

DEFENDING WILD ALBERTA THROUGH AWARENESS AND AUCTION

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Have you ever wondered what to do with your old car as it comes towards the end of its useful life?

I recently discovered a new way to dispose of my tired old car and help raise money for AWA at the same time. My old car, a 1997 Hyundai Accent, had been my faithful steed for seven years, but it was on its last legs. It needed a new clutch and a new steering rack, and, with 340,000 km on the clock, it just wasn't going to be worth getting the work done.

Then I discovered an organization – Donate a Car Canada – which will collect

your old car, auction it off, and donate the proceeds to a charity of your choice: in return you receive a charitable receipt. AWA is one of a number of receiving charities for the organization.

The process could not have been easier:

- Go to the website - www.donatecar.ca and click on Donate a car online
- Fill in your details (including selecting AWA as your charity of choice, of course!)
- The organization will contact you to arrange collection of the vehicle (if it is no longer insured or registered, they

will send a truck to collect it, though the fee for this will be deducted from the ultimate value of the car)

- The car goes to auction
- A few weeks later, the charity (AWA!) will receive a cheque, and send you your charitable receipt

The program is not for scrap cars: your car must be driveable.

I hate getting rid of old cars that have served me well but is great to know that AWA benefited (to the tune of a whopping \$179!) from its final demise!