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## Goose injured by trap on golf course spurs ongoing calls for change

*Wildlife advocacy group offers non-lethal solutions and support for communities*

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**SURREY** – The calls for updated regulations and support for non-lethal solutions to wildlife conflict in Surrey are being renewed after a wildlife advocacy group learned of a goose injured by a leg-hold trap on a golf course yesterday.

The Fur-Bearers, a national wildlife protection group based in Vancouver, is offering their assistance in developing and implementing non-lethal co-existence measures for the golf course, as well as other landowners in the municipality.

“When we react to wildlife conflict as an inconvenience, cruelty is often an end result,” says Adrian Nelson, Manager of Wildlife Conflict for The Fur-Bearers. “But when we look at the wildlife, the environment, and the ecosystem, we can find ways to protect everyone’s interests - including the animals.”

The goose is currently in the care of the Wildlife Rescue Association of British Columbia, who as of this time have reported he is recovering from lacerations to her ankle from the trap. This is not the first time animals have been injured by traps in Surrey – even though the municipality made an effort to block their use in the past.

“We applauded Surrey when, in 2012, they asked the province for approval to regulate the use of dangerous traps that they saw as a risk to public safety within their borders,” Nelson says. “But they have not received permission or a formal response. We are again encouraging the leaders of this great community to stand up and request the right to protect their citizens.

“People come to British Columbia and areas like Surrey because they want to be closer to nature,” Nelson adds. “And they expect that animals – whether they’re fur-bearers, birds, or fish – to be part of that. We stand ready to assist anyone who wants to find ways to co-exist and put a stop to such preventable cruelty.”

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The Fur-Bearers was formed in 1953 as The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals to protect fur-bearing animals in the wild and in confinement. Today, The Fur-Bearers represents over 50,000 supporters nation-wide, many of whom live in British Columbia.

More photos are available upon request. Please provide credit to Wildlife Rescue Association of BC.

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