

CATCA EWS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Ericka Ceballos

Founder and President of **Campaigns Against the Cruelty to Animals (CATCA)** which is now merging into a new NGO: **CATCA Environmental and Wildlife Society (CATCA EWS)**. Ericka has been very active in the welfare and conservation of animals for the last 35 years, and she has founded and co-founded several animal NGO's in Mexico, Canada and in Europe. She is an animal journalist, lobbyist and an investigator on the e-commerce of protected wildlife. For almost ten years she has been participating in the International Whaling Commission (IWC), Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Convention of Migratory Species (CMS), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and she has been regularly participating in scientific meetings, such as the European Ground Squirrel Meetings (EGSM). She is currently working to reduce the elephant ivory and rhino horn e-trade, convincing governments and classified website providers to ban ivory and the e-commerce of protected wildlife, working to relocate Polar bears in Latin America to the UK or Canada, as well as creating awareness of the need to protect dolphins, lions and tigers and working to enforce the ban of shark fins in BC Canada.



Annelise Sorg

Since 1992 Annelise is the co-founder and President of **Coalition For No Whales in Captivity**, a group which is dedicated to ending the cruel practice of keeping whales and dolphins at the Vancouver Aquarium. Annelise is a long-time vegan who became a director of the Vancouver Humane Society (VHS) in 1987. She was instrumental in bringing attention to the plight of performing animals in the local circus, aquarium and zoo, as well as the Cloverdale Rodeo. Annelise helped persuade Vancouver's city hall and park board officials to enact legislation that would benefit these animals, including banning wild animal acts in circuses and closing down the Stanley Park zoo. Her efforts phased out the orcas at the Vancouver Aquarium in 2001. She has participated in several International Whaling Commission meetings and also has experience with CITES. Annelise actively continues her work to save the whales.



Bruce Foerster

Bruce first got involved in the animal protection movement over 30 years ago when he met Paul Watson who at that time had just started the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. Over the years since he has sponsored and promoted educational awareness and the CATCA SEAL TOURS at the EU to end the Canadian commercial seal hunt. He has travelled to Japan on a mission to challenge the Japanese whaling fleet and has used his political influence to prevent Belize from voting in favour of overturning the international moratorium on whaling. He continues to be interested in animal welfare and conservation causes and he is ready, willing and able to assist in reducing harm to animals worldwide.



Cheryl Rutherford

Cheryl is a professional graphic and web designer. With a passion for conservation and animal welfare (generally focused on parrots), Cheryl has been volunteering for a variety of organizations since 2008, primarily by donating technical expertise, graphic design, Facebook and website administration, as well as photography. In addition to helping parrots, Cheryl also spent a summer feeding and caring for wild baby birds and animals at the Burnaby Wildlife Rescue Center. In 2000, she helped care for wild birds who were victims of a Canola oil spill (Vancouver, BC).



Lauchlan Ashdown

Lauchlan is a former firefighter from London, England who was on active duty during the infamous Blitz in London when it was attacked 71 times. He moved to Canada several decades ago and became a leader in creating awareness against the annual rodeo in Cloverdale, Surrey BC. He has supported many animal campaigns, but is especially focused against the seal hunt in Canada. At almost 93 years old, he is the oldest animal activist in Western Canada.