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A message from the CEO Paul Masterton

The fact that you are reading this means you are thinking about supporting Durrell - thank you. The work we do at Durrell is crucial to the survival of the animals we try to save, but also for us as humans.

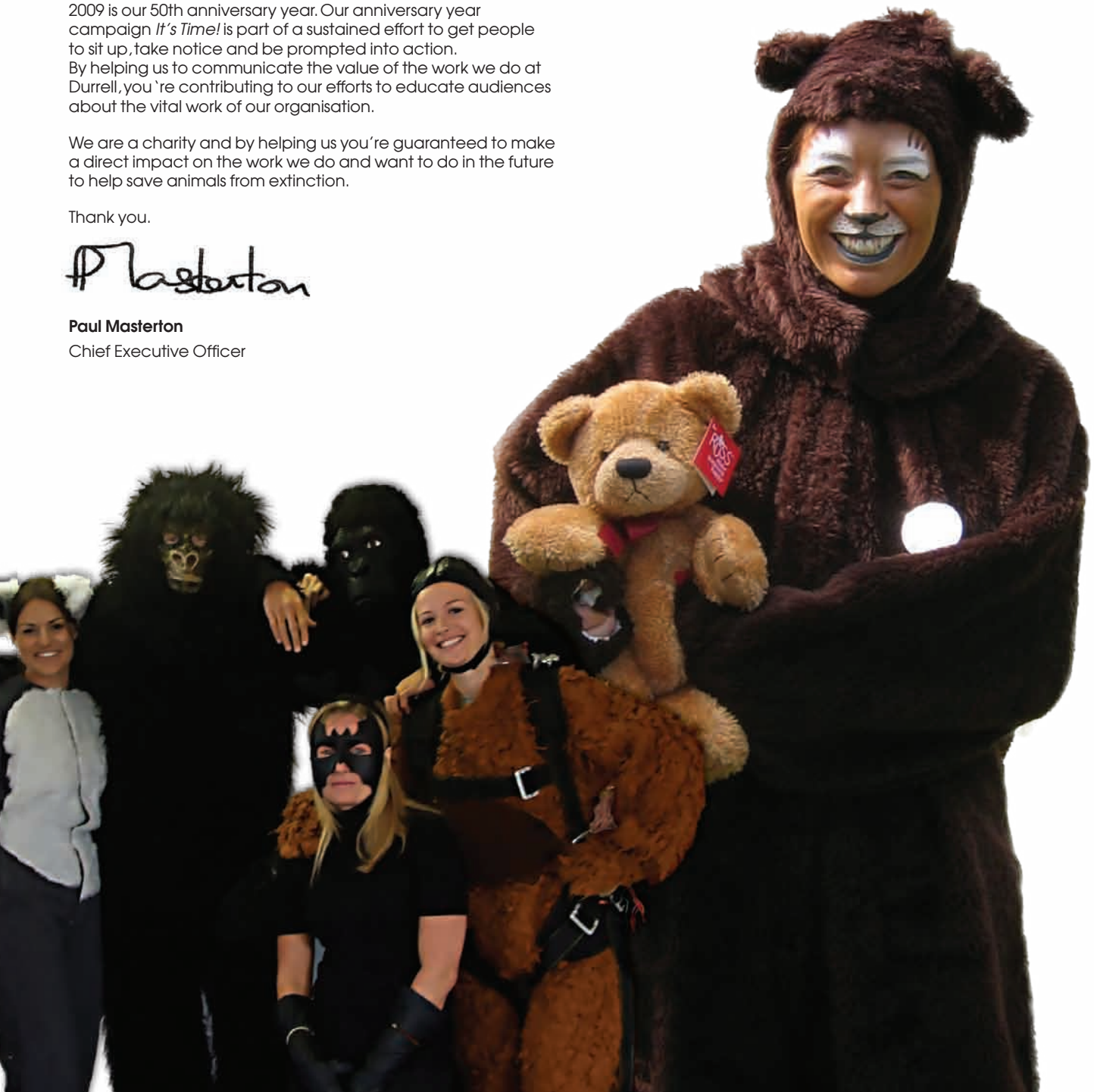
2009 is our 50th anniversary year. Our anniversary year campaign *It's Time!* is part of a sustained effort to get people to sit up, take notice and be prompted into action. By helping us to communicate the value of the work we do at Durrell, you're contributing to our efforts to educate audiences about the vital work of our organisation.

We are a charity and by helping us you're guaranteed to make a direct impact on the work we do and want to do in the future to help save animals from extinction.

Thank you.



Paul Masterton
Chief Executive Officer



Get inspired!

Who we are and what we do

Gerald Durrell started with a vision to create a stationary ark, a reservoir in which animals in need of protection could be kept and bred. Today, the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, with its headquarters in Jersey, has made a difference to more than 30 endangered species worldwide and continues to maintain a track record unparalleled by any organisation of its size. Durrell's strongest feature is the commitment to achieving practical results by integrating the work done at our Jersey headquarters with our projects around the world.

Durrell's international work takes place at two levels; one is the direct work we undertake in the animals' home environments and the other is the work conducted through our International Training Centre (ITC) in Jersey. The ITC has seen more than 1,700 graduates from over 120 countries pass through our doors, taking much needed conservation expertise back to their home nations. Durrell's conservation programme is currently focusing on over 40 major projects, working with 48 animal species in 17 countries. At present, the Trust is undertaking wildlife conservation projects in the islands of the Caribbean and Indian Ocean, Galapagos, India, Madagascar and Jersey.

The challenge we face

Biodiversity, the variety and complexity of life, is what makes the Earth habitable for humans. Yet even as we begin to understand what's at stake, this biodiversity is rapidly being lost. The loss of species from this complex web weakens ecosystems, making them more vulnerable to shocks and disturbances and less able to supply humans with the things we need to survive.

