

Annual Grant

In keeping with its mandate to promote humane education, each year the Animal Welfare Foundation of Canada provides a grant of \$5,000 to the animal welfare program at the University of British Columbia to support the P.R.U. Stratton Memorial Lecture, and \$5,000 to the animal welfare chair at the University of Guelph to support the Basil Capes Memorial Lecture. These grants allow each university to invite distinguished national and international speakers to make public presentations on topical animal welfare issues.

Grants Awarded in 2006

British Columbia SPCA, Vancouver, British Columbia

The AWFC provided a major grant to the British Columbia SPCA to prepare an in-depth submission in response to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's request for input on amendments to the federal animal transportation regulations. The report, containing recommendations in six major areas of concern, was jointly submitted to the CFIA by the British Columbia SPCA, the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies and the Ontario SPCA. The report is available on the organizations' websites. www.sPCA.bc.ca, www.cfhs.ca, www.ontariosPCA.ca AWFC Grant: \$10,000

Canadian Marine Environment Protection Society, Vancouver, British Columbia

The Canadian Marine Environment Protection Society (CMEPS) works to educate Canadians about the need to protect the ocean's remaining natural ecosystems for their biological and cultural importance. AWFC funding assisted with production costs of CMEPS' new publication, *Canada's Beluga Whale: Hunted, Poisoned, Unprotected*, a report on the biology and the population status of beluga whales in the Canadian Arctic, where whale populations remain at risk due to overkilling, global warming and toxic contaminants. www.cMEPS.org
AWFC Grant: \$5,000

Highland Animal Relief Team, Bancroft, Ontario

The Highland Animal Relief Team serves a large geographic area with high unemployment and poverty. Funding from the AWFC was used to support the organization's spay/ neuter incentive program for animals in low income households. www.hartbancroft.ca
AWFC Grant: \$1,000

Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre, Salt Spring Island, British Columbia

The Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre helps avian and terrestrial wildlife from throughout the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island and is the only year round marine mammal rescue centre in Canada. Funding from the AWFC was used to provide fellowships to two interns, allowing them to be trained and participate in the Centre's work, including diagnosis, medical treatment, necropsies, rescue and release, feeding and daily care of wildlife. www.sealrescue.org
AWFC Grant: \$7,200

Meow Foundation, Calgary, Alberta

The Meow Foundation facilitates the rescue of stray and abandoned cats and provides interim care for cats until adoptive homes can be found. Funding from the AWFC was used to purchase

microchip identification, to ensure rescue cats have permanent identification before moving to a new home. www.meowfoundation.com
AWFC Grant: \$1,000

Northwest Animal Shelter, Smithers, British Columbia

The Northwest Animal Shelter is a volunteer run organization serving an area of over 70,000 square km in Northwestern British Columbia. AWFC funding, along with the assistance of local veterinarians, volunteers and the community, was used to support the shelter's pet overpopulation program, resulting in spay/neuter of 65 cats and 3 dogs from low income households. www.nwass.ca
AWFC Grant: \$1,000

Wild at Heart Refuge Centre, Lively, Ontario

The Wild at Heart Refuge Centre provides veterinary treatment and rehabilitation to 200-500 wild animals a year that are orphaned, sick or injured so that they can be released back to the wild. Animals treated consist primarily of songbirds, water birds, raptors, small mammals and juvenile large mammals. AWFC funding was used for the purchase of veterinary equipment. www.northernontario.org/wildatheart/
AWFC Grant: \$1,000

Zoocheck Canada, Toronto, Ontario

Zoocheck Canada is a national animal protection charity established to promote and protect the interests and wellbeing of wild animals. AWFC funding was used to assist distribution of Zoocheck's education kit on wildlife in captivity, *Let's Go Wild! Facilitating an Understanding and Appreciation of Life and Animals, Primary and Junior Levels*. Kits have now been sent to hundreds of schools across Canada. www.zoocheck.com
AWFC Grant: \$2,500

University Animal Welfare Clubs

The AWFC provided grants of \$2,000 to support the educational programs of the animal welfare clubs in each of the four veterinary colleges in Canada - the Atlantic Veterinary College, University of Prince Edward Island; the Faculté de médecine vétérinaire, University of Montreal; the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph; and the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan.