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Vancouver Veterinarian Honoured Nationally for the Rescue and Care of over 600 Birds

OTTAWA, Ont. – Dr. Anne McDonald has been honoured with the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association's (CVMA) *Humane Award* for her role in the removing of, caring for, and re-homing of almost 600 parrots from the World Parrot Refuge on Vancouver Island.

Dr. McDonald, owner of the Night Owl Bird Hospital, which has been her primary focus for the last twenty-seven years, along with the Greyhaven Exotic Bird Sanctuary, took over the care of almost 600 parrots last May after the death of the owner in February 2016. Dr. McDonald, her staff, and the Greyhaven volunteers were involved in the physical removal of the birds, their medical assessment and testing, finding relocation facilities, and providing necessary medical and everyday care. Many of the birds had health issues, some more severe than others, with over 100 small and large birds being hospitalized for the first few months.

Both her clients and staff have tremendous respect and admiration for Dr. McDonald, and are thankful for the role she has played in the care of not only the Refuge parrots, but all the birds she has treated.

“During the 21 years I have been a veterinarian, I have never met a single veterinarian who has unselfishly devoted so much of her personal time and life to treating and rescuing animals. It doesn't matter what time of day or night, Dr. McDonald is there if needed. No matter how critical or little the parrot is, Dr. McDonald does everything she possibly can – even at her hospital's cost,” says Dr. Jennifer Miller, a veterinarian who has worked for Dr. McDonald for the past 15 years.

Currently, only about 160 birds of the 600 rescued still require placements – an exceptional feat in just over a year.

The CVMA Humane Award, sponsored by Merck Animal Health, recognizes leadership in the care and well-being of animals. This award is presented to a veterinarian whose work is judged to have contributed significantly to the welfare and well-being of animals.

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