

## WORKSHEET

Triaging the Wildlife Patient Workshop

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1. **What is the single most important goal of rehabilitating wildlife?**
  
2. **True or False and explain your answer:** Wildlife rehabilitation patients are stressed when restrained or medicated, but otherwise they are not stressed while in their cages for rehabilitation.
  
3. **True or False and explain your answer:** Wildlife rehabilitation can be very stressful and tiring, both emotionally and physically. It is important to take care of yourself FIRST in all regards and then take care of the wildlife patients.
  
4. **What are the steps (in correct order!) when triaging/examining a wildlife patient? Also, please explain after each step why it is important not to skip the step.**
  - a. **FIRST:**
  
  - b. **SECOND:**
  
  - c. **THIRD:**
  
  - d. **FOURTH:**
  
  - e. **FIFTH:**

- 5. Describe how a spinal trauma patient might present (clinical signs):**
- 6. What are some differential diagnoses for spinal trauma?**
- 7. Please describe the steps in assessing if an animal with spinal trauma has a deep pain response:**
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.
- 8. Describe the details of an injury in a HBC turtle that should be euthanized on admission.**
- 9. Describe the details of a fracture in any wild animal that should be euthanized on admission.**
- 10. Why should most traumatic joint injuries be euthanized on admission?**
- 11. What are some release considerations you need to think about if you do not euthanize an animal with permanent vision loss?**