

Hope for Wildlife Society

Fall/Winter 2006 Newsletter

The Hope for Wildlife Society, located in Seaforth, Nova Scotia, was founded in 1997. Our mission is to rehabilitate and release injured or orphaned wildlife, provide community education, and to support research necessary for the conservation of wildlife.

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Quiz time...

Do You Know?

- What is the only bird in N.S. that has babies year round?
- What are 3 endangered bird species in Nova Scotia?
- What domestic animal causes more environmental damage to wildlife each year than forest fires or oil spills?

Answers on next page.



A First for Nova Scotia!

Our big news this year is being accepted as Nova Scotia's first privately licensed facility for the rehabilitation and release of white-tailed deer.

It was thanks to many caring people that an orphaned fawn came to Hope for Wildlife this summer – our fifth fawn in our new program.

After a doe was killed in a car accident in Pictou county, she spontaneously gave birth to twin fawns. Fortunately, off-duty paramedic Andrew Ashford and an unidentified Scotsburn Dairy driver were there to help. One of the fawns (photo top left) survived and despite the tremendous odds against her, she has thrived and is now a beautiful young doe (photo bottom left). We have named the

fawn Sonja after Andrew's wife.

Sonja's rescue has quickly proven the value of our new white-tailed deer rehabilitation program. We now need your help to keep this program going, so we can help many more injured and orphaned fawns.

Please consider sponsoring a square foot of our deer enclosure. Your \$25 charitable donation will ensure that this invaluable program continues.

A doe will often leave its fawn while searching for food, so do not approach a fawn unless:

- It is bleeding or obviously injured.
- It is shivering.
- You see a dead mother nearby.

Open House 2006

Our annual open house was held on August 27th this year under bright sunny skies with a record setting crowd of over 1,000 people! This is our major fund raising event each year and we were very pleased to collect over \$9,100 for N.S. wildlife. A new record! Don't miss our 6th annual Open House on August 26, 2007.



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Protect Your Cat & Help Nature!



This is "Lamey, one of this summer's residents, named in honour of the veterinarian that saved her. This year we had over 175 baby raccoons!

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While dogs must be licensed and kept on a leash or in a fenced enclosure, our feline friends are often allowed out of the house to roam free. But are you doing your cat, or for that matter, nature, a favour by allowing your cat to roam around the neighbourhood?

As a Society concerned about all mammals and birds, we are alarmed by the increasing number of phone calls and flyers about missing cats. We are also concerned about the increasing volume of calls regarding wildlife injured or killed by cats. Over 55% of the injured wildlife we receive is due to cats.

Allowing your cat to roam free is not doing your beloved family pet any favours. Your cat makes a tasty meal for the coyotes, eagles, great horned owls and other wildlife that see your cat as dinner. Protect your cat from wildlife (and cars) by keeping it in the house or in a protected, safe enclosure. Statistics show that cats allowed to roam freely live only 25% as long as house cats.

Besides offering your cat as a

tasty dinner to wildlife higher up the food chain, by allowing your cat out, you are permitting serious damage to the wildlife in your area. Did you know that in Canada, if every cat allowed outside killed just one bird a year, that this represents a significant impact on wildlife, totaling more wildlife killed by cats in a year than by any environmental disaster, including oil spills and forest fires? How much wildlife does your cat kill in a year? Cats have been responsible for wiping out entire bird species in several regions.

Please, be a responsible and caring pet owner and keep your cat in a protected environment. You may save your cat from a terrifying and painful death. You will also save a significant number of wild birds and mammals. We care about your pet and wildlife. Let's work together to protect them.

Quiz Answers:

1. Pigeon
2. Roseate Tern, Piping Plover, Harlequin Duck
3. Cats

Holiday giving with a purpose!

This Holiday Season why not make a charitable donation to the Hope for Wildlife Society as your gift to that special someone? Be sure to send your name and address along with the name and address of the person who you would like the

gift card to go to.

Did you know you could also become a monthly donor?

Visit our website at:
www.hopeforwildlife.net and click on the donation link at the bottom of any page.

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