

Goodbye 2020. Welcome 2021!

2020 was a difficult year and it would be easy to dwell on all of the challenges it posed, but there were also so many things to be thankful for.

At Wolf Hollow we are particularly thankful to our team of Animal Transport Volunteers who continued to rescue animals and arrange transportation out to the rehab center, even when this meant dealing with the difficulties of social distancing and limited ferry schedules. We also owe a debt of gratitude to vet clinics that provided initial care for wild creatures, and to other rehab centers that were willing to take animals from Skagit County when transport to the islands was most difficult, even though they were extremely busy themselves.

Our small core of on-site Animal Care Volunteers were very understanding when we had to discontinue volunteering for a while, then willingly returned, masked and ready to help as soon as this was possible. We are so grateful for our Seasonal Rehabber and Rehab Interns who were willing to be flexible and to work longer hours or extend their time with us in order to feed, clean and care for the many swallows, owls, eagles and seals that needed our help during the busy summer and fall seasons.

Throughout the year we were constantly amazed and gratified that people continued to care about injured and orphaned wild creatures, even amidst a human crisis. In fact, we probably received more calls last year because people were at home to notice when their cat caught a

wren, or a junco flew into their window. Our thanks to the many people who called to report an injured or orphaned wild animal and took that important step towards finding care for the creature.



None of our work in 2020 would have been possible without the many people who continued to provide financial support even in such difficult times. We were unable to organize fundraising events or conduct outreach programs in the usual way, so we are extremely grateful to the individuals, families, businesses and foundations who donated the funds, services and items from our wish list that kept Wolf Hollow running.

Now we are into a new year and are looking forward with optimism. 2021 got off to a great start, with the installation of a new roof on our main building, and we are looking forward to other advances and improvements in the coming months. We plan to recruit, train and involve more volunteers, and hope to gradually revive our education outreach program with some outdoor talks and activities.

There is nothing like the challenges and restrictions of a pandemic to make us all appreciate many of the simple things we used to take for granted.

Thank you for all your help and support in 2020 and our best wishes for 2021.

Rough-legged Hawk

Our last patient of 2020 was this beautiful Rough-legged Hawk. She was found on the ground, unable to fly, in a field in Skagit County in late December. She was thin and had a broken wing, but we don't know what caused the injury. These are not birds we see at Wolf Hollow very often because they nest up in the arctic tundra and are only winter visitors to our area. Initially she spent time in a small carrier indoors to prevent her moving the wing too much while it healed. But each week we took radiographs that showed that the broken bone was gradually knitting together. After four weeks her wing had healed well enough for her to be moved out to an enclosure where she could gradually stretch and strengthen her wings.. As I'm writing this she is flying back and forth in a large flight cage, so we hope she will be ready for release soon.

Here are a few of the 493 animals you helped us care for in 2020

Including 170 songbirds, 34 raptors, 45 water birds, 18 doves and pigeons, 7 corvids, 4 herons, 11 woodpeckers and 4 other birds, 187 land mammals, 11 aquatic mammals, 1 flying mammal and 1 reptile



Glaucus-winged Gull Chicks

Dozens of Glaucus-winged Gulls were nesting on the roof of a building in Blaine, WA, when it was demolished. All at once the wildlife rehab center in Whatcom County was inundated with 70 gull chicks ranging in age from hatching eggs to fledglings. Other rehab centers offered to help, and Wolf Hollow received a group of 10 nestlings. They still had their leopard-spotted downy heads but were beginning to grow grey feathers on their wings and body. Fortunately, young gulls are easy to raise. All we had to do was provide large quantities of nutritious food, clean up after them and watch them grow. After 6 weeks at Wolf Hollow they had grown sleek grey feathers and were flying around in our pool enclosure. When we released them, they flew out across the bay to join a group of gulls at the water's edge.

* **The Hummingbird** *
* Poem by Harry Kemp *
* The sunlight speaks. And it's voice is a bird: *
* It glitters half-guessed half seen half-heard *
* Above the flower bed. Over the lawn ... *
* A flashing dip and it is gone. *
* And all it lends to the eye is this - *
* A sunbeam giving the air a kiss. *

Great Blue Heron

It may look like something from the Muppets, but it is actually a young Great Blue Heron.

