

**From:** [Smith, Murray J ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Smith, Murray J ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Orphaned FEMALE Black-tailed Deer Fawns  
**Date:** July 16, 2020 9:04:35 AM

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**From:** Miller, Dean L ENV:EX <[Dean.L.Miller@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Dean.L.Miller@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** July 9, 2020 1:00 PM  
**To:** Smith, Murray J ENV:EX <[Murray.J.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Murray.J.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Orphaned FEMALE Black-tailed Deer Fawns

**Human Wildlife Conflict Report #20-2786. Not much in the outcome about the fawns because most actions were to deal with the cougar.**

**I searched for sent and received emails on the fawns. None other than this one and the one I sent to the Coast Report asking them if they wanted to do a story on these fawns.**

**I called Jack Evans to advise him about these fawns based on the email he sent in the weeks previous.**

**Dean**

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**From:** Evans, Jack FLNR:EX <[Jack.Evans@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jack.Evans@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** May 19, 2020 11:10 PM  
**To:** 'Mark Dumas' <[beyondbears@shaw.ca](mailto:beyondbears@shaw.ca)>  
**Cc:** Miller, Dean L ENV:EX <[Dean.L.Miller@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Dean.L.Miller@gov.bc.ca)>; Bickerton, Nicola FLNR:EX <[Nicola.Bickerton@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nicola.Bickerton@gov.bc.ca)>; Reynolds, Darryl M FLNR:EX <[Darryl.Reynolds@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Darryl.Reynolds@gov.bc.ca)>; Kelly, John FLNR:EX <[John.Kelly@gov.bc.ca](mailto:John.Kelly@gov.bc.ca)>; Denny, Catherine FLNR:EX <[Catherine.Denny@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Catherine.Denny@gov.bc.ca)>; Schwantje, Helen FLNR:EX <[Helen.Schwantje@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Helen.Schwantje@gov.bc.ca)>; Malt, Joshua FLNR:EX <[Joshua.Malt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Joshua.Malt@gov.bc.ca)>  
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Hi Mark,

Sgt. Dean Miller asked this afternoon if there was any receiving documentation you need to sign tomorrow to accept the two (2) orphaned Deer fawns from his care on the Sunshine Coast. I said that I did not think there was any legal requirement for you to be able to demonstrate lawful possession of the animals as they will remain property of the Crown and really, permission for transportation is all that would be required. That permission is implicit in the message below that requests Deer fawns that become available are provided to you.

However, out of an abundance of caution and with due respect for the axioms of "*Murphy's Laws*", we are providing you with a letter of authorization for transport from the Sunshine Coast to your Abbotsford "*Beyond Bears*" permanent facility.

Accordingly, this message provides you with permission to transport two (2) orphaned, Columbia Black-tailed Deer fawns from the care and custody of the Conservation Officer Service on the Sunshine Coast to your permitted facilities, or to your Veterinarian as deemed necessary. We understand that transport is planned for, Wednesday, 20 May 2020.

These two Columbia Black-tailed Deer fawns became available through the quick and efficient response by the COS to a report of a predation event by a Cougar. Their continuing, exemplary co-operation is the primary reason these two fawns could be made available.

Once you have these two animals home and stabilized, please make application for your Live Wildlife Possession Permit (Inventory Appendix List), to be amended to include them. This application needs to be made to Front Counter BC office in Surrey.

When applicable, they both need to be fitted with an identification chip.

I have copied FCBC with this message so they can expect your application.

Many thanks for your long patience with the protracted and convoluted processes involved.

Jack Evans,  
Wildlife Biologist, Surrey  
604 341 -1826 (cell #)

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**From:** Evans, Jack FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** May 17, 2020 11:06 PM  
**To:** 'Mark Dumas' <[beyondbears@shaw.ca](mailto:beyondbears@shaw.ca)>  
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## **REQUEST: Columbia Black-tailed Deer fawns**

Hi All,

Mark Dumas (***BeyondBears Inc.***, based in Abbotsford, BC), has again requested two (or possibly three) female, Columbia Black-tailed Deer fawns that may become available this spring. For several years, he has tried proactively, with our continuing co-operation, to try to find replacements for his original, aging, deer – but unfortunately, events have just not favoured his requests. We are supportive of him receiving these animals, **preferential to placing at a wildlife rehabilitation facility**, as he now has no working deer in his inventory.

***BeyondBears Inc.***, continues (for decades), to hold a valid captive (live) wildlife possession permit from the Ministry, with an exemplary record of compliance, animal care, husbandry and training for movie/film industry uses. You may have seen his Polar Bear or his Brown Bear in various feature films, movies, commercials and TV videos over the years. <https://www.beyondbearsinc.com/>

Female Deer fawns are specifically requested because they are far superior candidates for training

and movie work; **but they must be obtained at the youngest age possible**. Male Deer are not good candidates for training as they develop behavioural complexities later in life... together with antlers.

In the past, he has attempted to train Deer fawns sourced from wildlife rehabilitation facilities with mixed (usually less than optimal) results due to age, time spent in care, and initial human exposure and imprinting. **Thus, this direct request to front-line COS and Fish and Wildlife Section staff for female Deer fawns immediately upon capture**, which we are passing on with this message

**PLEASE NOTE:** He remains available to travel, immediately, anywhere, at any time, to pick-up any female Columbia Black-tailed Deer fawns that may become available.

Based on his long experience with handling and training Deer, he emphasizes that it is fundamentally critical he receive candidate animals as soon as logistically possible so they can be checked-out by his veterinarian and begin training and conditioning.

His contact information, and that of his veterinarian are provided below.

With the objective for efficiency and timeliness for this request, we have included applicable **MECCS** and **MFLNRD** staff (in Bcc format), throughout the range of Columbia Black-tailed Deer (South Coast and Van. Isle). If we have missed someone or some office, or if our address list is a bit dated, please pass on as you see fit.

If you have any questions about this application or about his operation in general, his credentials or experience please ask me (cell # 604 – 341 – 1826) or Mark at cell # 604 302 – 1497 or e-mail, [beyondbears@shaw.ca](mailto:beyondbears@shaw.ca) or have a look at his website (URL below) .

His veterinarian contact Info is: Dr. Ken Macquisten (604) 309 - 5744.

<https://www.beyondbearsinc.com/>

Many thanks,

Jack Evans,

Wildlife Biologist, Surrey