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Numerous skunks poisoned in Richmond neighbourhood

Poison accessible to skunks is also accessible to dogs, cats, other wildlife

RICHMOND, BC – Wildlife protection charity, The Fur-Bearers, is warning residents in South Richmond to use extreme caution after numerous poisoned skunks were recently admitted to wildlife rehabilitation centre, Critter Care. Some of the skunks were dead on arrival others were euthanized.

Poison, including those commercially available, are of great concern because in addition to killing the targeted animal, they are toxic to non-targeted species including birds and possibly pets (secondary poisoning). The poisoned skunks were found on streets including #5 Road, 6690 block of Chelmsford St., 10300 block of Whistler Place, 4060 block of Regent Street and the 8300 block of Saunders Road.

“Dogs, cats, other wildlife, and children could all be at risk if poisons are being left accessible to skunks or if baits are being used,” says Lesley Fox, Executive Director of the wildlife protection charity, The Fur-Bearers. “While only skunks are reported right now, it doesn’t mean other animals aren’t suffering. We are asking anyone using poisons to remove them and consult humane wildlife removal experts like those certified by the BC SPCA’s AnimalKind program.”

The organization is also reminding residents to prevent negative wildlife encounters by securing attractants including garbage and compost and avoid feeding wildlife.

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The Fur-Bearers is a non-partisan, registered charity celebrating their 70th year as a society in British Columbia. The organization protects fur-bearing animals through conservation, advocacy, research, and education. Learn more about The Fur-Bearers at www.TheFurBearers.com. Coexistence material is also available at this address.

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