

## How many people?

How many people does it take to rehabilitate a little owl?

This is not a joke or a trick question. On the surface it would seem that it should only take one or two people to treat a small owl and release it back into the wild. But, in fact, many more individuals are involved in taking a wild creature from rescue to release.

First there is the person who finds the little owl sitting on her deck, and is concerned because it can't fly. What should she do? She doesn't know about wildlife rehab centers, so she carefully scoops the owl into a box and takes it to her local vet clinic. The staff at the vet clinic call Wolf Hollow. We contact our nearest available Animal Transport Volunteer who makes sure that the owl is in a secure box and takes it to the ferry landing, where she finds a local person who is willing to take the box in their car over to Friday Harbor. When they arrive, they are met by a Wolf Hollow intern who collects the owl and brings it out to the rehab center.

A staff member examines the bird, discovers that it has a head injury and gives it medication. Over the next few days the owl is treated and fed until it is well enough to be moved out into an aviary to complete its recovery. After 3 weeks it's flying well and is ready to go back into the wild. One of our board members is travelling to the mainland, so she offers to transport the owl to a volunteer, who takes it back to its home area and watches as it flies out of the carrier and up into the trees. Success!

How many people helped make this happen?

About 10 different people directly assisted in transporting or caring for the owl. But, there are many, many others who made it possible. Several animal care volunteers delivered the owl's food, laundered the bedding and cleaned the enclosures, and our Facilities Manager and volunteers built the aviary where the owl was housed, and kept it in good repair. Behind the scenes, making all this possible, were the individuals and organizations who donated the funds that paid for the food and medication that kept the little owl alive, and also covered hidden but essential costs such as staff salaries and electricity.

How many people does it take to rehabilitate one little injured owl? The answer is MANY!

Wolf Hollow cares for over 500 injured and orphaned wild creatures each year and each one of them has a similar story. Without all of these people playing their part, none of this would be possible. No wild animals could be rehabilitated and no wildlife

education programs could be carried out. Wolf Hollow would grind to a halt.

Whether you are a volunteer, a staff member at a vet clinic or rehab center, a business that supplies goods or services, or a supporter who donates funds, you are an essential part of the Wolf Hollow team and we couldn't do it without you.

THANK YOU – from the staff and board of Wolf Hollow and hundreds of feathered and furred wild creatures. We look forward to working with all of you in 2019.



*Saw whet Owl*

## Brown Creeper

A person in Oak Harbor found a tiny nestling bird lying on the ground in their yard, next to an egg and a dead sibling. They rescued it and it was sent over to Wolf Hollow. When we examined the little bird, we discovered that it had the distinctive narrow, curved beak of a Brown Creeper. Apart from some damaged feathers, the bird was relatively healthy and was soon begging for food. At first it was easy to feed. It gaped wide and we popped in pieces of special high-protein food every ~30 minutes, but as it got older feeding became more challenging. Creepers spend their lives climbing up tree trunks or clinging to large branches, so they are rarely horizontal. We found ourselves bending at crazy angles to feed the little bird as it hung upside down from the roof of its cage. Luckily this stage didn't last long. It was soon eating on its own and flying around in an outside aviary.

When it was released, it flew to the nearest tree trunk and inched its way up, poking its beak into crevices in the bark.





## Here are a few of the 547 animals

Including 163 songbirds, 38 raptors, 68 water birds, 21 ducks, 10 other birds, 200 land mammals, 16 aquatic mammals.

### Peregrine

In late February this young Peregrine was found hopping around on the ground in a back yard on San Juan Island. It was frantically flapping its wings but was unable to get off the ground. When we examined it we found that one wing and leg were swollen, bruised and sore, it had small, fresh wounds on its head and chest and a scrape across the top edge of its beak.

