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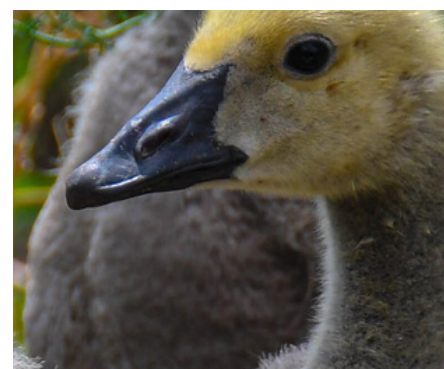
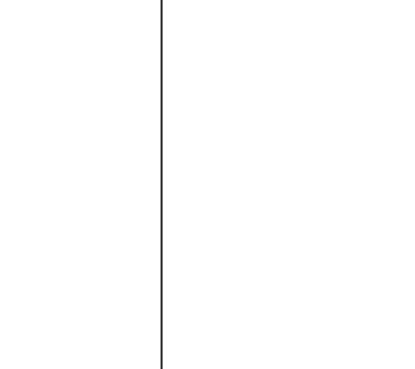
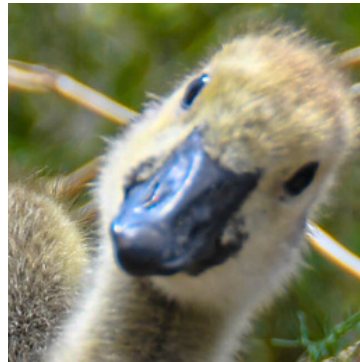
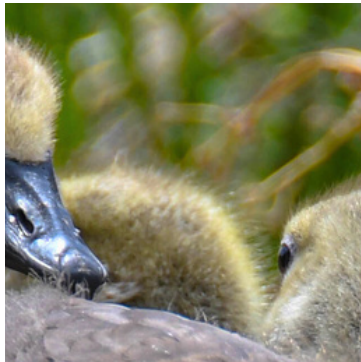
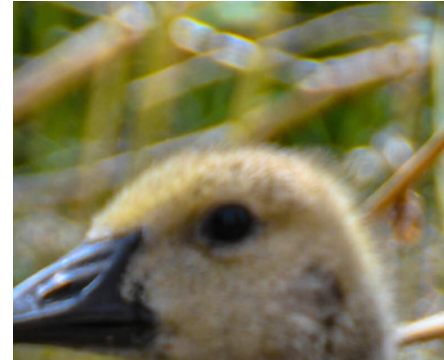


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Our Mission

Calgary Wildlife is dedicated to providing professional veterinary treatment of injured and orphaned wildlife, valuable outreach and education services to the community, and engaging all volunteers in motivational work and skill building experience.





2022 Board of Directors

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2022 Management

Beki Hunt- Executive Director

Melanie Whalen- Director of Wildlife Care and Services

Breanne Marois- Wildlife Clinic Supervisor

Executive Message

As we look back at 2022, it's clear it was a year of transition, change, growth, and resilience. With everything that's been thrown our way over the past few years, we are so incredibly proud of how well the team has weathered the storm, coming out stronger on the other side. There's that clichéd saying, "every cloud has a silver lining", and the emergence of COVID-19 and Avian Influenza sure did bring dark clouds, but left us with some bright silver linings. While we were forced to limit our volunteer programs during COVID, it gave us the chance to develop some new volunteer roles, enhance our volunteer appreciation systems, and improve our volunteer engagement strategies.

Then, just when we thought we were out of the woods, along came Avian Influenza and Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease. Sadly many animals were lost to these diseases, but again the silver lining was we were able to build a brand new, state-of-the-art isolation trailer where we can properly isolate animals upon intake until they are cleared to be kept in our main clinic area. This project was a huge undertaking and wouldn't have been possible without the support of the W.D. Tidball Estate and ATCO.

Enhancing our public education programs was also a big part of 2022. Firstly, the Wild Wise Urban Wildlife program was created, which teaches kids all about the benefits of living in harmony with urban wildlife and how to prevent human-wildlife conflict. Secondly, our wildlife hotline was expanded to include tips, suggestions, and advice to callers based on the common questions we receive. We hope that by providing education about urban wildlife, we'll be doing the preventative work of the future, keeping as many wild animals safe in the wild, where they belong.

So although it's been a rough few years, we've definitely come out the other side stronger and more resilient. As we look ahead to the future, we're confident those silver linings will just keep shining bigger and brighter.

