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Fall Newsletter

Important Update: The Lynx's Journey Continues 🐾

A couple of weeks ago, Manitoba's only veterinary ophthalmologist, Dr. Hsu, visited Wildlife Haven to take a closer look at the lynx's eye.

The exam confirmed she has an injury to her left eye, likely from the dog attack that brought her to Wildlife Haven in August. The injury caused lasting damage, including scarring and a cataract that impacts her vision. It was confirmed that the injury could have longterm impacts on her health and eyesite.

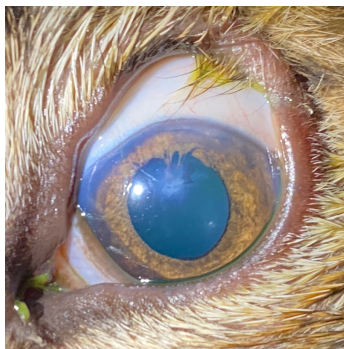
After consulting with conservation and biology experts, it was determined that these challenges, along with other health considerations, mean that she would not be able to safely survive on her own in the wild.



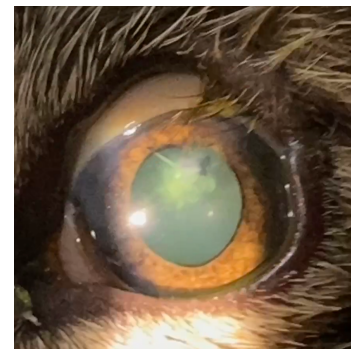
Photos from Dr. Hsu explaining the Lynx's prognosis



Shows the iris darker in the left eye, indicating damage to the eye.



Shows the area where the iris is stuck to the cornea and the lens.



Gives an idea of a deeper cataract further inside the eye. The cloudiness explains why her vision may be affected.

Although this is not the outcome we were hoping for, this is thankfully not the end of her story. **We're pleased to announce that the Assiniboine Park Zoo has agreed to welcome her and provide ongoing care.** Wildlife Haven works exclusively with accredited zoos to ensure non-releasable mammals receive the lifelong care they deserve.

Over the coming weeks, we will coordinate her safe transfer to the Zoo. Once there, her immediate health and welfare needs will be thoroughly assessed and prioritized by the Zoo's veterinary and animals care teams. They will also evaluate options for her future in human care, which may include temporary or long-term placement at the Zoo or transfer to another accredited zoological facility equipped to meet her needs.

Typically, wildlife patients at Wildlife Haven aren't given names. This helps us stay focused on their recovery and eventual return to the wild, and prevents us from becoming too attached. Since this lynx won't be returning to the wild, **we now have the special opportunity to give her a name!**

We've named her Lumi, meaning "snow" in Finnish, which is a tribute to her northern roots. It also means "light" in Latin, symbolizing the way she has inspired our team and community with her courage, strength, and resilience. She has been a light in our community, and will continue to bring joy to so many with her beauty and resilience.

Thank you for following the lynx's journey and for supporting her during her time at the Wildlife Haven Animal Hospital. We have been truly amazed by the outpouring of love and generosity from our donors and community. **It has been a true honour to care for an animal so beautiful and magnificent.**

Stay tuned for more updates as we collaborate with the zoo to plan next steps for the Lynx.



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Open House Recap: Thank You for Joining Us!





Thank you to everyone who attended our Open House in September! We welcomed over 1,500 visitors and raised more than \$15,000 to support injured, orphaned, and sick wildlife. Even with one of the rainiest Saturdays of the year, we sold out of tickets! We felt so much love and support from the community.

A huge thank you to everyone who came to learn about our work, to the volunteers who made it possible, and to everyone who generously donated. We had a great time sharing about what we do with fellow animal lovers.

Special shoutouts to:

- **The Little Eggplant** for delicious food
- **Perk Events Canada** and **Sheepdog Brewing Co.** for the tasty coffee
- **CPAWS Manitoba, Oak Hammock Marsh, Manitoba Conservation, Assiniboine Park Zoo**, and **Nu-sun** for sharing their conservation knowledge

We can't wait to see you again next year!



Meeting Majestic, our Bald Eagle ambassador.



Watching live animal presentations at our amphitheatre.



Watching the Lynx in her enclosure.



Photos with Una the Great Horned Owl.



Fall Fun for Wildlife: Record-Breaking Online Auction Results!

This year's Fall Fun for Wildlife online auction raised an incredible \$22,874, setting a new record! Our lineup of prizes was better than ever, thanks to the generosity of businesses and individual donors who contributed an amazing array of items.

We are so grateful to everyone who participated and helped make this auction a success. Your support directly benefits the injured, orphaned, and sick wildlife in our care.

Introducing the Terracon Rescue Hub – Where Every Wild Journey Starts

Our Intake Room at Wildlife Haven has a brand-new name! We are excited to announce that it will now be known as the **Terracon Rescue Hub**.