We started by giving it medication for pain and inflammation then took radiographs to help assess the damage. There were no obvious broken bones but we were concerned that muscles and tendons may be damaged so we kept the bird in a small enclosure to prevent it from using the wing too much. At first it was stressed and wouldn't eat on its own, but after a day of being handled it suddenly realized that free food was being offered and ripped into its breakfast. After three weeks of care, the swelling and bruising had gone down and we were

able to move the young falcon into an outdoor enclosure. It flew clumsily at first, but slowly improved and by mid-April was ready to fly further. Peregrines have to be in peak condition to hunt effectively, so the falcon spent a month in our large eagle flight enclosure building up its strength and endurance before we opened the release hatch and let it fly free.

### Black-tailed Deer Fawn

At the beginning of June this young fawn was found next to his dead mother on the side of a road on Lopez. One of our volunteers was able to get the traumatized little animal into a pet carrier and transport him over to the rehab center.

Most orphaned fawns we receive are only a few days old, so they quickly adapt to being fed from a bottle and could become habituated to being around people if we didn't minimize our interaction with them. But this youngster was over 2 weeks old, and was more wary. He didn't want to be touched, was easily spooked by any movement in the room and took several days to get used to drinking formula. As soon as possible we moved him out to the fawn barn with other youngsters, then opened the doors so they could all go out into the fawn yard to lie in sunny spots hidden in the bushes. As the fawns grew throughout the summer, we could always tell him apart from the others because he was the last to come to the bottle rack and the first to run off if something moved. When they were released in November the young deer were all well grown, had changed from their baby spots to their brown adult coats and the little buck was sporting small antler knubs. Guess who was the first to leap out of the trailer and disappear into the woods?



## Animals you helped us care for in 2018

loves and pigeons, 12 corvids, 7 herons, 6 woodpeckers and 4  
ic mammals, 11 flying mammals and 1 reptile

### River Otters

We raised four River Otter kits during the summer and fall of 2018. Each came from a different area, but they all arrived within a few weeks in mid-June to early July. This is the time when otter kits are about 10-12 weeks old, are beginning to leave the den to follow Mom, and first encounter cars, dogs and many other hazards that can lead to their becoming orphaned or separated from their mother. Although they weren't from the same family, the kits quickly became inseparable. They made a great mess together as they learned to eat solid food, and went for their first short swims in a shallow tub before rolling and rubbing to dry their fur. As the summer continued, they moved into a large outdoor enclosure with a pool where they swam and rolled in their hay box together, fell asleep on top of each other and learned how to catch live fish and crabs. By late fall they were well grown and ready to tackle life in the wild. When they were released on the shores of a sheltered bay, they ran along the shore investigating the rocks and driftwood and splashing in and out of the water.



### Mallard Ducklings

Customers at a store in Mt Vernon heard peeping sounds coming from a storm drain in the parking lot. When the store staff investigated they found that three tiny mallard ducklings had fallen through the grate, down into the drain and couldn't get out. It took some ingenuity and perseverance, but with the help of one of our animal transport volunteers, they were able to rescue the ducklings and send them over to Wolf Hollow.

The ducklings were only a few days old but luckily hadn't been stuck in the drain too long so they were active and peeping loudly. We set them up in a tub with a heat lamp and a feather duster "Mom", and they were soon tucking into their food. Each day they went for short swims and enjoyed splashing and ducking for mealworms. They tripled their size in only 3 weeks. By mid-June they were big enough to move in with other young ducks in an outdoor pool enclosure and by July, were fully grown, had all their feathers and were starting to fly. The interns who released them on a nearby lake enjoyed listening to the contented sloshing noises as the group of ducks sampled fresh pond weed as they swam off through the rushes.

### 2018 Statistics

#### Number of animals

Birds	319	58.3%
Mammals	227	41.5
Amphibians & Reptiles	1	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>547</b>	

#### Causes

Orphaned or Separated	140	25.6
Unkown	98	17.9
Cat Attack	65	11.9
Hit by Car	61	11.1
Nest Destroyed	60	10.9
Dog Attack	30	5.5
Window	25	4.6
Fell from Nest	15	2.8
Disease	7	1.3
Other	46	8.4
(fishing gear, mower, trap, fence, poison, human interference)		

#### Results

Released	267	48.8
Euth	156	28.5
DOA	87	15.9
Died	32	5.9
Transferred	2	0.4
In treatment (end of Dec)	3	0.5
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# Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

## 2018 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 Volunteers

Current Staff Members are listed below.

