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**PAWS Reaches Milestone of Caring for 100,000 Wild Animals**

Lynnwood, WA—The Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) of Lynnwood reached a milestone of caring for 100,000 wild animals since the organization began wildlife rehabilitation in 1981. With a full-service wildlife veterinary hospital, coupled with a surgery suite and X-ray, custom-built enclosures, and vast expertise in wildlife natural history, PAWS has provided skilled care for more than 240 different species of Washington's wildlife. Just about every wild animal who flies, walks or crawls in the Pacific Northwest has been cared for by PAWS.

Some of these species currently in care include a Harbor Seal pup found injured and orphaned on a beach, a Barn Owl who had been hit by a car, and two juvenile Bald Eagles.

“PAWS Wildlife Center has grown so much since the first days of providing rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned wild animals in a small building behind the PAWS companion animal shelter,” noted Jennifer Convy, PAWS Wildlife Director who has been at PAWS for 12 years. “With more than 110 years of combined experience among our staff in the field of wildlife veterinary medicine and rehabilitation, we also train future wildlife professionals and share best practices with our colleagues in the field.”

In addition, PAWS is a resource for helping citizens with practical, humane and effective solutions for solving and preventing conflicts with wildlife. Expert staff answer questions such as how to prevent a Raccoon from building a nest in an attic, what to do when a baby bird has fallen from a nest, and how to discourage a Great Blue Heron from eating fish in a backyard pond.

High resolution photos of wild animals in care can be sent by request, or the opportunity to come to PAWS to photograph animals and/or interview staff is also available.

A Northwest leader in protecting animals since 1967, PAWS shelters homeless dogs and cats, rehabilitates injured and orphaned wildlife, and empowers people to demonstrate compassion and respect for animals in their daily lives.

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