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Thank you Gene and Lee, Thank you Canadian Pacific!!

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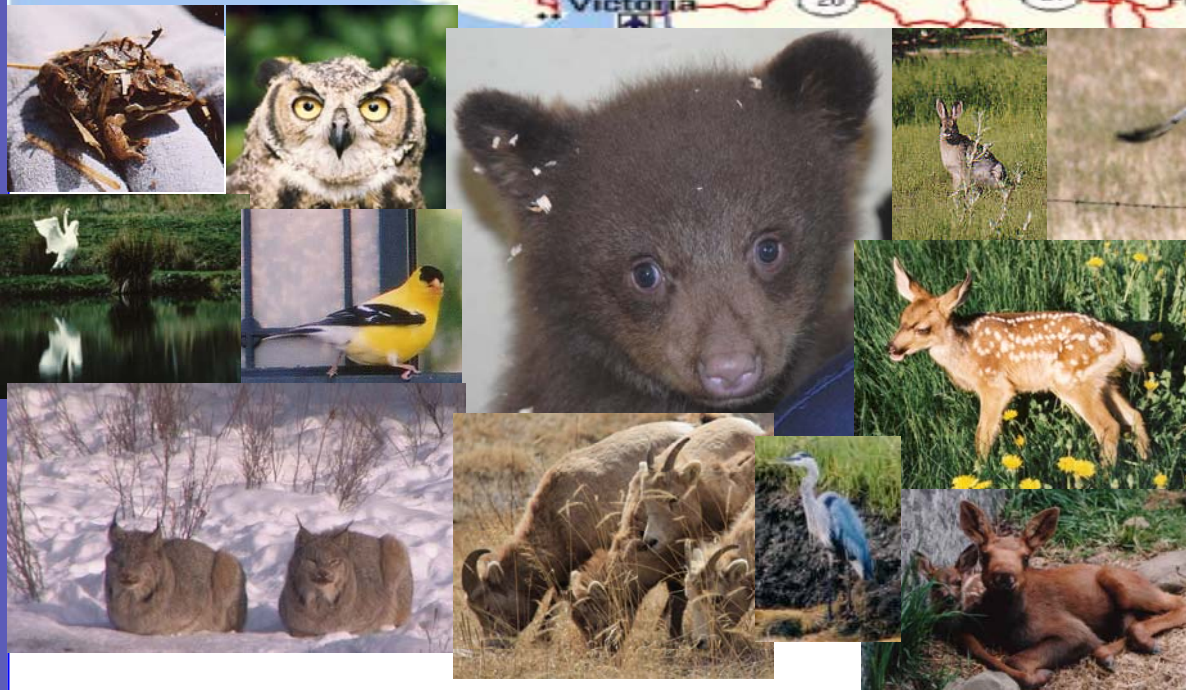
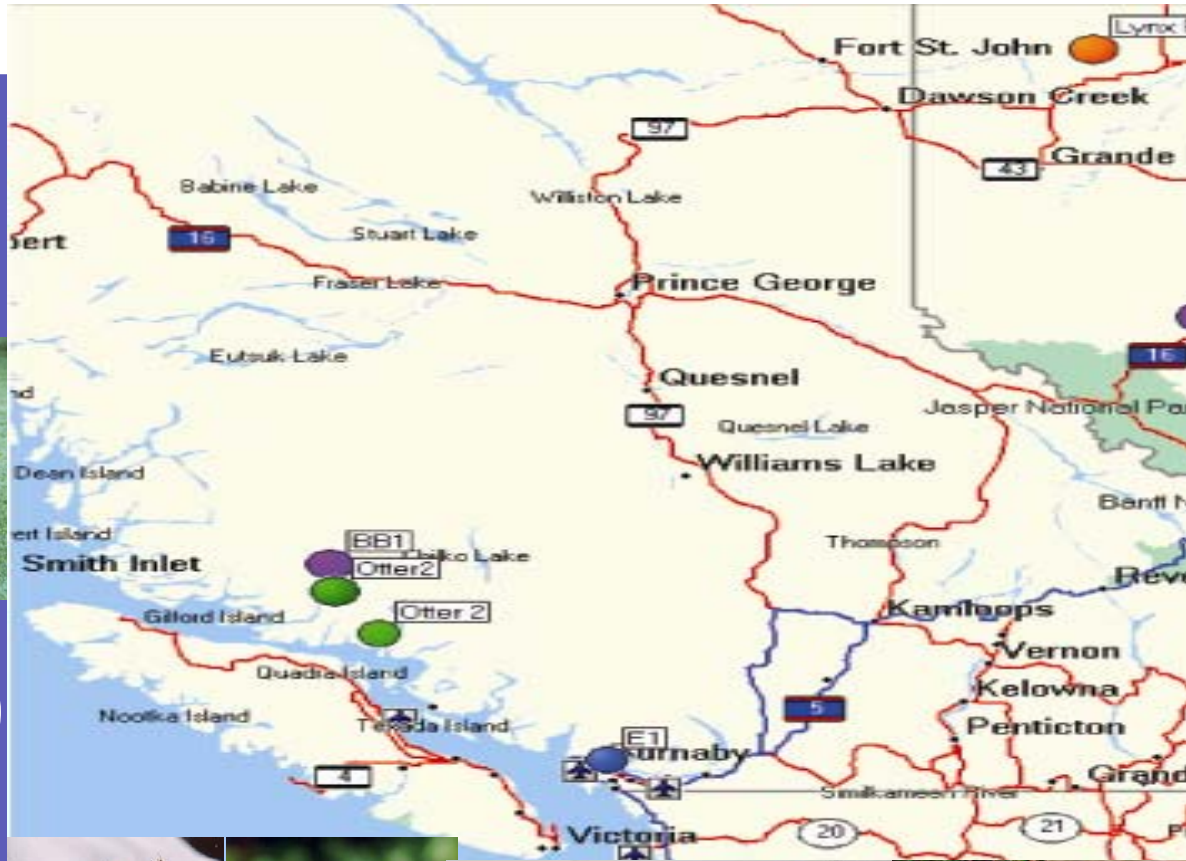
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CATS also stay at Happy Tails in their own separate CAT COUNTRY COTTAGE