These herons nest high in the tree-tops, so people don't usually see the chicks until they are almost fully grown and ready to fly. But this youngster fell from its nest far too early and there was no way to get it back up there. Although it was only a few weeks old and still had tufts of down sticking up on its head, it took itself very seriously. It would raise its crest, open its big mouth and lunge at us with its beak. Over the next few weeks its neck and legs gradually grew longer, and all of its flight feathers grew in. It then spent a few weeks in our largest enclosure to practice its flying skills and build up its muscles before it was released on the shore of a sheltered bay.



Leach's Storm Petrel

Which bird is about the size of a robin, but has webbed feet? Answer — a Leach's Storm-Petrel.

These little birds spend most of their time far out to sea, so we rarely see them, but this bird landed on the ferry between San Juan and Anacortes. Luckily, someone spotted the petrel in a corner of the deck, so it was carefully picked up and taken to a local vet clinic, then transported over to Wolf Hollow. An examination and radiographs showed she had no injuries, so after a couple of days of food and rest, we were able to release her. There was a strong wind, but this delicate-looking bird wasn't deterred. Her long wings sliced through the air as she flew strongly out across the waves.



“We do not see nature with our eyes, but with our understandings and our hearts.”

-William Hazlitt



Harbor Seal Pup

This poor Harbor Seal pup was in bad shape when San Juan County Marine Mammal Stranding Network brought him to Wolf Hollow in early July. Several people had reported seeing him lying on the shore at a busy beach in San Juan Island National Historical Park. He was only a few days old, but was thin, dehydrated, weak, had a deep gash on his head, and his face was badly swollen. We cleaned his wounds, gave him fluids, started him on medication, then left him to rest under a heat lamp in our seal nursery. Over the next few days, the swelling gradually went down, and we were delighted when he felt well enough to splash around in his bath. It took a few weeks for his wound to heal completely and for him to gain strength so that he could join other seal pups out in a pool. Once he learned to eat fish on his own, he rapidly gained weight, and by the time he was released in early September he had grown into a fat, healthy 60-pound seal.

2020 Statistics

Number of animals

Birds	293	59.4%
Mammals	199	40.4
Amphibians or Reptiles	1	0.2
Total	493	

Causes

Orphaned or Separated	120	24.4%
Cat Attack	73	14.8
Hit by car	60	12.2
Dog Attack	32	6.5
Hit Window or Building	36	7.3
Nest Destroyed	35	7.1
Unknown	95	19.3
Other	42	8.4

(fishing gear, shot, glue trap, poisoned, oiled, caught in fence, etc.)

Results

Released	201	40.8%
Euthanized	171	34.7
DOA	59	12.0
Died	61	12.3
In Treatment (end of 2019)	1	0.2
Total	493	

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Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

2020 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.

During 2020, we were sorry to lose Susen Oseth as a member of our board. Our thanks to Susen for all her hard work and support during her many years serving on our board.

Our Seasonal Rehabilitator in 2020 was Rylie Chabot, who worked with us from April through September. Our thanks to Rylie for all her hard work and flexibility throughout a challenging summer.

Rehab

Our rehab staff, interns and volunteers provided care for 493 animals, representing 83 species in 2020. Stories of some of these animals and rehab statistics for the year are included in this newsletter. We cared for 54 more animals in 2020 than in 2019, which was particularly challenging in a year when we were working with fewer interns and animal care volunteers.

Education

Our education outreach program was severely curtailed during 2020. Almost all events, children's summer programs and talks at parks were canceled. We were happy to partner with other organizations to give virtual presentations and take part in virtual events. In 2020 we took part in 17 activities, reaching 589 people (compared to 113 activities, reaching 5428 people in 2019.) We also increased the educational component of our social media by including wildlife quizzes and activities.

Interns

Five students from within Washington State completed wildlife rehabilitation internships with us in summer/fall 2020 and gained valuable experience caring for a wide range of injured and orphaned wildlife. Sadly, in order to reduce Covid risks during travel, it was necessary to cancel the internships of several out-of-state interns and work with a total of only 5 interns throughout the summer, rather than our usual 8. Our education internship was also canceled.

