

# IWRC

## International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

January 2014

### Dear Reader

Voting is complete! Please welcome our new member elected board representative Kim Poisson of Michigan. You can find out more about Kim and Kelly Donithan, who was appointed to the board in November, on the IWRC webpage or by clicking their photos.



Kelly D.

Kim P.

If, like me, you are anxiously awaiting Journal 33(3), your wait will be over soon. Expect to receive the Journal in your email inbox on January 31st.

Cheers,

Kai

### Food is Food?

What is the effect on a wild animal of eating solely pureed, diced, or otherwise visually/tactilely unrecognizable food? A recent Slate blog post muses on what we [feed captive wild](#) (and domestic) animals and what it says about human and animal behavior. The author also looks at several studies on the health effects on felines of whole animal versus prepared diets. Unsurprisingly the 'hassle' of dealing with a carcass was a benefit to the animal both physiologically and psychologically.

Many of the animals that come into rehab are compromised and may need special diets that are easy to eat and digest. However, as they improve could we see health benefits including decreased stress and faster healing by providing all wildlife in care food of the appropriate nutritional value **and** appropriate texture, shape, and content (ie a whole mouse for a fox or a eucalyptus branch for a koala).

Have a a thought or opinion? Join the conversation on [Facebook](#)

### Far Reaching Effects of Oil Spills

A recent study published in [Environmental Science and Technology](#)

## 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 IWR 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 can contribute to the conservation of endangered species. Join us in Cincinnati and become part of the discussion.

## Notes

links oil exposure to lung disease in bottlenose dolphins. Meanwhile cleanup efforts from the 2010 [Kalamazoo River spill](#) continue and many more research studies on the Gulf spill of that same year are still ongoing.

A late December spill in Trinidad has affected island wildlife and drawn [concern](#) from the wildlife conservation community about oil company communications with both urgent care first responders and the wildlife rehabilitators that will be dealing with the long term health effects from oil exposure.

## US Reporting Deadlines

Reminder for USFWS permit holders that your annual reports are due by January 31st, 2014. Questions? Visit <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/mbpermits/Addresses.html>

[Rehabilitation Report](#)  
[Other Annual Reports](#)

If your license is up for renewal in the US you should also receive a letter from USFWS with additional information.

Agent Resee Collins also reminds US Federal licensees that permits that authorize live birds and eagles are renewed based on your facilities for specific numbers and specific species only, and you are not authorized to possess any live birds for educational activities other than those listed on your permit. Instructions for adding/deleting a live bird are listed on the Migratory Bird Special Purpose Possession (Education) Permit Acquisition & Transfer Request Form 3-202-12, also found at <http://www.fws.gov/permits/applicationforms/ApplicationLM.html#MBTA>.

Selected papers and presentation from the 2013 Symposium in Victoria are online at <http://theiwrc.org/symposium/>. Head over to peruse and download that talk you missed.

## Links

### IWRC Courses

February

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

March

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, KY, USA

April

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, MI, USA

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

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