



IWRC

International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

September 2015

Greetings!

Sunday we successfully concluded the first IWRC Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation course in South Africa in 11 years. Dr Kelli Knight, IWRC instructor, CWR, and assistant director of veterinary services at The Wildlife Center of Virginia taught a class of 45 students in Johannesburg. IWRC instructor Christina Carrieres, senior wildlife rehabilitator at WildARC will be following up with additional courses later in the Fall. More on this later.

Meanwhile I was privileged to contribute to the September edition of the [African Wildlife Telegraph](#), a publication of the Society for Conservation Biology. The issue focused on wildlife rehabilitation efforts throughout the continent of Africa and is well worth the read. I especially suggest Karen Trendler's [Every Calf Counts - The Continental Ties in Rhino Rehabilitation](#) and Tatyana Humle and Kay Farmer's paper [Primate Rehabilitation in Africa - Myths and Realities](#), as well of course as my contribution, [The Essentials of Wildlife Rehabilitation](#).

Read below to meet our new membership chair, continue the saga of seabird decline, and be sure to save the date for our annual membership meeting.

Happy Reading,

Kai

Join IWRC's Board, Staff, and Special Guest October 13th at Annual Membership Meeting
Sue Wylie, IWRC President

A year has flown by and it is that time of year again where IWRC's board and staff have the opportunity to fill its members in with its accomplishments for 2015, future goals, needs and most the current state of the organization at the annual membership meeting being held on Sunday October 11th at 3pm EST.



Click to read IWRC's [Lead Poisoning Position Statement](#)

Price Change

Individual and family membership prices increased by \$5 in August. For information on updating your auto-renew account watch this [video](#)

IWRC Courses

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Host a Class
it's easier than you think!

Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation

 Hands-on practical skills laboratory
● RACE approved!

[Register Now](#)

Because IWRC will not be hosting a symposium this year we have decided to have the meeting using a web conferencing system. This system will allow members the benefits of attending the meeting from anywhere as well as easily interactively participate in discussions.

The AMM is an important meeting and as a member your participation plays a key role in helping us understand what our members needs are in order to establish long term goals. It also allows us to show you our level of dedication and credibility in order to continue to guarantee IWRC's success.

Keep an eye out for your e-vite in the coming weeks with more information concerning the details of this meeting. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Seabird Decline: chapter 2

Normally we try not to feature the same sort of animal twice in two months on our newsletter. But seabirds are a diverse group and there is a new study getting a lot of media attention. Which probably means all of you have seen it - but its still baby season in the Northern Hemisphere so who's really combing the news for sensationalized information?

What you should know about the study: Birds exposed to more plastic ingest more plastic. The study predicts that by 2050 99% of all seabird species will have ingested plastic AND not just one or two individuals but 95% of the population in each of these species! .

What this means for birds in rehab: gut obstructions, toxicology issues, poor body condition.

What you can do:

Garbage Management - decrease plastic use on an individual basis, improve industrial and municipal disposal techniques.

Identifying exposure in your center - if you work with sea birds on a regular basis, take samples from the uropygial gland and partner with a local university to use biochemical analysis to determine plastic exposure. Develop protocols to treat symptoms of plastic ingestion.

The papers

- [Seabirds](#) (2015)
- [Sea turtles](#) (2014)
- [Detection of plastic](#)



September

- Omaha, NE

October

- Kingston, RI
- Plano, TX
- Eaton Rapids, MI

November

- Oconomowoc, WI



October

- Omaha, NE

November

- Oconomowoc, WI
- Littleton, CO



October

- Omaha, NE



October

- Omaha, NE

More Fall classes coming soon including **Alberta and Kentucky**

We are still scheduling Fall courses now! If you are interested in bringing a class to you, contact

(2014)



Photo courtesy Lynn Miller

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[Upcoming Conferences](#)
[Other Upcoming Opportunities](#)

Notes

The [raptor ID](#) section is easily accessible in IWRC's resources section. We have plans to revamp the structure and layout - but don't want to keep a valuable resource from our membership.

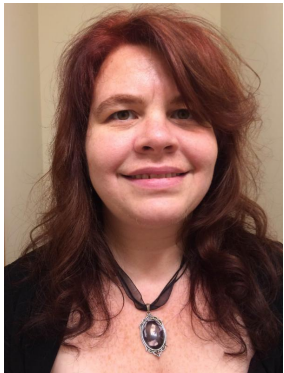
All IWRC Journals of Wildlife Rehabilitation available to all members at <http://theiwrc.org/journal-of-wildlife-rehabilitation/>

Provided 2014 Symposium talks are available at <http://theiwrc.org/symposium/2014-2>

Meet YOUR new Membership Chair

We are excited to announce that Dr Diana Huang is IWRC's new membership committee chair. Look to hear from Diana in future newsletters and elsewhere as she works with the staff and board to support wildlife rehabilitation.

Dr Huang is a veterinarian and wildlife educator in Ohio. She graduated in 1997 from the Ohio State University and worked in private pet practice and shelter medicine before joining the Ohio Wildlife Center organization in 2011. Since discovering her passion for wildlife medicine and rehabilitation, she has been helping to care for their nearly 5000 patients admitted to OWC per year. She also has a passion for educating the public about their native wildlife,



improving human-pet-wildlife interactions and creating a more cohesive global wildlife care community. In addition to her love of animals she is an avid reader and learner, is fond of playing hockey, taking part in historic recreation and equine competition, and spends time creating pieces in textile and jewelry arts, especially for fundraising projects.

Research Corner: Post-capture Complications in Rescued Deer

Lucy Haile is a fourth year veterinary student at the Royal Veterinary College, London with a strong interest in the rescue and recovery of wildlife. In pursuit of this she is currently conducting a research project on deer casualties.

Lucy has had experience in the field herself rescuing distressed deer and understands that it is not always easy to know how best to manage these cases. Her research project plans to look at the different problems wildlife

centres experience when rescuing deer and approaches to overcome these. The research goal is to increase the understanding of post-capture complications in deer and their management strategies with the aim of developing beneficial protocols to improve recovery success rates. To gather some baseline information she have created a quick survey (no more than 10 minutes). Lucy would be extremely grateful if any wildlife centres who see deer could please fill it in. This is to assess what is commonly seen to get a better understanding of what needs further investigation. The more responses the better!

Please click/type in the following link if you would like to help: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YPJHB7C>

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