



2002 AWARD WINNER PROFILE

**WINNER: ISLAND WILDLIFE NATURAL CARE CENTRE
JEFF LEDERMAN, DIRECTOR
SALT SPRING ISLAND**

**CATEGORY: ECOSYSTEM AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP
'ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS'**

PROJECT: WILDLIFE REHABILITATION

NOMINATOR: JACKIE BALLERONE, SALT SPRING ISLAND

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Project Description:

Jeff Lederman founded the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre in 1997 to care for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. Jeff used his personal resources to set up operation on a 4-acre parcel of land on the north end of Salt Spring Island. Since then, the Centre has treated nearly 2000 animals.

The Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre now operates with a small paid staff, supplemented by over 20 volunteers. Ten interns from around the world also come to Salt Spring Island to assist, study and gain hands-on experience at the Centre.

The Centre focuses on a naturopathic approach to the rehabilitation of indigenous species. It has gained an international reputation among rehabilitators and has become established as a world leader in the wildlife application of alternative treatments. As a result, it has achieved a remarkable animal survival rate.

This project is consistent with Islands Trust policies that support protection of the diversity of native species in the Trust Area.