



WELCOME
MARS Wildlife Rescue
2023/2024 Annual General Meeting

Agenda

- ▶ 10:00 AM Call to Order/Welcome: Warren Warttig, President
- ▶ Approval of the Agenda
- ▶ Minutes of 2023 AGM – Pearl McKenzie, Vice-President
- ▶ Reports for March 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024 Fiscal Year:
 - ❑ President's Report – Warren Warttig
 - ❑ Rehabilitation Program Report – Megan Erickson
 - ❑ Financial Report – Nicole Booth
 - ❑ Special Events and Fundraising Report – Lynda Hodgkinson
 - ❑ Education Program Report – Aaron Schmidt
 - ❑ Habitat Stewardship Report – Jan Smith
- ▶ Election of Directors
- ▶ Questions from Members/Discussion
- ▶ Adjournment of Annual General Meeting

Minutes of 2022/23 AGM

September 23, 2023

Approval of the Agenda: Jane Thomson moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Janet Smith. Carried.

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held October 15, 2022: Joanne Stiles moved to approve the Minutes as read, seconded by John Turner. Carried.

PowerPoint Presentation Reports for the 2022 – 2023 Fiscal Year:

- President's Report
- Rehabilitation Manager's Report
- Education Program Report
- Financial Report–
- Special Events and Fundraising Report
- Habitat Plants Stewardship Report

Valerie Berry moved to accept all Reports, seconded by John Turner. Carried

... cont'd Minutes of 2022/23 AGM held September 23, 2023

- ▶ **Election of Directors:** Introduction of Board members continuing their term. Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Paul Jackman .
- ▶ **Nomination Report**, nominating the following people to the Board for a two-year term ending in 2025:
 - Darlene Banerd
 - Nicole Booth
 - Lynda Hodgkinson
 - Therisa Lowe
 - John Turner
 - David Volkert

Pearl McKenzie moved to accept these persons nominated to the Board of Directors. Seconded by Jane Thomson and carried.

- ▶ **Motion to Adjourn at 11:00 AM was made by John Turner.**

President's Report

Thank you to our generous supporters

Operating grants from:

- ❑ **Province of British Columbia**
- ❑ **Comox Valley Regional District**
- ❑ **Strathcona Regional District**



....*Thank you*

Businesses play an important role

- ❑ **Professional Services**
- ❑ **Use of Equipment**
- ❑ **Raffle Prizes**
- ❑ **Corporate Members**



....Thank you

- ▶ **Partners in rescuing & caring for wildlife**
- **Ferries, Airlines**
- **Pet food and cleaning services**
- **Local residents who donate bedding and food for patients**



... *Thank you*

► Individual Supporters

- ❑ Creation of items for sale in the gift shop
- ❑ Construction of patient enclosures
- ❑ Estate funds
- ❑ Donations big and small
- ❑ Monthly contributions
- ❑ Donations of returnable bottles and cans



...Thank you

▶ Invaluable
Volunteer
Contribution

□ “Hands-On”
Volunteer Time

□ Maintenance of
Trails in
Regional Parks



Wildlife Rehabilitation Report

2023-2024

Yearly Recap

In 2023, MARS admitted 937 patients in total, ranging from small Hummingbirds to Black-tailed Deer. This admission number decreased 16% from 2022, as there continued to be a heavy presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the area.

