

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Pender Islands Animal Welfare Society, Pender Islands

Category: Group

Project: Wildlife and Domestic Animal Protection

Nominator(s): The Pender Islands Trust Protection Society

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: The Pender Islands Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) was established in 1996, with a mandate of assisting animals in need and educating the public about the need for protecting animals. With over 15 volunteers, and the support of cash donations from the community, PAWS has undertaken numerous activities and programs, including: the development of a pet food 'Food Bank'; an annual PAWS Education Day; animal placement services; dog-sitting services during the Fall Fair; working with boaters to ensure safe passage of wildlife to the Wildlife Care Centre on Salt Spring Island; and a range of outreach and education materials and services. As a result of their dedication, PAWS has assisted an estimated 400 animals, and has made significant contributions to members of the island's community that are often overlooked.