Thank you to all our supporters, we are only able to do all we do because of you.



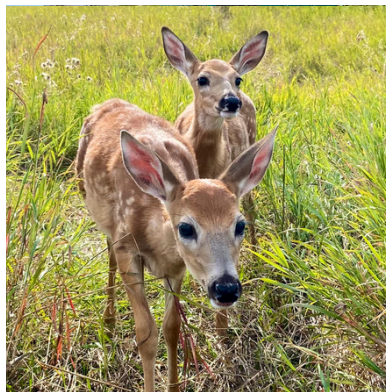
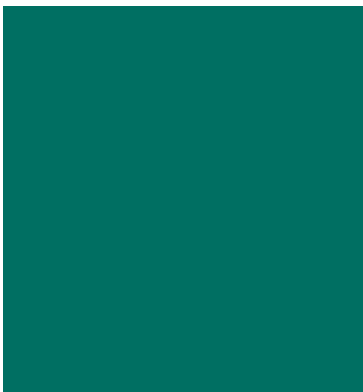
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beki" followed by a stylized, scribbled signature.

Beki Hunt
Executive Director



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie" followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

Melanie Whalen
Director of Wildlife Care and Services



Message From The Board

In 2022, the board of directors' primary focus was on recovery and stability. Still dealing with the effects of the pandemic, Calgary Wildlife managed other challenges in 2022, including the effects of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. Despite this, we are very enthusiastic as we end 2022 and shift our focus to establishing strategic objectives in the years to come, centred around sustainability, growth, and industry leadership.

According to Charles Darwin, "The love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man." In this noble pursuit, Calgary Wildlife has concentrated on providing the best care and treatment of wildlife. Since its establishment in 1993, its mission is based on the realization that wild animals received have been injured or orphaned as a result of some contact with humans or from the human impact on ecosystems. Calgary Wildlife rescues, treats, and rehabilitates thousands of wild animals a year through its facilities and wildlife hospital. The organization also engages in important education and community outreach, vital in the prevention of harmful human-wildlife interactions.

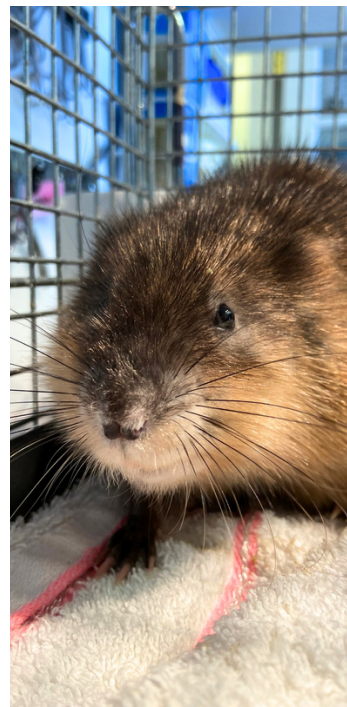
As a board, we appreciate that none of this incredible work would be possible without the dedication, passion, and expertise of the staff and volunteers at Calgary Wildlife. The board of directors would like to recognize and thank all team members for everything they do. Calgary Wildlife relies on the financial support of caring individuals and businesses to operate and is supported by not only members, but also the partnerships of many organizations. Therefore, the board also thanks all our members, donors, and partners for their essential support.

Together we can continue to make a real difference and provide professional care for wildlife in and around Calgary.



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Kyle Havart Crans
Board President