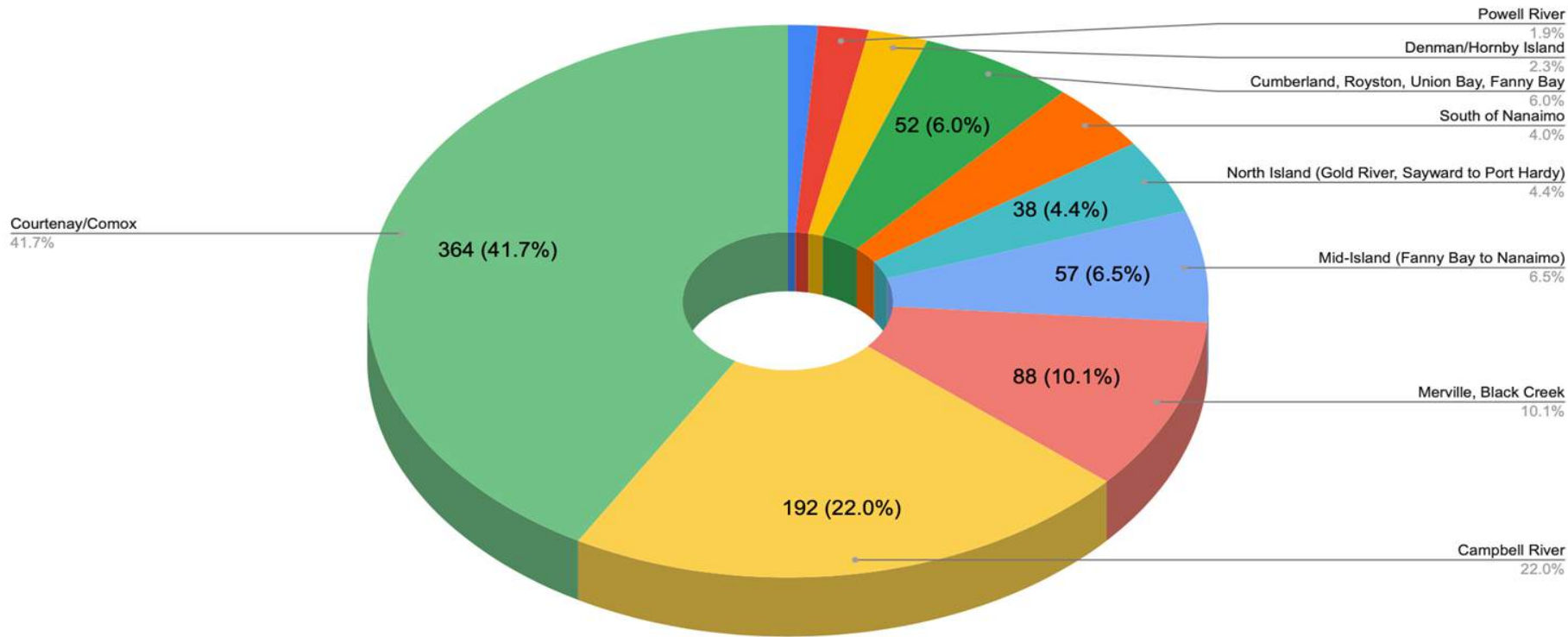
...Cont'd Yearly Recap

Wildlife came to us from all over Vancouver Island, and even from the Sunshine Coast and the Greater Vancouver Area. Just over 4% of our total intake were transfers from other rehabilitation centres, including Island Wildlife Conservancy on Salt Spring Island, and PROWLS in Powell River.

Inflation has been a large issue again this last year, with the cost of supplies rising and donations decreasing. This continues to strain our operating budget as we struggle to keep our patients fed and purchase necessities like disinfectants and cleaning material.



Intake By Region



MARS continues to admit and treat red-listed (endangered) and blue-listed (threatened) species, as well as species of special concern, at a total of 68 individuals across 20 different species.

▶ **Red Listed Species**

- ▶ 7 Townsend's Voles
- ▶ 2 Western Grebes
- ▶ 1 Western Painted Turtle

▶ **Any species or ecosystem that is at risk of being lost (extirpated, endangered or threatened) in British Columbia**

Blue Listed Species

**Includes any native species considered to be of Special Concern
(formerly Vulnerable) in British Columbia**

10 Barn Swallows

9 Great Blue Heron

4 Northern Saw-whet Owls

4 Killdeer

2 Townsend's Big-eared Bats

2 Marbled Murrelets

2 Surf Scoters

2 Band-tailed Pigeons

2 Hairy Woodpeckers

2 Yuma Myotis

1 Long-tailed Duck

1 California Gull

1 Peregrine Falcon

1 Common Nighthawk

1 Ancient Murrelet

1 Purple Martin



Most Common Avian Patients of 2023



- ▶ 88 American Robins
- ▶ 48 Bald Eagles
- ▶ 29 Barred Owls
- ▶ 28 American Crows
- ▶ 28 Common Ravens