In 2018, we said farewell to two staff members. In July, Amy Saxe-Eyler stepped down from the Executive Director position and in September we welcomed Chanda Stone as our new ED. In November, Vicki Taylor left Wolf Hollow after 6 years as Wildlife Rehabilitator, and in January 2019 we welcomed Megan Perry as our new rehab staff member. We are very grateful to Amy and Vicki for all of their hard work and dedication during their time at Wolf Hollow, and wish them well in their future ventures.

Our thanks to Seasonal Rehabber, Ellie Hahn, who worked with us for 6 months during the busy summer season.

#### Rehab

Our rehab staff, interns and volunteers provided care for 547 animals, representing 93 species in 2018. Stories of a few of these animals and complete rehab statistics for the year are included in this newsletter.

#### Education

Our education staff and volunteers took part in 130 presentations and activities during 2018, reaching an estimated 4611 people. This included weekly talks at local parks, hands-on activities with school classes and children's groups, presentations to organizations and groups and taking education displays to events in San Juan and Skagit Counties.

#### Interns

Six students from around the country completed wildlife rehabilitation internships with us during summer and fall, and gained valuable hands-on experience with a wide variety of wildlife. One student also joined us as education intern for the summer to assist with presentations, events and children's summer programs.

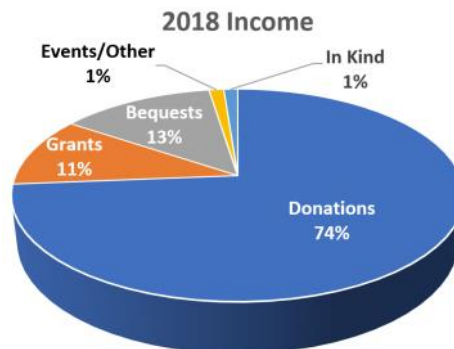
#### Facilities

Thanks to generous grants and donations, our Facilities Manager and volunteers made the following improvements in 2018:

- Replaced the second of our 3 songbird aviaries with a new and improved enclosure, thanks to a generous gift in memory of Raymond Van Buskirk.
- Constructed a platform to support our duckling rearing tubs, using funds provided by WDFW's Wildlife Rehabilitators Grant Program. Work on the platform and the songbird aviary was carried out with the assistance of a group of students from Arizona State University, who spent their spring break helping with various projects on the San Juans.
- Built a new enclosure for Madrona, a Red-tailed Hawk, who is one of our un-releasable education birds. This was made possible by a generous donation from the ANDAH Foundation.
- Dismantled our raccoon weaning cage and began work to rebuild the enclosure.

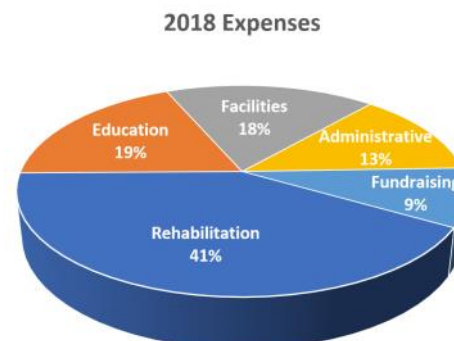
#### 2018 Income

Donations	\$159,456
Grants	23,255
Bequests	28,336
Events/Other	2,732
In Kind	2,573
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$216,352</b>



#### 2018 Expenses

Rehabilitation	\$106,482
Education	48,054
Facilities	46,158
Administrative	33,411
Fundraising	22,824
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$256,929</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>-\$40,576</b>



#### Board of Directors

Marc Brown – President  
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#### Staff

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

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# Our Thanks to the many Individuals, Organizations & Businesses who supported Wolf Hollow in 2018

**In Memory of**  
Scott Van Buskirk

## Rehab Support

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## Vet Clinics, Rehab Centers, and Animal Shelters

