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 over 1,500 injured and orphaned wild animals  
 will be given a **second chance**  
 this year.

**Injured, freezing, starving.**



That's how the story of two bobcats began back in January. Fortunately for both, some caring citizens decided they had to do something and contacted DNR for help. On a cold Saturday in January, Wilma the bobcat was taken into the care the Hope for Wildlife Society where she received life-saving treatment for her injuries. Not 24 hours later, a second bobcat arrived. Weighing only 2.5 pounds, Sandy's core body temperature

was so low that it didn't even register on the thermometer. After spending the winter in the care of Hope for Wildlife volunteers, both Sandy and Wilma were returned to their native territories, healthy and strong. Every animal at the Hope for Wildlife carries a story. While many of the stories have sad beginnings due to the ignorance that causes these animals to need us, they are also filled with the compassion of people who care enough to help.



**Ready for release: healthy, strong and full of attitude!**

**By making a donation to the Hope for Wildlife Society you become part of over 1,500 stories of hope, healing and second chances.**

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Visit our website at [hopeforwildlife.org](http://hopeforwildlife.org) to find out how you can help, or use the enclosed envelope to send your donation today.



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Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone - and what a busy year it was! We roared in to 2011 with not just one, but two bobcats. It was such a privilege to work with these amazing and beautiful animals. As spring came rushing towards us, we braced ourselves for another busy season. It wasn't long before our nurseries were flooded with orphans. With so much going on at the farm the summer just flew by, and before we knew it fall arrived once again. As the season winds down, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our supporters for your generosity in helping us help injured and orphaned wildlife in Nova Scotia. **You make all of this possible.**

In recent years we have experienced the same cuts in funding from businesses, corporations and government support programs as have so many other organisations. To add to the blow, **this year's Open House - our biggest annual fundraiser - drew only half of our usual audience and funds** due to the threat of Hurricane Irene. Now, more than ever, the continued success of the Hope for Wildlife Society depends on the support of individuals like you.

**With your help we can give over 1,500 injured and orphaned wild animals a second chance in 2012.** Your donation will help provide food, shelter and medical care to our wild friends who need it most. We ask once again for your donation to ensure that injured and orphaned wildlife continue to have a safe haven to rest and recover in Nova Scotia.

**On behalf of everyone at the Hope for Wildlife Society I thank you for your continued support, and wish all of our friends and supporters the very best in the year ahead.**

Sincerely,

Hope Swinimer, CVPM  
Founder and Director  
Hope for Wildlife Society

*Hope for Wildlife Animal Ambassador*  
*"SeeSaw"*  
*Saw-Whet Owl*



## Day Camps success in 2011; new workshops help bring people and wildlife together

Our summer camp pilot project last summer was such a success that we couldn't wait to continue it again this year! We held one week-long camp in July for children ages 7-9 and another in August for ages 10-12. Camp participants were thrilled to meet Oliver Twist the juvenile barred owl, our newest Wildlife Ambassador at Hope for Wildlife. Visits from falconer Chris Dean, veterinarian Dr. Barry and local beekeepers demonstrated the wonders of working with animals.

Our new project this summer was a series of free wildlife workshops led by local experts. Over one weekend in early July we hosted four family-oriented workshops designed to increase environmental awareness and interest in wildlife issues in our community. In their talk *All About Bats*, Lynne Burns and Amanda Lowe from Saint Mary's University gave a fascinating look into these misunderstood night flyers and their role in our environment. Boris Worm, a biology professor at Dalhousie University, led a lively discussion about biodiversity and ecosystems that drew lots of great questions from our participants! On Sunday, Anna Mukpo explained the complex lives of bees and the challenges pollinators face in our environment. In her workshop *Bad Boys of the Wild-*



*Camp participants were thrilled to meet Oliver Twist the Barred Owl, our newest Wildlife Ambassador.*

*life World*, Jenny Costello separated myth from fact surrounding coyotes and black bears in our province. She also had some great tips for sharing our environment with these fascinating creatures. We were so excited to have a great turnout at these workshops, and hope to continue finding new ways to expand our education programs and share our love of the wonderful world of wildlife to as many people as we can. A special thank-you to all of our amazing workshop leaders. We couldn't have done it without you!

This project was undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada through the Federal Department of the Environment as well as the Nova Scotia Habitat Conservation Fund: Contributions from Hunters and Trappers; South Eastern Community Health Board, Eastern Shore-Musquodoboit Community Health Board, RBC Blue Water Project, and the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia.



*Anna Mukpo gives workshop participants a unique opportunity to see life in a Honey Bee hive*

## CONGRATULATIONS!



*Hayley (left) and Kelly participate in the 'cloaking' ceremony, marking the beginning of their studies at the Atlantic Veterinary College.*

Hope for Wildlife volunteers Laura Bond, Hayley Inkpen and Kelly O'Donnell have some exciting news to share - all three were accepted to Doctor of Veterinary Medicine programs! Hayley and Kelly headed to the Atlantic Veterinary College at the University of Prince Edward Island, while Laura headed for Scotland to attend classes at the University of Edinburgh.



*Once a rehabber, always a rehabber: While taking a break from her studies to do some sightseeing in Scotland, Laura rescues a wind-battered juvenile house marten.*

**Great Job Girls!!  
Everyone at Hope  
for Wildlife is so  
proud of you!**

## Your dollars at work: Welcome to Reid's Roost

Each fall, everyone here at the Hope for Wildlife Society looks forward to a relaxing, quiet winter. It's time to sit back and relax, right? WRONG! While it's definitely a quiet time of year as far as admissions go, there is always lots to keep us busy, and last winter was no exception.

As soon as the last of the spring orphans were out the door, our resident construction guru set to work demolishing old units to make room for a new custom-designed complex.

With winter closing in, the plan was to complete the units by November, but of course these things never go exactly as planned! Fortunately for us, a mild winter meant work could

continue right through until January. With nine interior units and a large aviary, we couldn't be happier with what came to be known as *Reid's Roost*. It has some great features such as sloped floors, a central drain and Lexan walls that make them easy to clean and prevent cross contamination between units. The heated floors provide warmth and comfort for sick and injured animals, while the skylights provide natural sunlight in every unit.

We're always striving to provide better care for our patients, and these new units help us do just that by providing comfort and security. Thank-you to our supporters who make projects like this possible!



*After trying her hand at loading gravel, Allison quickly decided to stick with caring for the animals!*



*The new aviary allows for fresh air, natural light and lots of space for birds to master flight before release.*



*Each individual unit can be modified to suit the unique needs of different species.*



*The sloped floors and central drain help keep the animals clean and comfortable.*

## Coming to Oasis HD this spring: *Hope for Wildlife Season 3!*



*The camera captures Hope and Dr. Barry talking about wildlife rehab during a trip to British Columbia*

We've got plenty of surprises in store for fans of the Hope for Wildlife TV series. A new season begins airing in the new year on Oasis HD and the Knowledge Network. On top of her work at home, Hope hits the road to learn more about helping injured and orphaned wildlife. There's mountain lions and seals and bears – oh my!

Hope's not travelling alone – and she's not just sightseeing. You'll see Hope, Dr. Barry and Allison get down and dirty working with wild animals all over the world. Hope for Wildlife is going off the farm – it's a whole new world of Hope!

Thanks for watching!  
Craig Ferguson, Director,  
Hope for Wildlife TV series

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