This space is the very first stop for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife arriving at the Wildlife Haven Animal Hospital. It's where a member of the public might bring in an orphaned baby squirrel or an injured hawk, and where our team records vital information to begin the process of rehabilitation. Every patient's journey back to the wild begins right here.

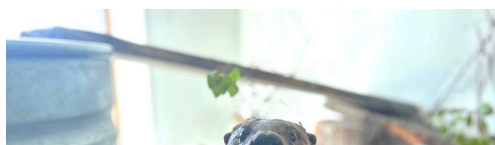
We are incredibly grateful to **Terracon** for their generous support of Wildlife Haven, and for the commitment of Laura and Norbert Hansch. Their contribution ensures that the Terracon Rescue Hub can continue to be a place of hope and healing for wildlife in need.



Patient Updates

Otter Update: Exploring Their New Enclosure

Our otters recently moved into the



Richardson Waterfowl Centre, an upgrade that gives them access to three new pools, more space, and an outdoor enclosure! This will be their home until their planned release in the spring. [Click here to watch a video of the otters enjoying their new pool.](#)

[Watch Video of Otters](#)



Help keep the otters busy!

Our otters are full of energy, and we're always looking for new ways to keep them active and engaged! If you have tunnels, slides, see-saws, or other safe enrichment items (preferably plastic for easy cleaning), they would make perfect additions to their play areas. If you are unsure if your item would be a good fit, give us a call at [204-202-3806](tel:204-202-3806).



Pelican: Feisty, Young & Spirited

This young pelican was found alone and missed his migration. He was admitted with a wing injury and is now recovering in his enclosure. He's full of energy, very vocal, and loves practicing his flight across the pool. He will be in care at Wildlife Haven over the winter, with the plan to release in the spring.



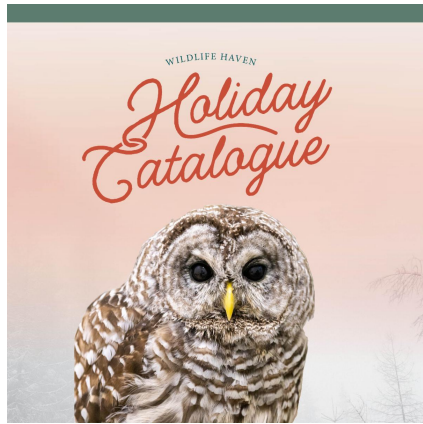
Meet Our Resilient Snapping Turtle

This snapping turtle was admitted over the summer after being hit by a car. He's a big guy, weighing 21 lbs, and suffered a completely broken shell. Thanks to dedicated care, his shell is now healing and closing, and he'll stay with us through the winter to make a full recovery. Once he's strong and healthy, he's scheduled for release next summer!



A Second Chance for the Orphaned Mink

This orphaned mink spent 106 days in care after being found cold and alone as a tiny baby near the Seine River Diversion. She was carefully warmed in an incubator and syringe-fed until she grew bigger and stronger. We're happy to share that she was successfully released back into the wild in September!



Looking for ways to give back this upcoming holiday season?

Check out our **Holiday Catalogue**, featuring meaningful gifts that support wildlife patients at Wildlife Haven. Every gift you give helps provide care, comfort, and second chances to animals in need and can be given in honour of someone special. Want to be among the first to receive our Holiday Catalogue? Email info@wildlifehaven.ca to be added to our mailing list.

Cypher Environmental's 6th Annual Golf Tournament: A Huge Success!

Thank you to **Cypher Environmental** for organizing another incredible Charity Golf Tournament in support of Wildlife Haven! This year's tournament was a huge success!

Because of Cypher Environmental and the amazing support from so many businesses, sponsors, and golfers who came together - this year's tournament raised an **incredible \$50,000!**

Every dollar goes directly toward caring for injured, orphaned, and sick wildlife, giving them the second chance they deserve: life back in the wild.

Mark your calendars — the 7th Annual Charity Golf



Mark your calendars! The Fall Annual Charity Golf Tournament will take place on **September 15, 2026**. We hope to see you there!



This Month at Wildlife Haven



Thank you to **Bristol Hauling** for raising and donating \$540 to care for wildlife patients



The Animal Hospital Team ready to move the otters to their new enclosure



Thank you to Arabella and Juliana for donating toys and funds to help & care for the lynx



Baby Cottontail patient eating a dandelion leaf



Franklin's Gull and Ring-billed Gull in the animal hospital



Red Squirrel patient nibbling on a pinecone

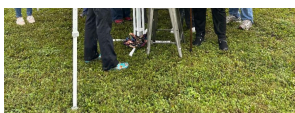




The lynx exploring a tunnel in her enclosure



Volunteer Kathi transferring the 21 lbs snapping turtle via wagon



Even on a rainy day, visitors to our Open House gathered under the tent to learn about the work we do



Griffin enjoying the warm September weather



Grounded Grebe that was released back to the wild two weeks ago



Gus hanging out in the Murray Education Centre

Thank you for your support!



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