Dear Reader

We've raised 30% of our winter goal for the new edition of Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation. Give all rehabilitators a present by contributing. Your donation will go twice as far thanks to an anonymous donor who is matching up to $5,000 of donations.

It's almost ballot time! Look for your IWRC Board ballot in your inbox later this month.

Cheers,
Kai

New Tools for your Wildlife Practice

Field Journal ($4.99USD) is an app that works on Android and iOS systems (Google smart phones/tablets and iPhones/iPads). Built for wildlife biologists and others out in the field, this tool is also great for wildlife rehabilitators on pick ups and releases or even on daily rounds. The app allows for standard note taking, with the advantage of an automatic time and location stamp. It will capture the exact time and coordinates of your release to record later in your paperwork. Data is exportable by text, html, and csv.

The second edition of Infectious Diseases of Concern to Captive and Free ranging Wildlife in North America has been published. This reference is freely available online from the American Association of Zoo Vets (AAZV). Diseases are organized in three manners, reportable diseases by North American states and countries, alphabetically, and by classification. Familiarize your self with your local reportable disease and the related fact sheets.

Call for Papers

IWRC Symposium 2014
Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

The International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council and the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association are proud to bring the annual IWRC Symposium to Cincinnati, OH in the fall of 2014.

This symposium provides a platform to discuss how wildlife rehabilitators, researchers, legislators and conservationists can work together to promote the survival of species at risk of extinction. Each surviving individual in a declining population carries a greater proportion of the genetic heritage of that population. We as rehabilitators assist in the survival of these individuals and so can contribute to the conservation of endangered species. Join us in Cincinnati and become part of the discussion.
Have you taken a look at the IWRC website research page lately? There are several new projects in addition to the continuing research programs. Visit http://theiwrc.org/resources/research for more information.

- **The Other Bycatch:** The impact of recreational fishing equipment on other wildlife - Dr Balcombe is asking rehabilitators to keep track of intakes with fishing equipment related cause
- **Raptor Anesthesia Survey** - Ms Grohmann is conducting a survey on raptor anesthesia as part of her vet school thesis
- **Veterinarian and Rehabilitator Working Partnership Survey** - Dr Adamski has initiated a survey on the attitudes, opinions, and viewpoints of wildlife rehabilitators toward veterinarians.

### US Guidelines and Regulations

**Memorandum on placement of live eagles** - pub 11/20/13 The Migratory Bird Permit Memorandum (MBPM-6) which provides guidance to Service migratory bird permit offices for placement of live non-releasable Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles was published 11.20.13 and can be found in the attached document or at the link below. Native American tribal eagle aviaries will have priority over other qualified facilities for placement of eagles that have undergone rehabilitation but cannot be released to the wild. Service personnel will follow the guidelines in the Memorandum when placing live non-releasable Bald Eagles or Golden Eagles.

**Regulation changes on eagle permitting and wind energy** - pub 12/9/13: The USFWS revise the regulations for permits for take of golden eagles (Aquila chrysaetos) and bald eagles (Haliaeetus leucocephalus) that is associated with, but not the purpose of, an activity. They extend the maximum term for programmatic permits to 30 years, while maintaining discretion to issue permits of shorter duration as appropriate. The permits must incorporate conditions specifying additional measures that may be necessary to ensure the preservation of eagles, should monitoring data indicate the need for the measures. This change will facilitate the responsible development of renewable energy and other projects designed to operate for decades, while continuing to protect eagles consistent with our statutory mandates.

- [Q&A Fact Sheet on eagle tenure rule](http://theiwrc.org/resources/research)

### Links

**IWRC Courses**

**February**

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, TX, USA
- Pain and Wound Management, TX, USA
- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, MI, USA
- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, CA, USA

**March**

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, CA, USA

**Upcoming Conferences**

**Other Upcoming Opportunities**