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RESCUE FORBIDDEN!



Lynx, bobcat or cougar kittens, bear cubs, moose, elk, and caribou calves, wolf and coyote cubs and the lambs and kids of Bighorn sheep and Mountain goats are now prohibited from being rescued, rehabilitated and released back into the wild in Alberta. Other species, amongst them skunks, salamanders, frogs, toads and raccoons are even more unlucky. They are to be killed upon arrival at any Wildlife rehabilitation centre.

The decision to prevent the rescue and eventual release of orphaned or injured wild animals was made in 2010 by the Alberta department of Sustainable Resource Development (SRD). There is little or no solid research to support such a decision, and a wealth of data which demonstrates that the conservation actions resulting from the rescue, rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned wild animals satisfies a demonstrated public concern for the protection and enhancement of our wilderness, and its wildlife.

Wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and release has never been a charge on the public purse. It is a conservation action undertaken by Non Government Organizations, NGO, under permits issued by government but without the benefit of government funding, NGO's do this work because our government does not have the facilities, trained personnel nor dedicated funds to take on this responsibility. Wildlife Rehabilitation is funded entirely by after-tax dollars through public donation. This fact is proof that it is a service desired by citizens, and citizens are voters.

In Montana and other US States, wildlife rehabilitation is appreciated, and in some states actively undertaken by State Government. In Montana and Colorado, bear cubs, bobcat and cougar kittens are amongst the species rehabilitated, released and monitored post-release, a proof of successful conservation action. Why should Alberta fail Alberta's wild animals? Ask your MLA.

THE SMALL SHOW:substantial ART of modest scale

Do you know HOW we are helping wildlife?



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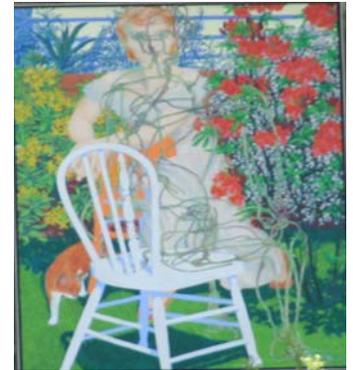
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Or talk to Mike by telephone at (403) 851 2050

On December 11th & 12th, 2010 from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 p.m. (both days) we will be putting on **THE SMALL SHOW:substantial ORIGINAL ART of modest scale** at the CEI! This will be an exciting event, particularly as **Robert Bateman** has kindly produced an Original piece especially so that it can be auctioned off at **SMALL SHOW** to benefit the work of the CEI! We have also been donated original works from the USA and the UK for this event which gives it an International flavour. Local artists will have their work on exhibit and for sale, as well. This is a unique opportunity to buy an original, unique work of art. The works will all be small which will provide the opportunity to buy the works of established artists without having to break the bank! Robert Bateman's work, will be an exception of course and will be auctioned. I do hope you can come! Contact Carmen car-men@blackfishstudio.ca or the CEI - 403 932 5632— for more information

FAUNAFEST

The Kwakwaka Artist, Richard Hunt, C.M., O.B.C. provided works for the FaunaFest exhibition, as did Eldon Guay, Carmen Bellingham, Sherrard Grauer RCA, Leanne Hodges and many others. The Bands, Enzo and the Ferraris, The Pity Dates, Boy and Gurl, Sydney York and Kaley Kinjo added music and verve to the Event and many people came out to hear the Bands, see the exhibition and have a tour of the CEI. Lisa and Emily, plus a host of marvelous volunteers put the event on. It is wonderful of you all and all we can say is **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!** Without you we could do nothing because an organization like CEI relies upon donations to be able to provide our services to wildlife and the public.



These are the animals that we are all working for when we hold these events!



TRAIL CAMERA FUN! MONITORING WILDLIFE

When we want see if the swift fox in our unique **SWIFT FOX** captive breeding colony have had their cubs, or are preparing orphaned or rehabilitated animals for release we always wonder what they do when there is no one about. This is particularly true with adult wild animals that have had veterinary treatment and are recovering, prior to release. At the CEI In order to discover what our animals are doing, if they are enjoying life and if they are ready for release, we have obtained a TRAIL CAM which we can move about and set up in different places! TRAIL CAMERAS are digital, weatherproof cameras which can be set up anywhere outside and will record any movement automatically both by night and day. I wish we had more than one of these cameras! So if anyone would like to help us out by donating funds for a TRAIL CAM please let us know!



