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NEWSLETTER OF THE COCHRANE ECOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

LOLA and KATIE FOLLOW THEIR HEARTS and DONATE to the CEI



Lisa Dahlsiede is the Director of Educational programming and Volunteer Coordinator for Cochrane Ecological Institute, CEI, and here is part of a wonderful e-mail she received:

"Hi Lisa! It's Lola, me, my dad and sister came to see the swift fox just before Christmas. To help, my friend Katie and I start a charity called Hands Paws And Wings. Just recently Katie and I started a bottle drive to support the swift fox. Today we took the bottles to the bottle depot, we managed to get \$180! We also have some more donations from our family and friends. We have decided to donate our money to the CEI. We are hoping that you will accept our donations to go to stopping the extinction of the swift fox! Both of our family's are very interested in coming to see the swift fox at the CEI, as well as my teacher that's been helping us with the whole charity. "

As you can see from the photograph Lola and Katie and their friends did come out to the CEI and donated the money they raised through Hands, Paws, and Wings. The Hands, Paws and Wings donation can really be said to help give the CEI the Wings to do the work we do for wildlife! There is no government funding for Wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and release or the CEI's other programme breeding endangered species, (Swift fox) for reintroduction. As registered Charities all 7 of Alberta's Wildlife Rehabilitation Centres rely upon donations to rescue, rear and release orphans or treat, rehabilitate and release injured wildlife. Although Albertans clearly want this work done, or they wouldn't support it by donating their money towards Wildlife Rehabilitation, our government doesn't do it. Without the help of people like Lola, Katie and their families and friends there would be no Wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and release done in Alberta. THANK YOU ALL!.

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WILDLIFE RESCUE REHABILITATION AND RELEASE; WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

No government Department or Agency has the Mandate to undertake the conservation actions of wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and release. No Mandate to undertake these conservation actions means no earmarked government funding to do so. No Mandate and no funding to undertake wildlife rescue rehabilitation and release means no government department or agency can train personnel nor construct purpose built facilities for the care and maintenance and eventual release of injured or orphaned wildlife. But the Public want injured or orphaned wildlife cared for: Lola and Katie creating Hands, Paws, and Wings are a good example of this.

They understand, even if their government appears not to, that as Canada's list of Species At Risk (Endangered, Threatened, Vulnerable) becomes longer every year, every individual animal becomes more important to the genetic health of it's species. Every wild animal rescued and returned to the wild becomes a vital addition to Canada's dwindling biodiversity. Wildlife Rescue Rehabilitation and release is a vital Conservation action.

WHAT IS BEING DONE TO ADDRESS THIS DIFFICULTY ?

Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, ESRD, Minister Diana McQueen, issues Wildlife Rehabilitation Permits to Non Government Agencies in order that the vital conservation actions of rescue, rearing or rehabilitating Alberta's injured or orphaned indigenous wildlife can be undertaken. The Non Government Agencies are Alberta's seven Wildlife Rehabilitation Centres. All seven are registered Charities. As result of the generosity and kindness of people like Katie, Lola, their families and friends the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centres can rescue, repair and return wildlife to the wilderness as well undertaking other much needed conservation work and they do it all at no cost to Government departments or Agencies.

ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT CAN'T FUND, IS GOVERNMENT STYILL INVOLVED? YES!

Our governments, even though they don't fund the work, have control over wildlife rehabilitation and rehabilitators through the Permit process. Alberta ESRD and the Federal Government, CWS, issue Permits allowing Wildlife Rehabilitation Centres to function, without Wildlife Rehabilitation Permits the Centres cannot operate. Historically, prior to the 1990's, Alberta's Wildlife Rehabilitation centres operated under renewable contracts and were able to accept all native wildlife. In the 1990's Wildlife Rehabilitation Permits governed by Terms and Conditions were introduced. Wildlife Rehabilitation Centres with Wildlife Rehabilitation Permits could still accept all native wildlife brought in to the Wildlife rehabilitation Centres by private individuals or by SRD Fish & Wildlife officers.

