



IWRC

International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

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Greetings!

This time of year seems to be the season for giving thanks. In this month alone we see National Philanthropy Day [\[which is actually international\]](#), and national thanksgiving holidays in the US, Liberia, and Japan. And there is a lot to be thankful for. I am particularly thankful for IWRC's board and other volunteers who work tirelessly on behalf of wildlife rehabilitators.

So whether you're thankful it's the end of baby season in the Northern Hemisphere, or thankful for that first tinge of green in the Southern Hemisphere, take a moment, smile, and thank yourself for your commitment to wildlife.

Cheers,

Kai

Detecting Plastic Consumption in Live Birds

We've all seen the heart wrenching pictures of dead albatrosses and the plastic they've ingested. [If you haven't a quick Google search like [this](#) may be in order.] Australian scientists have discovered a noninvasive way to evaluate the plastic consumption in live birds: analyzing the chemical makeup of their preen oil and giving us a far more accurate picture of plastics consumption. This opens the door to some interesting collaborations between wildlife rehab centers and scientists.

[Read the journal article](#)

[Read a summary of the findings](#)



Symposium News: CE Approved for North American Vets and Vet Techs

RACE (the Registry of Approved Continuing Education) has approved the 2014 IWRC Symposium and Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation for continuing education for veterinarians and vet techs.

Need details on the hours and offerings? Download the schedule from the [symposium page](#).

Notes

Don't forget about the [Member Bring a Member](#) promotion. If you recommend that someone becomes a member of the IWRC tell them to enter your member number when registering and you'll get credit and a chance at

Bats: Another victim of rodenticides

A new paper in the [Journal of Wildlife Diseases](#) (abstract) finds that New Zealand lesser short-tailed bats (*Mystacina tuberculata*) suffer mortality from anticoagulant rodenticides. Concerns and research on unintentional pesticide poisoning in bats is not new; in a [1997-2003 study](#) (abstract) chemists screened bats for bioaccumulation of various toxins.

Research Corner: Anthropogenic Injuries to Wildlife

Liz Leyvas is interested in gathering information about how much money wildlife rehabilitation centers and sanctuaries spend on native wildlife care including the cost to run the facility and pay their employees (if applicable).

The purpose of this research is to approximate an amount of money that wildlife rescue centers and sanctuaries could benefit from in the form of compensation from wind energy companies. As of today, the USFWS only has voluntary guidelines that suggest compensation as a form of mitigation. Campaigns to enforce these guidelines are currently underway. When the wind industry starts compensating, they should have data on a real number that they can disperse to wildlife rehab centers. The findings of this research will be presented at the Conference on Wind Energy and Wildlife (CWW) in Berlin in March 2015.

Please be aware that the expense estimates would be presented in summary format so no one will know just how much each facility spends. If you are interested in helping out and would like to send the information to Liz, then here are the details Liz is looking for:

1. Total annual cost to run the facility (includes employee wages, medical supplies, water, heat, maintenance, etc.)
2. Approximate number and percent of animals that arrive with presumed anthropogenic sources of injury (car, electric poles, wind turbines, buildings, cat-caught, etc). Please indicate if you receive any turbine-collision animals (amount of patients not necessary)
3. Average number of permanent native residents per year and the amount of care?

some fun prizes and discounts!

JWR 34(3) is now published!
Available to all members at <http://theiwrc.org/journal-of-wildlife-rehabilitation/jwr-current-issue>

USFWS is seeking public input on [eagle management objectives](#).
Participate now.

Links

[IWRC Courses](#)

December

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, OH, USA
- Pain & Wound Management, OH, USA
- Zoonoses, OH, USA
- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, VA, USA

February

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, CA, USA (Salinas)
- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, TX, USA (Houston)
- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, TX, USA (El Paso)

Coming Soon (dates and registration next month)

- Basic courses in Michigan, Kentucky, British Columbia, and Nebraska
- Advanced courses in Nebraska

Meanwhile, if you are interested in

4. What would you do if you had more money?

Liz will be taking a gross estimate of total costs divided by these specific animals to get a proportional amount of money (in the form of dollars/year) that goes toward their rehabilitation.

Contact Liz Leyvas at eleyvas2@gmail.com or 858-774-4702 with questions. Submit your information by email via eleyvas2@gmail.com

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