

Online Auction

Our second annual Online Auction was a huge success, thanks to all the generous donors and fantastic bidders. Huge thanks to everyone who participated. There were 492 bids, (twice as many as last year), and 9,787 views of the auction. The event raised over \$6,000 to help support our work during the height of our busy baby season. THANK YOU!

Seasonal Housing

While Wolf Hollow has housing for the hard-working interns who join our staff each summer, finding housing for the seasonal rehabber who works with us for six months each year is difficult and very expensive. As a long-term solution, we plan to place a “tiny house” near the other buildings on our property.

A generous donor has come forward and offered to match donations up to a total of \$15K made towards this project. If you would like to help us meet this match, email Chanda Stone at director@wolfhollowwildlife.org or find the donation link on our website www.wolfhollowwildlife.org. Thank you!

Welcome Rachael

Our Seasonal Wildlife Rehabilitator this summer is Rachael Harmon. Rachael was an intern with us last summer and returned this year to continue gaining experience of wildlife rehabilitation. She graduated from Western Washington University in June 2021 with a degree in Environmental Science and a minor in Music. Rachael is enjoying spending the summer training new interns and working with rehab staff to learn new animal care skills.



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Young Hooded Mergansers



Something new and different

What is black and fluffy, about the size of a grapefruit and has short, black legs and rubbery, webbed feet?

We were really puzzled when a vet clinic in Anacortes called to tell us someone had just dropped off this young bird and they weren't sure what it was. What could it be? Staff at the vet clinic thought it was a baby puffin and they weren't far wrong. The little chick turned out to be a Pigeon Guillemot. These black birds with white wing flashes and bright orange feet are relatively common around the islands, and you may see adults swimming, then diving underwater to catch small fish. But they usually nest deep in rock crevices or burrows in steep banks along the shore, so how did anyone come across a chick that was only a few days old? We will probably never know the circumstances, but we have never seen a baby guillemot at Wolf Hollow before, so we are enjoying watching as it grows and develops.



Two Little Foxes

There are quite a few Red Foxes on San Juan Island, but we don't often receive them for care. Partly this is because the most common causes of injury are being hit by cars or attacked by dogs, and sadly, few foxes survive either of these incidents.

However, this May, two tiny Red Fox kits were found in unusual circumstances and were brought to us for care. The first kit needed help because it had fallen into a flooded post hole and couldn't get out. It was only about 4-5 weeks old and was probably on one of its first trips from the den when it fell in the hole. It must have been struggling for a while, because it was cold, wet, exhausted and barely conscious when the people brought it to us. We quickly put her in an incubator to warm up and gave her supplemental oxygen. An hour later she began to stir and move around a little, so we moved her into a pet carrier with a heating pad to keep her warm. She gradually recovered and a few hours later was happily slurping down a bowl of formula and soaked kitten food. She only weighed 612 grams (21.6 oz) and still had her fluffy puppy coat, but was feisty and growly when we handled her.

The second kit was brought to us 2 weeks later but was even smaller. She was found in the mud room of a house, and nobody could figure out how she got there. The people searched for a den, parents or other kits nearby, but couldn't find any trace. The homeowners have a large dog and there was a lot of construction going on around the house, so there was no safe place to leave the kit, just in case the parents returned for her.

Visit Our New Web Site

Wolf Hollow's web site had served us well for many years, but to keep up with new technology it was time to update the look and functionality of the site. Thanks to a generous grant from San Juan Island Community Foundation and many hours of work by web designer Anne Francis, we now have a fresh, redesigned web site. We will continue to work on updating content but invite you to visit the new site to take a look.

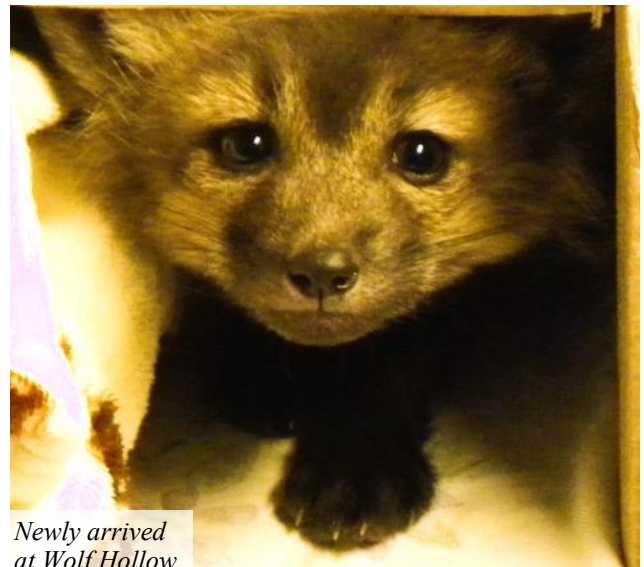
<https://wolfhollowwildlife.org/>

Once we were sure that she was healthy and strong, she was moved into an indoor enclosure with the first kit and after a few minutes of sniffing and checking each other out, they were soon snuggled up together, fast asleep in their den box.

