



CAWES (Coast Animal Welfare & Education Society)

OUR MISSION & VISION

OUR MISSION is to help create harmony between people, pets, and wildlife on Bowen Island – and to ensure that all creatures on our island are treated humanely and with respect.

We benefit Bowen Island by:

- Helping to control the overpopulation of cats through sterilization.
- Minimizing the impact on wildlife by caring for and feeding stray and feral cats.
- Reducing the number of strays through our foster and adoption programs.
- Offering financial and moral support to people in need who have sick pets.
- Reuniting lost pets with their families.
- Helping sustain our wildlife by participating in and supporting wildlife rescue activities.
- Educating people in the care and welfare of their pets and Bowen's wildlife.

OUR VISION is to have an animal refuge on Bowen Island for pets looking for permanent homes. The accommodations would be roomy with long runs. It would have transitional quarters for newcomers, where they could reside comfortably until a vet has certified them as healthy. We would have a section for injured wildlife where they would be administered to by our island vet until they can be safely transported to an approved wildlife sanctuary on the mainland.

In our vision, the feral cat situation on Bowen would be completely under control – and we would have feeding stations placed strategically throughout the island for those cats that, although sterilized and healthy, are considered unadoptable.

We would have several leaders taking responsibility for major areas within our group, such as: volunteer coordinator; feeding stations coordinator; financial and accounting; grants and fundraising; "hot line" administrators; vet clinic liaison; fostering and adoption; hands-on field work; posters and literature; and communications.

Lastly, but most importantly, we would be working very closely with the Bylaw Officer(s) and the Bowen Island Municipal Government in fostering a community that believes in the importance of animal care and welfare, and in the prevention of animal abuse and neglect.