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**Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society Successfully Rehabilitates
and Releases Beaver Back to the Wild After 133 Days in Care**

Calgary, AB – July 22nd, 2024- Calgary Wildlife is thrilled to have released a juvenile beaver back into its natural habitat after 133 days of dedicated care and rehabilitation. The beaver was released in Beaver Mines, an ideal location for her reintegration into the wild.

The juvenile beaver was seen in Calgary's downtown East Village wandering the paths close to the river. "Beavers can be displaced once they reach a certain age", explained Melanie Whalen, Director of Wildlife Care and Services at Calgary Wildlife. "Young beavers often face challenges when they are separated from their family units, and it's crucial that they receive the proper care to be reintroduced successfully into the wild."

Beavers play a vital role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. Their natural behaviours, such as building dams, create wetlands that provide habitat for a myriad of species, help to filter water, and reduce erosion. Responsibly reintroducing beavers into the wild ensures that these critical environmental benefits continue to support biodiversity and ecosystem health.

"Releasing this beaver back into the wild is not just a win for this individual animal, but a triumph for our local ecosystems," said Whalen. "Beavers are nature's engineers. Their dam-building activities create wetlands that support countless other species, help to purify water, and mitigate flood risks. They truly are keystone species in our environment."

The beaver's return to the wild comes after months of species specific care, showcasing Calgary Wildlife's commitment to wildlife rehabilitation and responsible release practices.

The Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society (Calgary Wildlife) is a registered charitable organization that was established in 1993. Calgary Wildlife provides expert compassionate care to injured and orphaned wildlife in and around the City of Calgary. As an accredited veterinary hospital (ABVMA), Calgary Wildlife is open 365 days a year and is the only wildlife rehabilitation centre located within the city. Calgary Wildlife also provides valuable outreach and educational services to the community.

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