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(403) 851 2050



Just a few of the many, many animals we have reared and released over the years, since 1967, when the Cochrane Ecological Institute, CEI, first came into existence. We have also marked some of the release sites, just as an example, so that you can get an idea of how far ranging the CEI is. It would be good to show where all the animals have come from, as well as where they have gone to, but then our map (above) would get far too cluttered and probably impossible to make out! Wildlife is brought to the CEI mainly because of the impact of development upon their habitat. Growing cities and suburbs, logging, mining, transport corridors and recreation all displace wildlife. In an ideal world, and one I hope we can work towards, we should identify critical habitat for wildlife,

THANK YOU TO

So many people have helped us through the year ! Only a tiny fraction can be thanked in this little space, but we appreciate your donations more than we can say; We could not do what we do without you! You are all WONDERFUL. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the CEI through CanadaHelps, Thank you to: Gérard Talbot, AWA, Halle Fly-gare, Dennis Mahoney Trucking Ltd. V&CCastle Rocky View School, Elbow Valley School, , Tail Blazers, Pet-Life, Calgary Outdoor Club, S Balyk, Canadian Pacific, Eden Conservation Trust, N.Schmidt, D & C Apedaile, L. Edison, E.A. Williams, DatMedia, Spartan controls, Storm Energy inc, Y.Roche, W.Nyysola, W.Taylor, R. Radford, A Gough, P.F.Hines, David & Diana Ballard, Cynthia Simmons, Ian Champion Philippe Widling Nancy Janes Calgary Science School,



we should survey our wild species so we know how many there are (if you don't know what's there you can't manage it), identify the areas of habitat essential for the survival of our wildlife species, delineate and protect corridors or wilderness habitat so those areas can be linked together and in that way, develop methods of living compatibly together. As people are animals too, protection and maintenance of pristine habitat is of benefit to us as well, ensuring pure water, healthy earth, clean air. Not only would it keep us healthy, it would make more jobs available. Our governments, federal & provincial are cutting back on wildlife management, habitat protection and assessment of the cumulative environmental impact of development, please tell them **not** to cut these essential services. For our health and that of the Environment, WE NEED THEM.

The CEI is a registered Charity #0916387 – 54 and Alberta Society: 5050 75713 Please help wildlife by giving your financial 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 T4C 1A7



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>



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. 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 phone: **403 851 2050**.

REMEMBER, HAPPY TAILS IS WHERE BOARDING YOUR PET HELPS WILDLIFE!

Projects 2012/13



PROJECT (Wildlife Rehab): BIG HORN, *Ovis canadensis*, LAMB ORPHANAGE

If bighorn lambs are orphaned, they die. There is no need for them to die.

This **PROJECT** aims to successfully rear orphaned lambs and return them to the wild. It will increase knowledge of bighorn behaviour, promote conservation education while rearing orphaned bighorn lambs in groups within a **PROPOSED CENTRAL DEPOT (Bighorn Lamb**

Orphanage) sited at the Cochrane Ecological Institute, CEI. The central depot would be an isolated 5 to 10 acre enclosure able to provide ample facilities for the rearing of groups of lambs intended for return to the wild. Bighorns are social animals, so orphaned lambs must be over-wintered under herd conditions to ensure successful release back into the mountains where they belong. Currently, there is no Central Depot (**Bighorn Lamb Orphanage**) for rearing orphaned bighorn lambs in Western Canada. Finders of orphaned Bighorn lambs, whether Industry, ParksCanada, members of the public, or Officers of FWD now have nowhere to put them. As result, in general, the bighorn lambs are either left to die or are killed. If a **CENTRAL DEPOT (Bighorn Lamb Orphanage)** sited at the Cochrane Ecological Institute, CEI. existed, orphaned Bighorn lambs would have a second chance at life, a place to be safely and knowledgeably reared under optimum conditions, and an opportunity to return to the wild and add to the overall population numbers of this unique species. If you would like this to happen please support it (e-mail cei@nucleus.com) donate towards its construction, and recommend to the Province of Alberta (your MLA and the Wildlife Branch) that the **CENTRAL DEPOT (Bighorn Lamb Orphanage)** be built at the CEI! You will be saving orphaned big horn lambs, helping our environment through the construction of a unique project, and being a wonderful person.

WHALEFORCE CEI's cetacean survey established in 1986, is still going strong, if you want to get involved, e-mail CEI (cei@nucleus.com).

SWIFT FOX Programme, the CEI still holds North America's largest, longest established and only captive breeding colony of Endangered swift foxes intended for solely reintroduction. We have reintroduced over 1,000 swift foxes on both sides of the Canada/USA Border! It is because of CEI that swift foxes are back on the Northern prairie.



Lisa has had her baby! He is called Vans Allen Dahlsiede, welcome Vans! Dawn has returned to Alberta, coming home to Calgary, Welcome back Dawn! Lisa and Dawn will be working together on the CEI's educational programmes, so please contact Lisa (lisaflaman@yahoo.ca) and Dawn (dawn.locke73@gmail.com) to set up your Experiential Education programme, for schools, interested community groups and others.