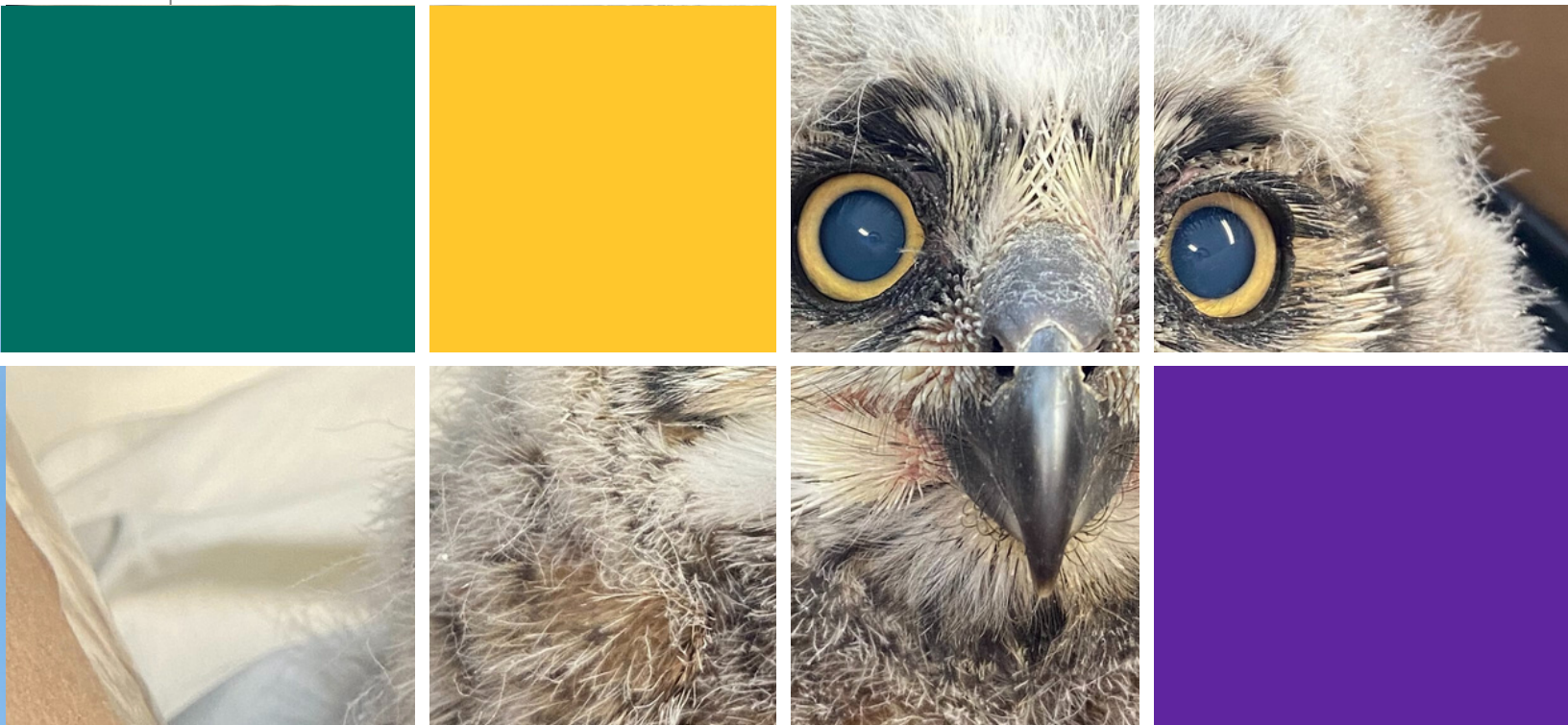


Our Patients

Calgary Wildlife's patient base consists mainly of urban wildlife. With over 400 species of wild animals living in and around the **City of Calgary**, there is a large variety of patients coming through our doors on a day-to-day basis.

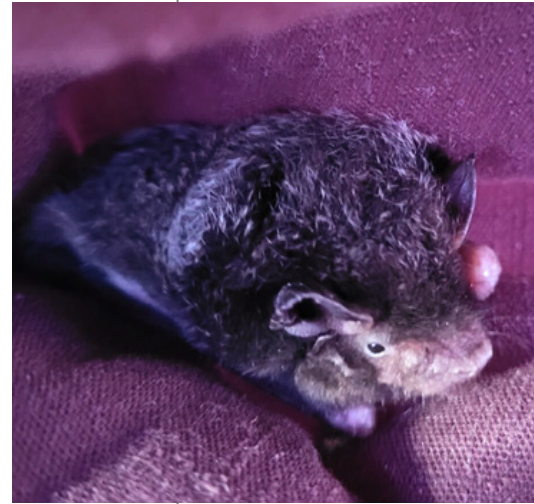
As city limits continue to expand, human activity increasingly encroaches upon wildlife habitats, opening up the possibility of more wildlife injury due to the lack of spaces for them to make their homes. We now share our communities with wildlife and encounter them around our homes, backyards, and parks.

Most of the wildlife received at Calgary Wildlife have been injured or orphaned as a result of contact with humans or human activity. We give these injured or orphaned wild animals a second chance at a life in the wild.



Patient Gallery

We care for so many amazing animals each year, here is a selection of just a few memorable faces.



