

THE WCR LEARNING COMMUNITY

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The owl at the rescue centre in Burnaby
Photo: Linda Bakker,
Wildlife Rescue Association

Bus driver saves owl

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Thomas Stryj is a bus driver in Port Moody, B.C. It is New Year's Eve. He finishes work. It is 1:00 a.m. He is driving his car home. Thomas sees something on the road. He stops. It is an owl. The owl is scared. It cannot fly. So Thomas covers it with a blanket. He takes the owl to a rescue centre* in Burnaby. But the centre is closed. So he puts the owl in a kennel** at the back of the centre.

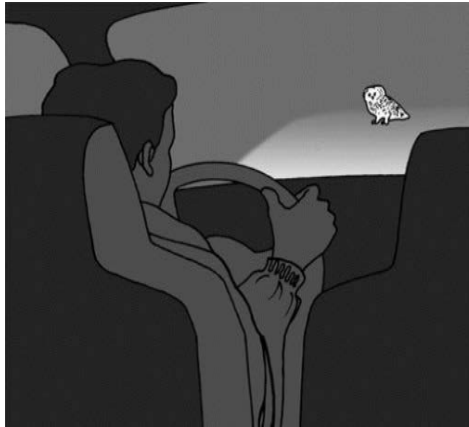
Thomas looks in the bird's eyes.
He talks to the owl.
"It will be all right.
They'll come help you soon."
The bird listens, and it tips its head.
Thomas does not want to leave the owl.
So he writes a note for a worker.
The next morning, a worker comes to the centre.
She hears the owl. She picks up the kennel.
She nurses the owl.
On January 10, the owl is well.
The worker lets the owl go.
The owl has a new home in a park.
Thomas is happy.
He drives by the park after work.

*The Wildlife Rescue Association of B.C. is the name of the centre.

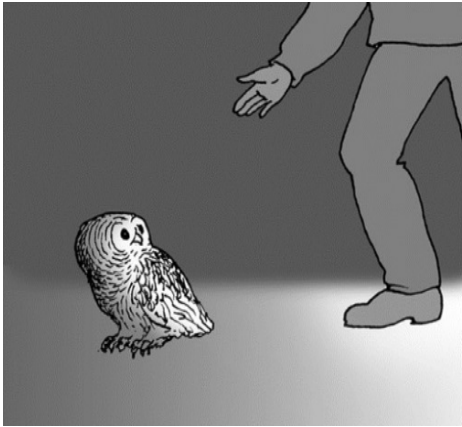
**kennel - as shown in illustrations 4, 5 and 6 on the next page; a small shelter for animals

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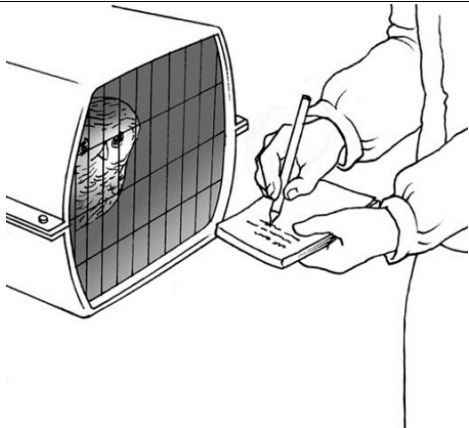
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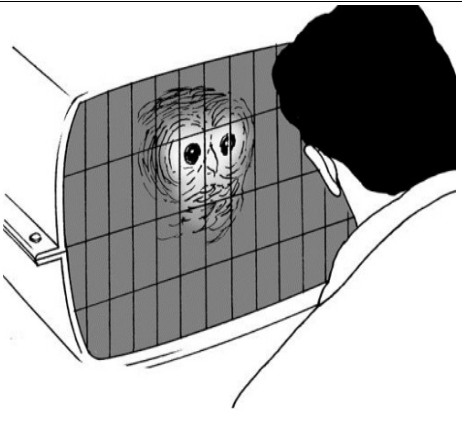
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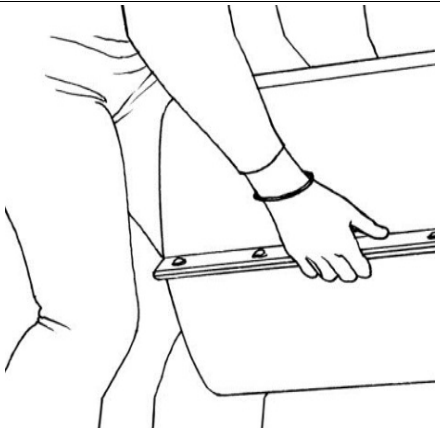
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