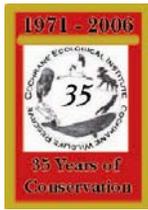
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So many people have helped us through the year no room to thank you all in this little space, on our website we are trying to keep an acknowledgements page up to date. Some of you are contributing to the CEI by donating by credit card through the CanadaHelps.org website and some contribute anonymously so we can't thank you publicly, but do wholeheartedly. B&C Fennel, Canada Safeway-WSPA G.Talbot, A & H Moessmer, Fortis, Eileen Easton, P.Ford, B.H.Poffenroth, J.S. Foundation, PetLife, B McKewon, Marianne & Dennis Mahoney Eden Conservation Trust, Grant MacEwan Nature Protection Fund, High River Fish & Game Assoc., DatMedia, R & M Reford, Roch le Houillier, Tail Blazers, Spray Lakes Sawmill, & so many more, **THANK YOU THANK YOU!**

VOLUNTEERS AND STUDENTS



Ever since the early 1990's the CEI has provided field station facilities for a fluctuating number of students, some of whom have also sailed aboard the Pescadou (CEI WHALEFORCE). 2009 and 2010 have been no different! Students from the Universities of Koln, Eberswald, Calgary and Alberta have come to us as part of their undergraduate programmes. To be accepted in these CEI programmes, so the potential students can obtain the experience they need, each student has to design a project, have it accepted by the CEI, and then implement, complete and write it up. Overseas students come to the CEI because, for many European Universities a section of their Degree programmes requires practical research, and the opportunity for field research involving the larger mammals or on endangered species is very hard to come by in European countries as they have lost significant amounts of their wilderness habitat and wild species. The CEI is in quite a few international publications, such as The Green Guide, and as result, volunteers have come to us from as far afield as Italy, Holland, Germany, France and Czech Republic. Our Canadian and USA volunteers come to us, in general, after having completed their Degree programme because they have found that they need practical hands-on experience in their chosen environmental field before they can get a job in that field and they know the CEI can provide that. Our other local volunteers are just **WONDERFUL** people who come to help us out purely for fun and out of the kindness of their hearts! We enjoy having everyone and everyone seems to love coming to the CEI and helping out.



C.E.I. EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

CEI SCHOOL PROGRAMMES lisaflaman@yahoo.ca

CEI **SCHOOL PROGRAMMES** focus on teaching using experiential learning methods, students experience the outdoors and the wildlife that lives there. They learn how to read the wilderness, how to understand which animals share it with them, how to behave, and how to find their way home. The CEI programmes (grades: Kindergarten to 12.) cover the environment, conservation, wildlife, endangered species, history of Alberta, and Alberta's rivers. As well as matching the Alberta school Curriculum, the CEI **SCHOOL PROGRAMMES** have classroom and field experience components in addition, at their request, the CEI has provided educational Seminars for the University of Calgary, for Community Colleges in Alberta. and for Treaty 7 Schools. CONTACT Lisa Dahlseide lisaflaman@yahoo.ca

.OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING. The CEI also provides speakers, on a wide range of subjects, to interested community groups.

The CEI is a registered Charity

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Please help wildlife by giving your support to the work we do! You can do this by DONATION on the internet (CanadaHelps) or by mail (CEI P.O.Box 484, Cochrane AB T4C 1A7), and also by boarding your pet, if you have one, at HAPPYTAILS

Alberta's tax credit has increased by more than 60 per cent for total annual charitable donations over \$200. Including the federal tax credit, Albertans receive a 50 per cent non-refundable tax credit for every dollar donated over the \$200 threshold. This includes donations made on or after January 1, 2007.

<http://www.culture.alberta.ca/communityspirit/taxcredit.aspx>

WhaleForce



The greater part of our planet's surface is made up of the World's oceans. These oceans are key to maintaining the envelope of air which encloses our world, it's climate, and precipitation. Without snow and rain we would have no rivers and no water. Over the past 200 years industrialization, human populations, and natural resource extraction has increased enormously creating uncontrolled pollution. That pollution rolls inexorably into the world's seas and there isn't much being done to draw attention what is happening in those oceans. Since 1986, the CEI has been working to focus attention on what is happening to the oceans and their denizens. We do this through **WhaleForce** programmes. One WhaleForce programme involves racing and cruising blue water and coastal cruising yachtsmen and women sending the CEI information on the cetaceans they see while off the coast or out at sea (YACHTIES! Contact Ken for the WhaleForce cetacean identification book and programme information; ken@ceinst.org). The other **WhaleForce** programme is through the CEI's survey vessel, PESCADOU. PESCADOU is currently examining the impact of a North American invader, *Mnemiopsis*, on the Black Sea. *Mnemiopsis* eats zooplankton and fish larvae thus directly and detrimentally effecting fish stocks and cetacean numbers.



The engine which supports the day to day work and expenses of the CEI is HAPPY TAILS RETREAT, our dog and cat (and turtle and rabbit) boarding facility. HAPPY TAILS RETREAT has two separate buildings, one for cats and one for dogs! For our DOG guests we have individual enclosures with outdoor indoor access, in-floor heating and, as well, for social dogs a large, 2 acre, fenced free play area. **Walkies!** Aren't overlooked dogs go for walks as well.

For CATS, we have 11 runs providing floor to ceiling vertical space and window views for the cats to enjoy. **MIKE CURTIS** is the kennel manager; you can reach him at



info@happytailsretreat.com or by

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ALSO, YOU CAN BUY CEI PUBLISHED BOOKS to support the CEI's work! Contact ken@ceinst.org