Our Impact

Total number of patients admitted: 1622

Percent Breakdown of Patients Admitted by Group:

Mammals: 34.5%

Songbirds: 32.9 %

Doves/Pigeons: 13%

Raptors: 6.8 %

Corvids: 6.7%

Waterfowl: 3.5 %

Shorebirds/Gulls: 2.2 %

Gamebirds: 0.2%

Reptiles/Amphibians: 0.1%



Education Presentations:

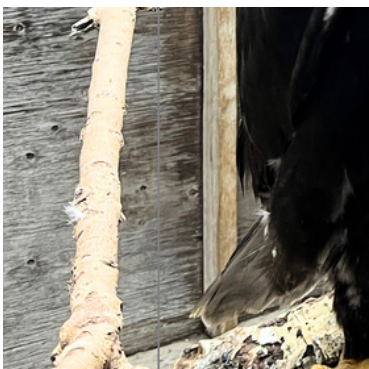
50 presentations

1200 kids and adults reached



2654

Volunteer Hours



7898

Hotline Calls

1622

Patients Admitted

(low due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza)

Success Stories

In July of 2022, our 879th patient, a **ferruginous hawk**, was admitted after being found in the Medicine Hat area with a shoulder injury. During his time at Calgary Wildlife, his injury was treated, and he was kept stimulated through species to specific enrichment. Every animal in our care is provided with an enclosure that mimics its natural habitat as closely as possible, for patient 879, this meant brush, shrubs, and many perches.

Our patients are also given a species-appropriate diet, imitating what they would consume in the wild, and for birds of prey, this means rodents. Ferruginous hawks are endangered in Alberta, as their natural grassland habitat is depleting, so it is crucial that as many stay in the wild as possible. After only 37 days in care, patient number 879 was released back to his natural habitat on August 19th.



Our 555th patient of 2021, a **North-American porcupine**, was with us long-term until August 2022. Admitted as a baby, he was very small and suspected to have been born prematurely. The person who found him attempted to reunite him with his mother several times but was unsuccessful, so he came to us at Calgary Wildlife. Baby porcupines require a huge amount of hands-on work, in fact, this patient required four months of around-the-clock care after his arrival.

During his time with us, he learned all the skills he would need as a wild porcupine; how to climb, feed himself, and hibernate. On August 13th, 2022, our 555th patient of 2021 was released back to the wild where he belongs.

Volunteer Engagement

"I volunteer with Calgary Wildlife not only to help the wildlife but also for myself! The people and the site have made my retirement immeasurably rewarding, both emotionally and physically.

For my friends who are bored in retirement, VOLUNTEER. I'm over 75 years old and I can't wait to get up in the mornings!"

- Jim Rainkie



"I have been a Calgary Wildlife member and volunteer for over five years. My current role is mainly as a grocery pickup driver from Blush Lane's food donation program, although I have done a variety of volunteer jobs over the years. I have always been a keen birder and wildlife fan in general, so this was an opportunity to help a society that is committed to helping save and rehabilitate them.

Over the last three years, I have stepped up my donations to provide laptops, incubators, junk removal, and a snow blower, plus contributed to last November's giving program as a matching donor.

I see myself being involved with Calgary Wildlife for many years to come."

-Steve Paterson

Donor Impact

"Why do I contribute to wildlife welfare and rehabilitation? Put simply, every day we hear how different species are affected by human activities such as from habitat loss. Such habitat loss not only has indirect consequences, but direct ones as well, where these innocent animals encounter humans, to their detriment. As such, the least we can do is treat these injuries as humanely as possible. By contributing to a local charity specialising in wildlife care and rehabilitation, I get to help these injured and orphaned wildlife get professional treatment."

-Dan Primeau

"I am so moved and impressed by the expert care and kindness that Calgary Wildlife gives to injured and orphaned wild animals. Every animal deserves compassion and respect, and that is exactly what the staff and volunteers offer daily. In our neighbourhood, the magpies, crows, squirrels, bobcats, deer, flickers and so many other birds are all part of our extended family. We never get tired of seeing their antics or interactions with each other. They make our world richer, and our dog loves to watch them keenly through the window! It brings us such happiness to know that there are good people who are caring for them when they need help."

-Heather Bala Edwards

"Why do I donate? In 2004 my husband and I volunteered for Calgary Wildlife. While we lived in Calgary, we were involved in rescue, care, and release. It was one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives. We were so touched by the compassion and tireless efforts of the volunteers and staff to help save these wonderful creatures, that we started to donate and have continued to do so over the years. It is something we can do to help make the world a better place.

Watching a recovered hawk hop out of a carrier, look around and then soar into the sky with new found freedom is an awesome experience. It is why I will keep donating."