Most Common Mammalian Patients of 2023

57 Raccoons

13 Little Brown
Bats

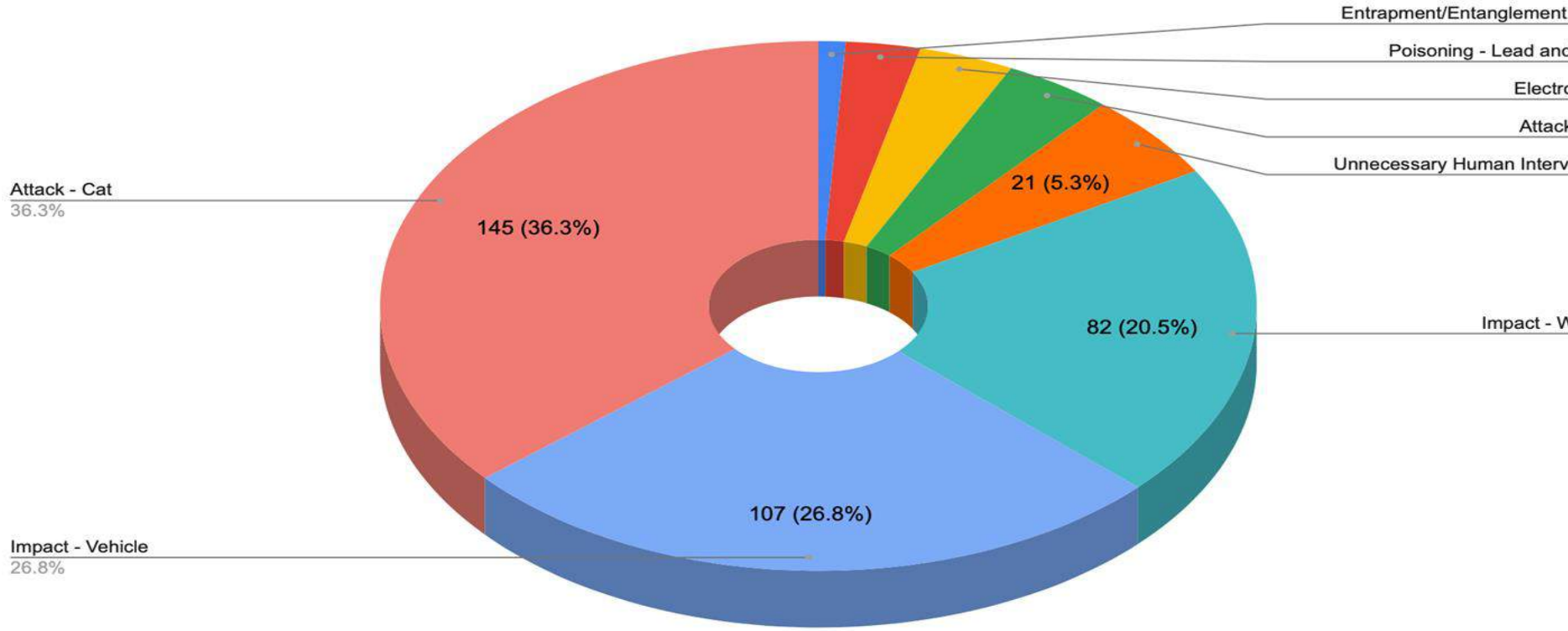
12 Black-tailed
Deer

7 Townsend's
Voles

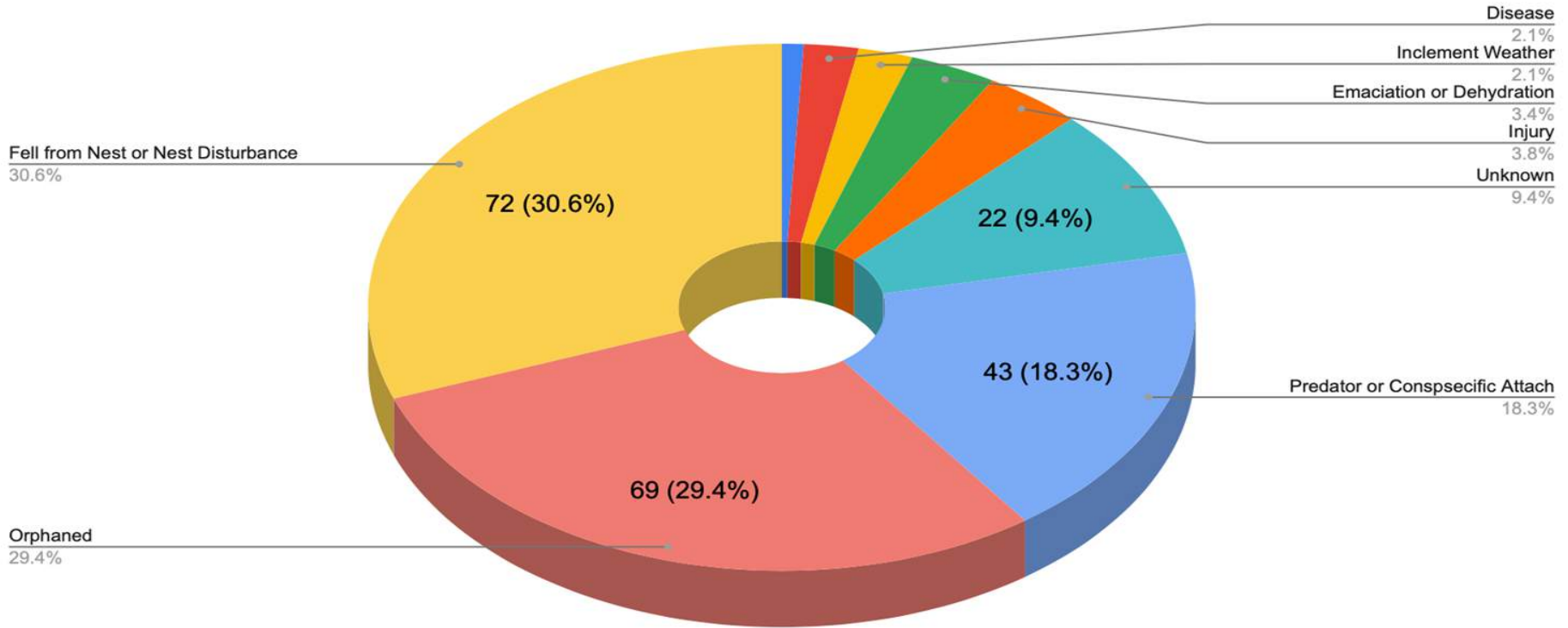
7 Deer Mice



Reasons for Intake (Human Causes)



Reasons for Intake (Natural Causes)





Patient Admissions

2023 saw a major increase in cat attacks as a reason for wildlife admission, followed closely by impacts from vehicles and impacts on windows. These were the leading causes for admissions for all species.

... Cont'd *Patient Admissions*

Animal populations are still struggling with plenty of diseases, the worst of these was the return of HPAI, which greatly decimated bird populations and affected multiple species of birds including waterfowl, raptors and corvids.

We believe this is the main reason for the greatly reduced admission numbers in 2023. HPAI affects not only the healthy adult birds, but also asymptomatic carriers who appear to have a lower rate of successful broods.



Ambassador Update

- ▶ In 2023, WildARC, in Victoria, sent us a juvenile Common Raven in need of intensive rehabilitation due to her injuries.
- ▶ After a number of months this bird was deemed unreleasable by veterinarians due to her poor eyesight, thought to be the result of a congenital disease.
- ▶ While in our care, rehabilitators noticed her docile behaviour and incredible curiosity towards humans. Staff thought that she would be an excellent fit for our ambassador program. She was given the name “Kora” and became an ambassador in early 2024.





