Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization: **PAWS**

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Organization's General Goals:

Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) is people helping cats, dogs and wild animals go home and thrive – whether home is the family room or the forest. We do this by rehabilitating orphaned and injured wildlife, sheltering and adopting homeless cats and dogs, and educating the community to inspire compassionate action for animals.

Date of Award: 2023 Q2 **Level:** \$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from PAWS.



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Dear Tulalip Tribes Council,

We would like to express our gratitude for generous support from Tulalip Tribes in 2023. Your partnership allowed us to continue providing essential care for Washington's wildlife. We are excited for the opportunity to share PAWS story, and the story of our staff, and the animals and community we serve.

PAWS accomplishes its mission by rehabilitating orphaned and injured wildlife, sheltering, and adopting homeless cats and dogs, and educating the community to inspire compassionate action for animals. PAWS has provided expert care to more than 145,000 injured and orphaned wild animals, from baby black bears escaping dangerous wildfires to Northwestern Pond Turtles endangered by habitat destruction. We are also an ally to multiple disaster relief agencies, and we rehomed deserted animals following the devastation of Hurricanes Harvey and Katrina.

The PAWS Wildlife Center

The PAWS Wildlife Center is a full-service wildlife trauma hospital and rehabilitation facility treating more than 150 different species each year – from bald eagles to orphaned harbor seals. PAWS is also one of only two wildlife centers in Washington licensed to rehabilitate American black bears. We are the only wildlife rehabilitation center in the state that offers continuous veterinary services, 365 days a year. An estimated 4,500 sick, injured, or orphaned wild animals will come to PAWS next year. More than 77% of the animals PAWS receives are avian, 23% are mammalian, and less than 1% are amphibians and reptiles. In addition, through dynamic partnerships with esteemed veterinary and technical institutions, we extend an unparalleled opportunity for veterinary students, veterinarians, undergraduate students, and peers to gain invaluable real-world experience in the inspiring field of wildlife medicine and rehabilitation.

We are excited to share the opening of our new, state-of-the-art Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Snohomish, WA in early 2024. This new campus will be a refuge for animals in need of care, a destination for people who love and respect animals, and a gathering place where the public and professionals can come to learn about and pursue solutions for Washington's wildlife. Our new campus will include facilities with large rehabilitation pools, incubators for infant animals, surgical facilities and customized enclosures for the wide variety of animals in our care. This 25-acre space will increase our capacity to care for five times the number of bear cubs, double the number of bobcats and double the number of seabirds, among other species. We are also excited to integrate world-class veterinary care programs and innovative educational programs that allow community members to learn about our wildlife without the visual and sound impact on the animals themselves.



How We Work

We believe that wild animals should remain wild, and this value is at the heart of everything we do. Our goal is to care for and rehabilitate animals until they can successfully be released into the wild.

The PAWS Wildlife Center is, and will be, a shining example of hope and compassion for all wildlife in need. The Wildlife Center is comprised of an emergency hospital and specialized recovery facilities designed to

rehabilitate sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife, restore them to full health, and return them as functioning members of their wild population. We provide expert care for more than 150 species of mammals, birds, amphibians, and reptiles every year.

Outcomes

In 2023, PAWS admitted 4,257 wild animals. We focus most intensely on native species and species of concern, including threatened and endangered species. Last year alone, PAWS cared for 251 raptors, 9 American black bears, 1,904 songbirds of 60 different species, and 14 patients listed as endangered, threatened, state-monitored, or a species of concern. Rapid urban development in our region means that humans continue to encroach on wild spaces. This leads to an increase in human-animal conflicts and greater demand for the rehabilitation services PAWS provides. **We know that our services are needed now more than ever**.

Conclusion

Thank you for your kind and generous support. It has been essential for continuing our critical support and care of animals and habitats in our region. Please feel free to contact me at 206-265-3040 or hwills@paws.org should you have any questions or would like additional information.

Respectfully,

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