-Shirley Mason

Public Support

*"Called in a concern about a goose with twine wrapped tightly around it's ankle, to the point that it could barely put weight on it's leg. By the next day this wonderful team had been able to locate it and remove the twine! **Definitely recommend calling them if you see a wild animal in need of help.**" -Angelique Orr*

*"Our neighbour found an injured hare and brought it to our home. We knew what to do immediately as we have taken injured wildlife to Calgary Wildlife Rehab before. They met us at the door of their intake building, asked for the history and took the bunny in for care. They have never turned us away. **If you are looking for an opportunity to contribute to a caring and compassionate organization, the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society is a very worthy cause.**" -Jeff Alder*

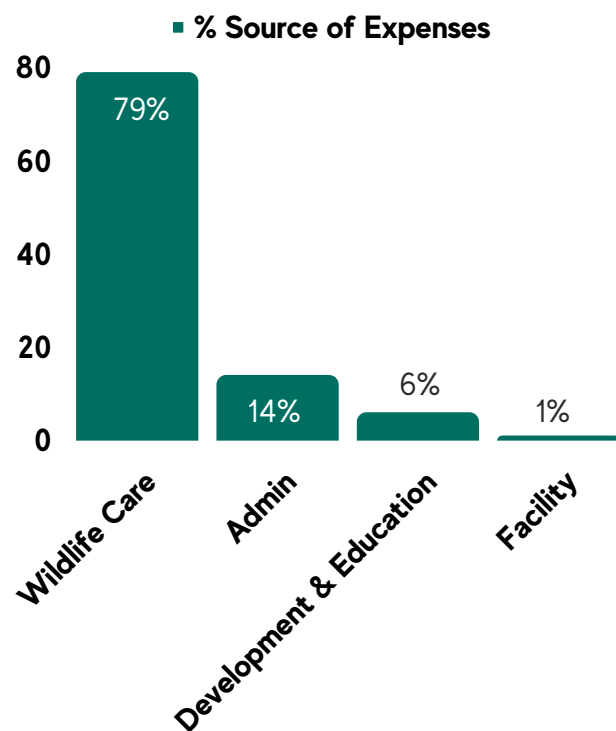
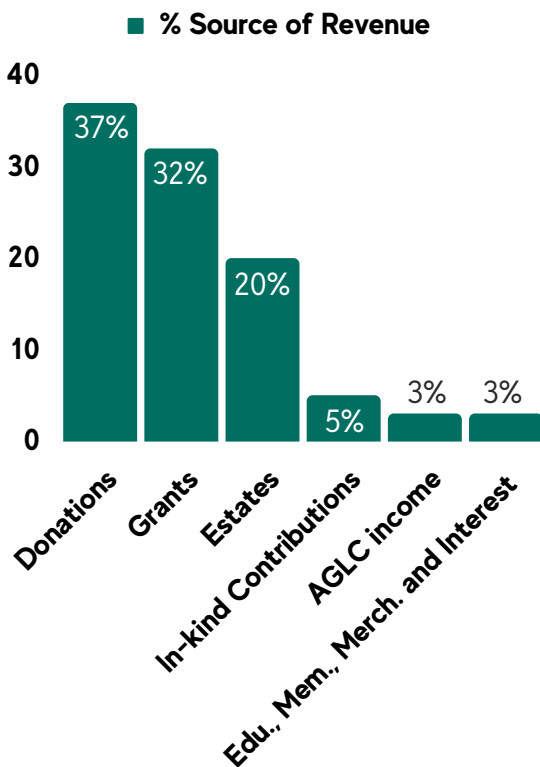
***"I have such a special place in my heart for this organization.** My children and I are animal lovers and have brought many animals here that have needed medical aid, love and compassion. I am always amazed at the level of care the animals receive and efforts Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation will make to have successful releases. Thank you for all you do!!" -Mountain Mover*



Finances

Keeping consistent with past years, our biggest source of revenue continues to be **individual donations**, while our biggest source of expenses continues to be **wildlife care**.

Year after year comparison	2022	2021	2020
Revenue	728,545	667,681	627,920
Expenses	684,429	584,348	476,751



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 The Estate of Kenneth Caldwell
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 The Estate of W.D Tidball




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Contact Us

Calgary Wildlife was established in 1993 to provide professional care for wildlife rehabilitation. Each year we receive increased numbers of injured and orphaned wild animals and respond to thousands of wildlife-related calls from the public.

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