By saving species, Durrell has not only supported the maintenance of these vital ecosystem functions, but has also strengthened conservation capacity worldwide by working with local communities.

Ultimately, Durrell's aim is to:

- Save more endangered species from extinction:
- Enable its own cadre of world class specialist conservationists across all Durrell sites to become more effective in saving species:
- Train more conservationists worldwide in the theory and practice of rescuing species the Durrell way:
- Teach children and adults who visit Durrell in Jersey to understand why biodiversity is vital and encourage them to make their personal pledges to protect life on earth.







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Our achievements

- Durrell's major breeding firsts include: aye-aye, Alaotran gentle lemur, giant jumping rat, Rodrigues fruit bat, Livingstone's fruit bat, Montserrat oriole, Madagascar teal, St. Lucia Amazon parrot, Rodrigues fody, Lesser Antilles iguana, Madagascar flat-tailed tortoise, Round Island boa, Montserrat mountain chicken frog, Round Island skink and Round Island gecko.
- Durrell's captive bred golden lion tamarins were the first animals to breed in the wild after re-introduction.
- Durrell was also the first European institution to breed Mauritius kestrel, pink pigeon, Utila Island iguana, spiny terrapin and Asian flower back terrapin.
- Durrell's captive breeding firsts in the species' country of origin include the echo parakeet and Rodrigues fody in Mauritius, the pygmy hog in India, ploughshare tortoise, side-necked turtle and flat-tailed tortoise in Madagascar.
- Durrell's long-term captive breeding programme in India, has led to the first ever re-introduction of the pygmy hog back into its native habitat.
- Durrell supported the first successful re-introduction into the wild of the Majorcan midwife toad in Spain.
- Durrell has rescued, through captive breeding, study and reintroduction, the kestrel, pink pigeon and echo parakeet, in Mauritius, which were all close to extinction with only a few pairs of each remaining.
- Durrell was responsible for initiating the restoration of the Round Island ecosystem, including the removal of invasive animal species and the propagation and replanting of native plants.
- Durrell established the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation to support conservation work on Mauritius. This is now the largest environmental NGO on the island and has taken on the conservation of the island's threatened bird, reptile and plant species.
- Durrell's long-term commitment to the conservation of the St. Lucia Amazon parrot in St. Lucia has led to the restoration of the species from less than 100 pairs to a current population of approximately 1000 pairs.
- Durrell was instrumental in the adoption of the Ramsar Convention by the government of Madagascar and led the designation of Lac Alaotra as a wetland of international significance.
- Durrell's in-situ conservation activities have directly led to the creation of national parks and protected areas in Montserrat, Madagascar and Mauritius.



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1. St Lucia

Measuring a whiptail

photographed by
Gregory Guida

2. Madagascar

Conferring in the field

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Gregory Guida

**3. Durrell Headquarters,
Jersey**

Amphibian course

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Gregory Guida

**4. Durrell Headquarters,
Jersey**

**Gordon Hunt preparing an
Orangutan for export**

photographed by
Gregory Guida

5. Seychelles

**Gary Ward assisting
translocation to
Cousine Island**

photographed by
Jo Ward

6. North West Madagascar

**Glyn Young looking for
Madagascar Pochard**

photographed by
Glyn Young

7. Colombia

**Dominic Wormell
teaching students**

photographed by
Gregory Guida

8. Seychelles

**Gary Ward translocating
birds to Cousine Island**

photographed by
Jo Ward



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10 things you didn't know about Durrell

Why support Durrell?

Durrell has been saving animals from extinction for 50 years. We couldn't have done it without the help of people like you. It takes time, patience, dedication and money to make sure that these animals do not disappear forever, but we need your support to help save even more.

This pack provides a few ideas for how you can help raise funds for Durrell. The list is limitless. Be creative, anything is possible! No contribution is too small and it will all count towards saving species from extinction.



Since its opening in 1959, over 13,000 animals have been born at Durrell.



Durrell's organic farm produces 80% of the greens needed to feed its animals.



Durrell has an on-site veterinary centre and laboratory



Durrell has more than 40 projects in 17 countries for 48 animal species.



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Since 1959 Durrell has bred over 420 Meller's ducks, 350 Mallorcan midwife toads, 330 Round Island boas, 535 Jamaican boas, 440 Mauritius pink pigeons, 715 Bali starlings, 351 Rodrigues fruit bats, 156 Madagascar teal, 133 pied tamarins, 41 gentle lemurs, 21 western lowland gorillas and 10 Sumatran orangutans.

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Durrell was the key partner in saving four of 16 bird species from extinction between 1994 and 2004.



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Durrell not only saves animals from extinction but plants too.

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The first person to receive training at Durrell came to the Trust in 1977 and went on to become the head of the National Parks Department in Mauritius.

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Gerald Durrell's ashes are buried in the ground of the Trust under a memorial plaque with a quote from William Beebe.

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Two Durrell staff members have been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours; Prof Carl Jones MBE and Jeremy Mallinson OBE.





If you need any help or have any questions please
do not hesitate to get in touch

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“We hope that there will be fireflies and glow-worms at night to guide you and butterflies in hedges and forests to greet you.

We hope that your dawns will have an orchestra of bird song and that the sound of their wings and the opalescence of their colouring will dazzle you.

We hope that there will still be the extraordinary varieties of creatures sharing the land of the planet with you to enchant you and enrich your lives as they have done for us.

We hope that you will be grateful for having been born into such a magical world.”

Taken from a letter Gerald Durrell wrote in 1988 and buried in a time capsule beneath the Princess Royal Pavilion at the Trust's headquarters in Jersey

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