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Help Us Meet Our Goal

Wolf Hollow has been in operation for 38 years and we plan to continue for at least 38 more, but right now we must focus on shorter term goals.

We would like to go into 2022 feeling strong and ready to take on the new year, with funding to feed and care for our wild patients, pay our professional staff and maintain our facility. That is such a modest goal. Couldn't we come up with something more exciting and adventurous? Absolutely! We have no end of ideas about ways we'd like to develop our operations, improve our programs and enhance our facilities. But, after a year of soaring costs and plummeting donations, we must be realistic. First, we must ensure that we can continue to operate and provide a service to injured wildlife and our local community. Then, when these costs are covered, we can dream and plan for future improvements. Sadly, that is the reality of small non-profit organizations.

But we are hopeful. We believe we can do it. Why? Because we have YOU in our corner.

In 2020 support from generous donors and CARES Act grant funds kept Wolf Hollow afloat, but in 2021 we saw a 25% reduction in funding compared to 2020. This past year we received some generous donations, for which we are extremely grateful, and also received a few grants that enabled us to carry out essential projects. However, grants cover only a small

percentage of our running costs and are often targeted for specific projects such as improving enclosures or purchasing specialized equipment.

Wolf Hollow does not regularly receive funding from county, state, or federal governments, so we rely on donations from individuals, companies, and foundations. You have shown time and time again just how much you care about wildlife in need, so with your support we know we can reach our goal.

We need to raise \$90,000 before the end of 2021 and you can help. How? There are several different ways:

- Donate now (or again) if you can. (visit our web site wolfhollowwildlife.org.)
- Become a matching partner for our end-of-year giving campaign. (Email director@wolfhollowwildlife.org if you can offer this incentive in any amount).
- Share Wolf Hollow posts on your social media. Hash tags help get the word out.
- Be a Wolf Hollow Ambassador by running a Peer-to-Peer campaign. What is that? Contact me and I can set it up for you.
- Become a monthly donor so we can plan ahead.
- Own a business? Become a corporate sponsor.
- Organize a fundraising event to benefit Wolf Hollow.
- Use Amazon Smile for your holiday shopping and choose Wolf Hollow to benefit from your purchases.



Fox Squirrel kit



Common Nighthawk

Every donation is important and small donations from many people can go a long way. If each household that receives this newsletter donated just \$10, we would make a major stride towards reaching our goal. Can you help? Together, we can ensure that Wolf Hollow not only survives but thrives in 2022 and beyond.

Chanda Stone

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Interns 2021



Eight young people from all over Washington State carried out Wildlife Rehabilitation Internships at Wolf Hollow during summer and fall 2021. Each spent 9 weeks with us and learned skills ranging from tube-feeding seal pups and hand-feeding tiny nestling swallows to catching squirrels and setting up enclosures for owls. They observed intake exams and helped release animals back into the wild. Our last intern of the year left in late October and we are now accepting applications for 2022. Any young person (18 or over) who is interested in applying should visit our web site for further information and an application form at wolfhollowwildlife.org/education/internships



'Bye Abby!

At the end of September, we sadly said goodbye to Abby Fuhriman, who had been one of our 2 full-time wildlife rehabbers for the past two years. She began as a volunteer in 2018 and was our seasonal rehabber in winter 2019 before becoming a full-time staff member in 2020. Abby left her position at Wolf Hollow so that she and her husband could travel to spend time with their families before the arrival of their new baby early next year.

We will miss Abby so much but wish her all the best in her new role as Mom. Her experience doing midnight feeds for infant squirrels and seal pups might come in handy.

We are also very thankful to Elizabeth Bukovec who has been our Seasonal Rehabber throughout the summer and has agreed to continue working with us to help cover rehab duties until the end of the year. Thank You Elizabeth!

An Unexpected Success

Sometimes we get a pleasant surprise when an injured animal heals much better and faster than we expect. This happened this fall with an adult Great Blue Heron that arrived thin, weak and unable to fly. When we did an intake exam and took radiographs, we discovered that the ulna of the left wing was broken. Luckily the break was in the middle of the bone, not near a joint, and the pieces were not touching the radius, (the other long bone in the outer part of the wing). When we consulted our vet, she agreed that the injury was an excellent candidate for surgery, so the heron was sent off to the vets. However, when Dr. Besel began the surgery, she found that the ulna was already repairing itself and was stabilizing. So, she put on a wing wrap and sent the bird back to us for care. We continued to keep the wing wrapped, did physical therapy every other day for a week then took more radiographs. We were concerned because it looked like the calcifying bone may be bridging over to the radius, which would mean that the bones would fuse, the bird would be unable to rotate that part of its wing and wouldn't be able to fly. However, a week later, the next radiograph showed that the two bones were remaining separate, and the break was healing well. We moved the heron outside for some stretching room and soon it was demonstrating great flying skills in our larger enclosures. After about a month of care we took the heron to False Bay and bid it adieu. It was wonderful to see this big bird be returned to the wild, where it flew and flew out across the bay.