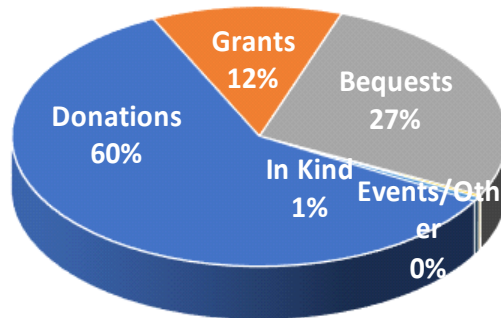
Facilities

Thanks to generous grants and donations, our Facilities Manager and volunteers carried out the following projects in 2020:

- Completed construction of an enclosure for small mammals, to replace an older structure. Our thanks to the Summerlee Foundation for granting the funds to make this possible.
- Replaced worn visual barrier on our fawn enclosure, using part of a grant provided by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Rehabilitators Grant Program.
- Dismantled the third of our old songbird aviaries and started constructing a new one, using funds generously provided by a family donation in memory of Raymond Van Buskirk.

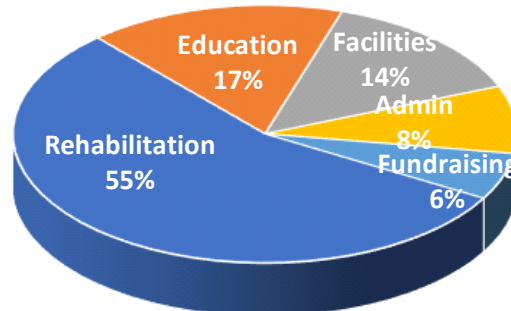
2020 Income

Donations	\$214,660
Grants	44,775
Bequests	97,643
Events/Other	1,031
In Kind	2,017
Total	\$360,126



2020 Expenses

Rehabilitation	\$167,282
Education	50,223
Facilities	42,574
Administrative	25,756
Fundraising	17,856
Total	\$303,691
Net	\$56,435



Board of Directors

Marc Brown – President
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Staff

Chanda Stone – Executive Director
 Penny Harner – Wildlife Rehabilitator
 Abby Fuhriman – Wildlife Rehabilitator
 Shona Aitken – Education Coordinator
 Mark Billington – Facilities Manager
 Susan Waters – Volunteer Coordinator

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SR3
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Rehab Seasonal Staff & Interns

Rylie Chabot
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Victoria Robertson

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Education Program

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La Conner Chamber of Commerce

San Juan Island Library
The Whale Museum
Friday Harbor Live
Skagit County Marine Resources Committee

San Juan County Fair
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"Giving is not just about making a donation, it is about making a Difference."

-Kathy Calvin



New small animal enclosure

Facilities Support

Sarah and Scott Boden
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White-crowned Sparrows

In late July two tiny nestling birds were brought to us after their nest was destroyed when someone was clearing bushes. She didn't notice the little creatures until they had been dumped in the back of her truck with all the branches. Their eyes were just opening, and they were beginning to grow feathers, but they had healthy appetites and would eagerly gape to be fed every 30 minutes. In only two weeks, these little native sparrows had grown all their feathers and were flying around in an aviary, building up strength and flight skills for life back in the wild.

Discover Wolf Hollow

Have you ever wondered what our seal care area looks like or how big our eagle flight cage is? Now is your chance to find out.

On Saturday, March 27th, 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, we will only be visiting the outdoor parts of our facility and will be limiting each small tour group to members of a single household. We will all wear masks, maintain social distancing and stagger tour times so that groups will not come into contact. This is an opportunity to take a look at our facility and understand what goes on at a Wildlife Rehab Center, but no wild patients will be on display.

Tours are by appointment only and will start every half hour from 11am until 3pm. To book a time for a tour 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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White-crowned Sparrow chicks



We have a New Roof!

We started to raise funds to replace the leaky roof on our main building in 2019. Thanks to generous support from the Lions Club of Friday Harbor and many individuals who donated through San Juan Island Community Foundation, and Orcas Island Community Foundation Give Orcas Holiday Catalog 2019, we had raised the necessary funds by spring 2020. Then COVID-19 hit, and shortly afterwards Wolf Hollow entered the busy summer season when many animals were housed in the building and doing such large-scale, noisy work was not possible.

Then, in fall 2020, Fly Guys Construction stepped forward to offer their help and we were able to move ahead with the project. Donations paid for all the materials and Fly Guys donated their time and labor. Bakery San Juan kindly donated food for the crew.

Now we have a brand-new roof and no more leaks and drips. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

