

## **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 2007**

### **I. Major Grants**

#### **British Columbia SPCA, Vancouver, British Columbia**

The British Columbia SPCA launched its *SPCA Certified* labeling and certification program in 2002. The program provides assurance to consumers in the province that certified products were raised according to the BC SPCA's high farm animal welfare standards. Over 1.5 million animals (beef cattle, dairy cattle, pigs, laying hens and broiler chickens) have been raised within the program since its inception. The British Columbia SPCA will use the grant provided by the AWFC to expand its program through nationalization of existing standards, development of new standards for sheep and turkeys, and publication and dissemination of the standards.

[www.sPCA.bc.ca](http://www.sPCA.bc.ca)

AWFC Grant: \$20,000

#### **Hope for Wildlife, Head of Chezzetcook, Nova Scotia**

The Hope for Wildlife Society, located in Seaforth, Nova Scotia, is a wildlife rehabilitation and education facility entirely staffed by community volunteers. It specializes in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of injured or orphaned native fur bearing mammals, sea birds and songbirds and has treated and released thousands of mammals and birds representing over 200 various species. The facility is fully licensed and inspected, with a federal license for the rehabilitation of sea birds and a provincial license for the rehabilitation of indigenous wildlife. The Hope for Wildlife Society has recently taken on the services of the Atlantic Raptor Rehabilitation Centre, providing care for sick, injured and orphaned raptors. The AWFC grant will be used the support the educational components of the raptor rehabilitation program. [www.hopeforwildlife.net](http://www.hopeforwildlife.net)

AWFC Grant: \$3,850

#### **New Brunswick Animal Veterinary Medical Association Animal Welfare Committee/New Brunswick SPCA**

Financial constraints prevent many animal shelters in New Brunswick from having Animal Health Technicians on staff. Euthanasia, where necessary due to disease or overcrowding in

shelters, is performed by lay personnel. The grant provided by the AWFC will allow the New Brunswick Veterinary Medical Association to provide a training program for shelter staff from across the province aimed at ensuring compassionate and humane euthanasia, and addressing the safety and stress of staff. [www.spca-nb.ca](http://www.spca-nb.ca), [www.nbvma-amvnb.ca](http://www.nbvma-amvnb.ca)

AWFC Grant: \$5,000

### **Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre, Salt Spring Island, British Columbia - \$3,600**

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 will be used to support a wildlife rehabilitation fellowship, allowing an intern 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](http://www.sealrescue.org)

AWFC Grant: \$3,600

## **II. Small Grants**

### **Highland Animal Relief Team, Bancroft, Ontario - \$1,000**

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](http://www.hartbancroft.ca)

AWFC Grant: \$1,000

### **Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan - \$1,000**

The Foothills Model Forest in Alberta operates a grizzly bear research program focused on evaluating grizzly bear populations; assessing bear response to humane activities; and identifying habitat conditions to provide land managers with tools to integrate grizzly bear needs into the land management decision making framework. Researchers at the WCVM will use the AWFC funding to support a project, *Evaluating capture with culvert trap in Foothills Model Forest Grizzly Bear Research Program; Effects on grizzly bear health and welfare*. If culvert traps affect grizzly bear health less than leg hold snares, their use will provide better welfare for live-captured bears. [www.usask.ca/wcvm](http://www.usask.ca/wcvm)

AWFC Grant: \$1,000

### **Golden Women's Resource Centre, Golden, British Columbia - \$1,000**

The Golden Safe Homes Program provides shelter and support for women and children fleeing violence. It serves a rural, isolated area of the East Kootenays, and is actively engaged in efforts

to end violence against women and their children, providing 24 hour shelter, crisis intervention and support services for women in crisis. Funding from the AWFC will be used to cover the cost of kenneling of clients' pets on a long term basis when necessary, making it easier for women to leave violent situations and to enter treatment programs without giving up their pets.

[www3.telus.net/bcwomen/BCCWC\\_information.html](http://www3.telus.net/bcwomen/BCCWC_information.html)

AWFC Grant: \$1,000

### **Turtle Gardens Animal Rehabilitation Society, Topley, British Columbia - \$1,000**

The mission of Turtle Gardens is to reduce the number of unwanted pets in the Bulkley Valley region of northern British Columbia. It provides a spay/neuter program and re-homes homeless pets. Funding from the AWFC will be used to support the spay/neuter program.

[www.turtlegardens.petfinder.com](http://www.turtlegardens.petfinder.com)

AWFC Grant: \$1,000

### **Saving Animals at Risk, Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia - \$1,000**

This volunteer-run shelter encountered a crisis with its water supply. The AWFC grant will assist in establishment of new water source.

AWFC Grant: \$1,000

### **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.