But, in 2010, a startling change occurred, 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 were prohibited from being rescued, rehabilitated and released back into the wild, while other species, amongst them all bat species, skunks, salamanders, frogs, toads and raccoons were to be killed upon arrival at any Wildlife Rehabilitation centre.

Also, in 2010, the Sustainable Resource Development, SRD, department went on the public record stating that the SRD had no record of any Human/Wildlife conflict resulting from Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release. If as SRD says, there is no record of any rehabilitated and released wild animals causing trouble for people, it is a bureaucratic mystery why ESRD wants to prevent many of Alberta's wildlife from being rescued, rehabilitated and released back into the wild.

Alberta Wildlife Rehabilitator's Association AWRA, has worked hard to reduce the numbers of animals prohibited from rescue, rehabilitation and release. They have had some success, but black bears, bobcats, cougar, wolf, coyote, are still on the prohibited List, Mountain goats, Bighorn sheep and Lynx need



written Ministerial permission to have another chance at survival. All bat species, amphibian species (excepting leopard frogs) adult skunks and raccoons of any age must be killed by any Wildlife Rehabilitation centre receiving them.

FLOODS

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 help and your donations more than we can say; We could not do what we do without you! You are all WONDERFUL. Thank you to our volunteers, overseas and local. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the CEI through Canada-Helps or by sending the CEI a cheque, thank you to: Hands, Paws, and Wings, Eden Conservation Trust, Dennis Mahoney Trucking Ltd., Calgary Catholic School, L. Penner, Deer Run School, Canadian on-line Giving Foundation, Kathy Lea, M. Billes, C. Lacey, M. Norlander, J. Malcolm, J. Baczuk, C. Cook, Alberta Wildlife rehabilitator's Assoc., Calgary Science School The Ballards, Unitarian Church of Calgary, Gérard Talbot, US Multiservices Ltd B Isacson, & so many more... THANKYOU!



No one can ignore the flooding of the Bow and Elbow rivers this June. So many people have had to leave their homes. At the CEI we are so sorry for the disruption of people's lives.

In the wild, animals have found themselves in difficulty too. Riverbanks have washed away and trees have fallen. Meadows that used to be dry have turned into lakes.

Wild nestlings, fawns, cubs have lost their homes and refuges and been orphaned. Other wildlife have been hurt.



Wonderful people have braved the flood damage and rescued them. Once rescued, the injured or orphaned wild animals have to go to a shelter that is able, and permitted by government, to take them in. It is very lucky for both the rescuers and the rescued wild animals, that they have 3 Wildlife Rehabilitation Centres to bring them to: the Cochrane Ecological Institute, CEI, the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society. CWRS and the Alberta Institute of Wildlife Conservation, AWIC and that the Alberta Wildlife Rehabilitator's Association set up and manages the Wildlife Help Line and website. The orphaned and the injured wild animals are brought to the Wildlife Centres in boxes, blankets, carry cages and bags, and once arrived they are all fed and cared for until the day comes when they can be safely released back into the wild where they belong.



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>



VOLUNTEERS

Every year Volunteers come to live at the CEI from all around the world. Volunteers come to complete sections of their University Degrees (undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate) to get the field experience which will help in their future job prospects, or purely and simply because they want to help out!

We also have wonderful **LOCAL VOLUNTEERS** and organized by Lisa Dahlsiede (lisaflaman@yahoo.ca) they come to the CEI for monthly work parties. Everyone seems to enjoy this and we, at the CEI really, really appreciate their help!

THANK YOU ALL!



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.

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info@happytailsretreat.com or by phone: **403 851 2050**.

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



..public education Programmes Lisa Dahlsiede and Dawn Locke will be working together on the CEI's educational programmes, so please contact Lisa and Dawn (lisaflaman@yahoo.ca) to set up your Experiential Education programme, for schools, interested community groups and others enviro.edu.cei@gmail.com