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Summer Talks at Parks

After a year with no public events or in-person presentations in 2020, our Education Coordinator was happy to be able to return to giving outdoor presentations at local parks throughout the summer of 2021. She visited 4 local parks each week and chatted with over 1,900 local people and visitors. We'd like to thank the staff and volunteers at San Juan County Park, Lime Kiln Point State Park and San Juan Island National Historical Park (American and English Camps) for providing these opportunities to reach so many people and answer their questions about local wildlife.



Evening wildlife talk at San Juan County Park

Become a Wolf Hollow Volunteer

There are many different ways you can volunteer for Wolf Hollow. If you live on San Juan you could volunteer in Animal Care at the rehab center. If you live on another island in San Juan County or in Skagit County, we'd love to have you as an Animal Transport Volunteer. Or you could work with our Executive Director as a Volunteer Administrative Assistant, Social Media Manager, or Event Coordinator. If any of these opportunities sound like something you would enjoy, please give us a call at 360-378-5000 or send email to wolfhollow@wolfhollowwildlife.org.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Barn swallow nestling



Red-tailed Hawk

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Chanda Stone – Executive Director
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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.

Statistics through October 2021

Number of Animals

Birds	277	62.4%
Mammals	165	37.2
Amphibians or Reptiles	2	0.4
Total	444	

Causes

Orphaned / Separated	99	22.3%
Cat Attack	63	14.2
Hit by Car	30	6.8
Nest Destroyed	38	8.5
Hit Window / building	31	7.0
Dog Attack	26	5.8
Fell From Nest	24	5.4
Unknown	88	19.8
Other	45	10.1
<i>(fishing gear, shot, glue trap, fence, oiled)</i>		

Results

Released	165	37.2%
Euthanized	149	33.6
DOA	57	12.8
Died	68	15.3
In treatment	5	1.1
Total	444	

Wolf Hollow Board of Directors

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Successful Online Auction

In August we held our first online auction. As with all our work, it would not have taken place without generous donors. We truly appreciate all the businesses and individuals who came forward with gift certificates, excursions, handmade items, antiques, and gift baskets. The event raised over \$11,000 for wildlife, exceeding our expectations. A huge thank you to those businesses shown here, as well as Marc Brown, Gayle King, Lori Stokes, Jeffrey and Alicia Carnevali, Friday Harbor Storage, LLC, Douglas Hunt, Suzi Wong Swint, Abby Fuhriman, Chanda Stone, Penny Harner, Marie Dunne, Shona Aitken, Mack J. Davis, Eric Kessler, Tuck Stone, Shelley McGuire, Jaime Ellsworth, and Camille Layton. **THANK YOU** from all of us at Wolf Hollow to all the donors and bidders who made the event such a great success.



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*38 Years
Caring for Wildlife*



Hungry squirrel babies



Wish List

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen Seafood (salmon, prawns, crab etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom tissue (unbleached) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copier Paper (high recycled content) | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hose Nozzles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen Meats (beef, lamb, chicken, venison (not pork!)) | <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries (CR123A for observation cameras) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Packing Tape | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Hands packs (to keep young creatures warm during transport) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energizer Rechargeable Batteries (AA, AAA, C) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Soap (not antibacterial) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage Bags (13 & 33 gal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dish Soap (low perfume, biodegradable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen scrub brushes | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Chips for paths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Masking Tape | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Shears |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cotton Cosmetic pads | <input type="checkbox"/> Small animal exercise wheels |

Holiday Gift Ideas

Are your children fascinated by eagles or do your friends enjoy watching hummingbirds at their feeders? We have the perfect gift for them – a Wolf Hollow Adoption Packet. Choose from 10 different animals, ranging from a River Otter or Flying Squirrel to a Great Blue Heron or Saw Whet Owl. Each packet includes photos of the animal, the story of an individual animal that was cared for at Wolf Hollow, and natural history notes about the species. It also contains an adoption certificate that you can personalize with the recipient's name. You have the satisfaction of knowing that these symbolic adoptions will help us care for many injured and orphaned animals in the months to come.

wolfhollowwildlife.org/adoption-program

Or perhaps a Wolf Hollow hat, T-shirt or sweatshirt would fit the bill? Take a look on our web site:

wolfhollowwildlife.org/news/wolf-hollow-holiday-gifts