MARS Wildlife Rescue Centre

Fiscal Year Ending
February 29th 2024

Financial Report



3 Year Financial Result Summary

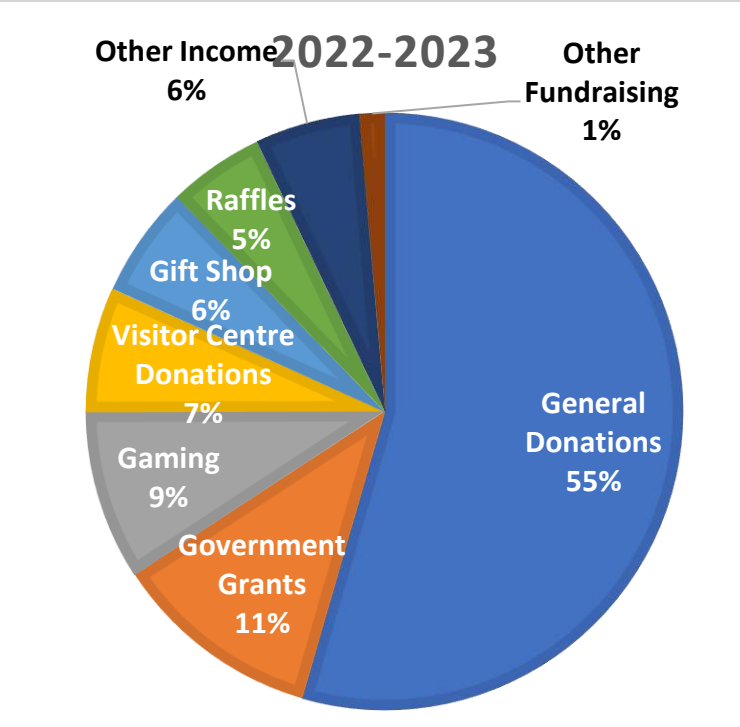
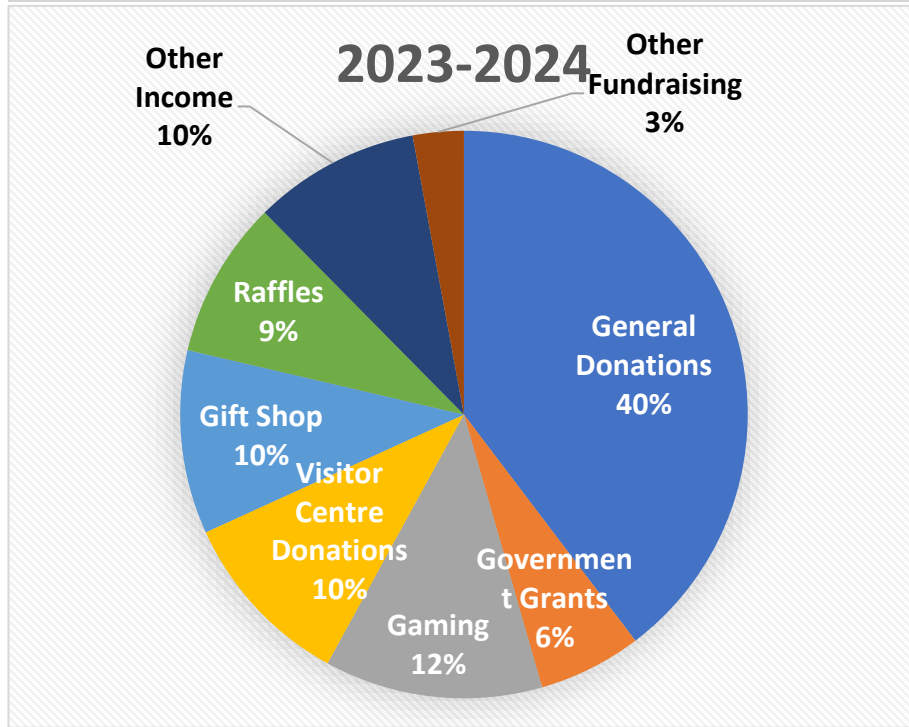


	FY 2023-2024	FY 2022-2023	FY 2021-2022
Total Revenue	523,254	709,107	595,374
Total Expenses	523,806	487,674	361,870
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(552)	221,433	233,504
Accumulated Surplus (Net Assets) Balance	2,038,722	2,111,064	1,962,233