APS, Friday Harbor APS, Orcas Best Friends Vet Clinic Chuckanut Valley Vet Clinic Fidalgo Animal Medical Center	Harbor Vet Services N Cascades Vet Clinic PAWS Wildlife Center Pet Emergency Clinic Sarvey Wildlife Care Center	Skagit Valley Humane Society Whatcom County Humane Society, Wildlife Division
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## Rehab Seasonal Staff & Interns

Ellie Hahn Lindsey Burley	Adrianna Pollee Erin Massey Hannah Burge	Kinsey Coffing Katie Phillips
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*Baby Douglas Squirrel*

## Education Program

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## Events

Jill Berger  
Erin Braybrook  
Judith Carter  
Parin Columna  
Kyle and Cady Davies  
Nikki Ruggiero  
San Juan Transit



*Gull chick*

## Facilities Support

Jerry McElyea  
Bruce Rebhan  
Arizona State University  
student group  
Girl Scout Troop 41873

## Business Members and Supporters

Bellingham Cold Storage Concrete Technology Corporation Lance Franklin Music LOEA Design Network for Good Pawki's Pet Boutique	Phoenix Central Labs Rosario Resort San Juan Airlines San Juan Island Chamber of Commerce San Juan Safaris San Juan Transit	Skagit Valley College Skagit Wild Bird Supply Stillpoint School The Whale Museum Tif & Gif Creative Valmark, Inc. Washington State Ferries
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## Employer Matching Gifts

Alaska Airlines Costco Wholesale Corp Expedia Group	Microsoft Corporation Oracle Corporation PG&E Corporation	Washington State Combined Fund Drive
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## Volunteers

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## Welcome Megan!

Megan Perry joined our staff as Wildlife Rehabilitator in late January, but she is no stranger to Wolf Hollow

Megan first visited San Juan Island in 2010 for an internship at Wolf Hollow. The experience sparked her interest in wildlife rehabilitation, so she returned as our Seasonal Rehabilitator in the summers of 2013 and 2017. She graduated with a BA in Human Development from Long Beach State University in 2009, and returned to school to earn her AS in Veterinary Technology from Carrington College, CA, in 2015. She has worked at several veterinary hospitals but always wanted to get back into wildlife rehab work. We are delighted to have Megan as part of our team and look forward to working with her in the months to come.



## Wolf Hollow Open House

**Saturday, April 6th 11-3pm**

Have you ever wondered where we keep seal pups or what enclosures are needed to rehabilitate eagles? Here is your chance to find out. The animals we care for can't be on display, but this is our quiet time of year, so we can show people round our facility without disturbing any patients.

Come and tour the facility, meet staff, board members and volunteers, and learn more about the work we do.

We have very limited parking space at Wolf Hollow, so San Juan Transit has very generously offered to provide a **free shuttle bus** between Friday Harbor and Wolf Hollow. Shuttles will leave from outside the Grange Hall (152 N First Street) at 11, 12, 1 and 2pm and leave Wolf Hollow at 11.30, 12.30, 1.30, 2.30 and 3pm.

We look forward to seeing you.

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*Robin fledgling*

## Vaux Swifts

When a family in Burlington removed a nest from their chimney this summer, they found four strange-looking young birds. Their eyes were closed, they were covered in spikey pin feathers and they had huge mouths. They looked more like little dinosaurs than birds. It took us a little while to identify them as nestling swifts. They were slightly dehydrated, but otherwise healthy and were eager to gulp down mouthfuls of special insectivore diet. We set them up in an artificial nest, where they sat quietly until there was the slightest movement or sound nearby. Then they immediately started a loud, high-pitched chatter to let us know they were hungry. For three weeks we always knew when someone had closed a door or made a sound that set off the swifts again. We enjoyed watching the stages as their eyes opened and their feathers grew in until they finally looked like real birds. Swifts don't perch on branches, they cling vertically, so when they were learning to fly, we had to set up a special enclosure with lots of surfaces to cling to. For their release, one of our volunteers took them to an area on the mainland where swifts congregate, and watched as they flew up to join the other birds swirling overhead.