At first, they only had tiny, puppy teeth, so their diet was soaked kitten food and special formula. But gradually their teeth developed, and they were able to be weaned off formula and introduced to meat pieces and whole foods. They grew rapidly, and by the time they were 8-9 weeks old, they had tripled in weight and were ready to live in an outdoor enclosure equipped with a den box and hiding places. Over the past few weeks, we have watched them develop from small fuzzy kits with short noses and rounded ears, into gangly young foxes with slender bodies, long legs, long noses and big pointed ears. Fox kits often stay with their parents until fall, so these youngsters will spend a few more months with us, learning how to catch live prey and growing big and strong enough to have a good chance of survival in the wild when they are released.



Fox kit in outdoor enclosure



Newly arrived at Wolf Hollow

News in Brief

- Mar 26 First baby animals – 3 tiny Townsend’s vole infants, dug up by a dog.
- Mar 26 Snohomish Girl Scouts work weekend at Wolf Hollow.
- Apr 1 Rachael Harmon joined us as our Seasonal Rehabilitator for 2022.
- Apr 2 Several families enjoyed tours of our facility during Discover Wolf Hollow Day.
- May 3 Paige Myers from Michigan joined us as our first intern of the year.
- May 4 First baby birds – 3 nestling robins.
- May 7 A lot of families had fun with our Wildlife in the Waves activities at FH Children’s Festival.
- May 17 Our second intern Alena Kimball from Utah arrived.
- May 31 Sarah Corneck travelled all the way from Connecticut to be our 3rd intern of 2022.
- Jun 4-5 Over 200 people visited our education booth at the Anacortes Waterfront Festival.
- Jun 14 Our fourth intern, Katherine Glenn from New York joined our team.
- Jul 6 First Seal pup arrived.
- Jul 9 We took education activities to Anacortes Children’s Festival



SJ County Fair – Aug 17th-20th. Come by the Green Village to visit the education booths of several local stewardship organizations, including Wolf Hollow.

Discover Wolf Hollow Day

To stay covid-safe, we didn’t hold an open house again this spring, but instead organized a Discover Wolf Hollow Day in early April. Small family groups were invited to tour the outdoor parts of our facility, guided by a member of staff. Several groups enjoyed exploring our songbird aviaries, seal pools and eagle flight enclosure and finding out what is needed to rehabilitate the many different types of wild creatures we care for at Wolf Hollow.



New Orchard Cage

Mark Billington, our facilities manager, has been hard at work building a new enclosure to house small mammals such as squirrels and opossums. This new, larger, improved version will replace an old enclosure that had been in use at Wolf Hollow for over 30 years. It got the name “Orchard Cage” because it is located in a sunny area on the edge of our old orchard, with pear and plum trees nearby.

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We were able to make this improvement to our facilities thanks to the many generous people who donated \$3,000 to the project during the Orcas Community Foundation’s Give Orcas campaign. THANK YOU!



Thank You Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Troop 41873 from Snohomish first started coming to Wolf Hollow for a spring work weekend in 2008. They returned every year until Covid put the activity on hold in 2020 and 2021, so we were delighted when they were able to return this spring. This small group of only 7 people weeded, cleaned, took apart an old enclosure, and generally helped us get ready for the busy summer season. They did an amazing amount of work in a short time, and it was wonderful to see their smiling faces at Wolf Hollow again.



Statistics thru June 2022

Number of Animals

Birds	144	64.3%
Mammals	79	35.3
Amphibians / Reptiles	1	0.4
Total	224	

Causes

Orphaned/Separated	57	25.4%
Cat attack	30	13.4
Hit by Car	12	5.3
Dog attack	23	5.8
Hit Window / building	6	2.7
Nest Destroyed	13	5.8
Fell from nest	4	1.8
Human Interference	4	1.8
Unknown	52	23.2
Other	33	14.8

(fence, disease, net, weather, in hole or pipe)

Results

Released	45	20.2%
Euthanized	74	33.0
DOA	40	17.8
Died	26	11.6
Transferred	1	0.4
In Treatment (end June)	38	17.0
Total	224	



HPAI

You have probably heard that Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is affecting wild birds and domestic flocks in most states in the US, including Washington. Wildlife Rehabilitation Centers such as Wolf Hollow, are on the alert and taking special precautions.

In wild birds HPAI is most common in waterbirds, especially ducks and geese, but they may show few symptoms. However, raptors such as Bald Eagles and Great Horned Owls that prey or scavenge on water birds are highly susceptible and usually die within a short time. At this point it appears that songbirds are not susceptible. Unfortunately, there is no known treatment for HPAI.

At Wolf Hollow, we have seen one confirmed case of HPAI and 2 suspected cases in Bald Eagles, and 2 suspected cases in Canada Geese, all from San Juan Island. They all showed the common symptoms of HPAI – neurological issues such as balance and coordination problems, discharge from nostrils and eyes, and cloudy eyes.

For more information about Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Washington, go to the Washington Department of Wildlife web site
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/diseases/bird-flu>

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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.

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