Revenue Breakdown

	FY 2023-2024		FY 2022-2023		FY 2021-2022	
General Donations	207,604	39.6%	386,302	54.5%	310,290	52.1%
Government Grants	30,791	5.9%	80,261	11.3%	63,905	10.7%
Gaming	65,000	12.4%	65,000	9.2%	65,000	10.9%
Visitor Centre Donations	53,415	10.2%	48,160	6.8%	43,941	7.4%
Gift Shop	54,735	10.5%	42,633	6.0%	31,799	5.3%
Raffles	46,855	9.0%	36,870	5.2%	38,015	6.4%
Other Income	49,689	9.5%	40,155	5.7%	35,723	6.0%
Other Fundraising	15,165	2.9%	9,727	1.4%	6,701	1.1%
TOTAL	523,254		709,108		595,374	
In Kind Labour	557,440		457,450		511,603	

Revenue Breakdown Visualized



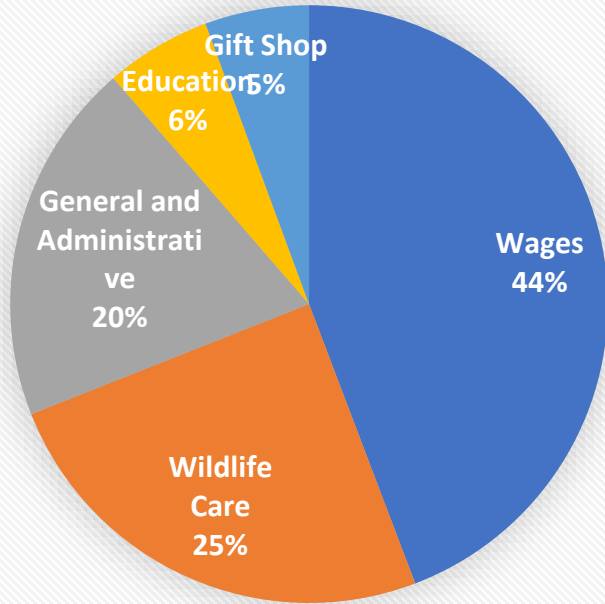
Expense Breakdown



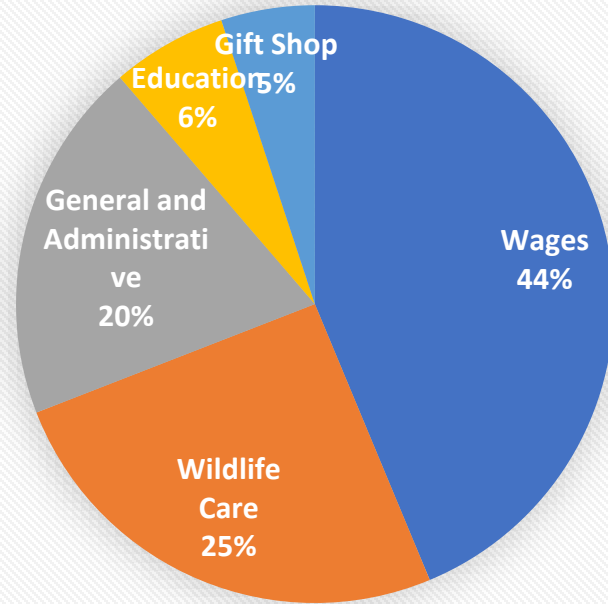
	FY 2023-2024		FY 2022-2023		FY 2021-2022	
Wages	231,634	44.3%	213,206	43.7%	148,240	41.0%
Wildlife Care	129,767	24.8%	123,721	25.4%	95,890	26.5%
General and Administrative	102,893	19.6%	95,614	19.6%	77,191	21.3%
Education	30,029	5.7%	30,419	6.2%	25,853	7.1%
Gift Shop	<u>29,483</u>	5.6%	<u>24,714</u>	5.1%	<u>14,695</u>	4.1%
TOTAL	523,806		487,674		361,870	

Expense Breakdown Visualized

2023-2024



2022-2023



In Kind Labour

MARS Wildlife Rescue Centre relies on the generosity of the community, both in donations of money and goods, but also the donation of time.



