation Grant Program.
- Completed construction of a third songbird aviary to replace an old aviary and complete a project generously funded by a family donation in memory of Raymond Van Buskirk
- **Replaced a rabbit enclosure.** We thank facilities maintenance volunteer Jerry McElyea for donating his time and skills to design and construct this new and improved enclosure.
- Replaced our old compost bins This project was completed by Friday Harbor High School student Levi Wolf as his community project. Our thanks to Levi and volunteer Jerry McElyea for designing and building a series of sturdy new bins that will last for many years.

#### 2021 Income

Donations Grants Bequests Events/Other In Kind	257,839 34,222 31,957 10,450
In Kind	2,346

**Total** \$336,814

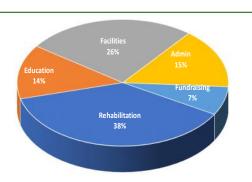


#### 2021 Expenses

Rehabilitation	\$117,623
Education	43,586
Facilities	81,348
Admin	47,839
Fundraising	22,912
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Total \$313,308

Net \$23,506



#### **Board of Directors**

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-Winston Churchill

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## Swallow nestling

This little Barn Swallow was found on the ground in a parking lot in Burlington. The nest was too high for the people to return the youngster, so it came to Wolf Hollow. The tiny swallow was only a few days old. Its eyes were beginning to open and it was just starting to grow feathers, but it immediately let us know that it was HUNGRY. It gaped wide, chirped to be fed and happily swallowed down the nutritious diet we offered every thirty minutes. Baby swallows grow fast, so within a week, it was fully feathered, perching and flapping its wings. After a few days of flight training with other young swallows they were released together, and we enjoyed watching as they flew high into the air above the rehab center.

## Discover Wolf Hollow Day April 2nd

Seal pools, aviaries and an eagle flight enclosure are just a few of the 30 enclosures on Wolf Hollow's 40-acre property. If you have ever been curious about the facilities needed to rehabilitate the wide range of species we care for, this is your chance to find out.

On Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, we invite you to visit Wolf Hollow for a behind-the-scenes tour of the facility led by members of our staff.

To stay Covid-safe, tours will include only the outdoor parts of our facility and we will limit tour groups to members of a single household. We will wear masks and stagger tour times so that groups don't come into contact. This is an opportunity to see the facility and understand more about our work, but **no wild patients can be on display.** 

Tours are by appointment and will start every half hour from 11am until 3pm. To book a time you are welcome to send an email to wolfhollow@wolfhollowwildlife.org, or give us a call at 360-378-5000. We're looking forward to seeing you!

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Barn swallow nestling

38 Years Caring for Wildlife



## Support Our Staff

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.

What do you think are the most important elements needed for Wolf Hollow to fulfill this mission? Facilities, foods, and medications immediately come to mind. But there is one essential part that is often overlooked – STAFF.

Wolf Hollow can only carry out its work because of our dedicated, experienced, qualified staff. We only employ 4 full-time and 1 part-time staff members, but between them they have many years of working experience and degrees in a range of subjects including Zoology, Biological Sciences, Ecology and Geography.

It is only fair that they be provided with reasonable compensation for their qualifications and experience. The challenge for a small non-profit organization like Wolf Hollow is to provide professional salaries, comply with state requirements and cover cost of living increases, while costs are soaring, especially on the San Juan Islands where our center is located. Salaries make up half of our yearly budget, but it is exceedingly difficult to raise funds to cover this cost. Granting foundations are often unwilling to cover salaries, so we must rely on donations from friends and supporters who recognize how essential our staff are in continuing Wolf Hollow's work.

If you'd like to find out how you can help support our staff, please contact Chanda, our director, at director@wolfhollowwildlife.org