	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022
In kind labour (\$)	\$557,440	\$457,450	\$511,603
In kind labour (hours)	38,252 hours	22,872 hours	25,580 hours
Comparison to full time positions (based on 40 hours x 50 weeks)	19.1 FT positions	11.4 FT positions	12.8 FT positions
Patient Admissions	937 patients	1082 patients	1421 patients
Hours per Patient	40.8 hours per patient	21.1 hours per patient	18.0 hours per patient

Balance Sheet Overview

	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022
ASSETS			
Operating Funds	227,454	282,723	291,965
Restricted Funds	171,281	377,224	207,602
Accounts Receivable	10,904	5,442	5,683
Inventory	<u>9,190</u>	<u>7,080</u>	<u>6,671</u>
Total Current Assets	418,828	672,469	511,920
Capital Assets	<u>1,893,305</u>	<u>1,772,189</u>	<u>1,804,128</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	2,312,134	2,444,658	2,316,048
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	15,652	14,094	27,188
CEBA Loan	0	30,000	30,000
Prepaid Firehall Lease	4,800	4,800	4,800
CRA, GST & PST Payable	5,382	6,321	6,555
Deferred Contribution	<u>21,658</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Current Liabilities	47,492	55,215	68,544
CCCU Mortgage	<u>225,921</u>	<u>278,377</u>	<u>285,272</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	273,412	333,592	353,816
TOTAL EQUITY	2,038,722	2,111,066	1,962,233

Ongoing Expansion Aimed at a Sustainable Future

- Persistent monitoring of costs incurred and opportunities to reduce expenses
- Recruiting of volunteers for all aspects of the organization to be part of MARS' continued growth and expansion(including but not limited to animal care, construction, fundraising, education)
- Increase revenues by supporting our existing streams, continuing to investigate and apply for available government grants, and continuing to work on raising awareness for bequests/estate donations, benefits of membership and opportunities for sponsorship.



Fundraising/Special Events Committee Report

Snapshot of 2023/24 Fiscal Year

March	50/50 raffle to raise funds for “baby season”	Sept	Gary Allan’s documentary <i>Part of the Pack</i>
April	Raptor demonstration	Oct	Hootin’ Halloween 50/50 raffle
May	Spring & Summer raffle	Nov – Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pop-up Holiday Crafters sale • Christmas raffle of quilt, bird box and raised garden box • Crown Isle fundraiser
June/July	Adventure Quest Tour ticket sale		

Another challenging year (e.g., Covid 19, RSV, HPAI, Human influenza) made easier with the help of supporters.

...Cont'd Fundraising/Special Events Committee



HOW FAR WILL WE GO TO CONNECT WITH THE WILD?

PART OF THE PACK



WOLVES

Presentation by Gary Allen
followed by screening of the documentary
Part of the Pack

Saturday, September 23, 1:00 p.m.
Merville Hall, on the corner of
Fenwick and Hwy 19a in Merville

Admission by donation



MARS
WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTRE



HELPING HANDS FOR WILDLIFE

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
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TICKETS \$20 EACH
Ends December 17th



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NESTING BOX

Education

By: Aaron Schmidt

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To conserve and protect native wildlife and its natural habitat through education and rehabilitation.



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750 + Children from 42 Classrooms



★★★★★ 2 months ago

Attended with the Shamrock Gumbooters 4-H club. The tour guide was a 4-H alumni, and clearly has the gift of speech. He kept us intrigued, asked questions, told jokes, and quizzed us. So much fun, we will be back in 2024! Thank you for doing such great work in our community.

👍 Helpful 1



Plus 30 Outreach Events



Habitat Stewardship -2023/24

Team continued expanding and tending healthy habitat at MARS Wildlife Rescue

- ❑ Invasive plant removal events
- ❑ Cared for 15 beds planted since 2020
- ❑ Developed 2 new beds
- ❑ Community groups borrowed invasive plant removal tools from our tool library
- ❑ Online and in-person presentations





Nominating Committee Report



► Board Members elected last year who will complete their term next year (2025):

- ❑ Darlene Banerd
- ❑ Nicole Booth
- ❑ Lynda Hodgkinson
- ❑ Therisa Lowe
- ❑ John Turner



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Nominating
Committee

Retiring Board Members:

- Jaewon Kim
- Linda Hawk
- David Volkert

Nominations for the 2024– 2026 Term of Office

Returning Board Members

- ❑ Virginia (Ginny) Simpson
- ❑ Warren Warttig
- ❑ Pearl McKenzie

New Board Members

- ❑ Leona Doig
- ❑ Robert McLennan
- ❑ Janet Smith





