

## Greetings!

The IWRC has seen many presidents in the last 40 years, all with their unique perspectives, well-established reputations and drive to pursue the organization's mission of providing education and resources to support the field of wildlife rehabilitation.

Projects such as the revision of courses including Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, developing new resources, and increasing networking among individuals in the field are just some of ways IWRC is supporting its members and contributing to the bigger picture of wildlife conservation.

IWRC is the international hub of wildlife rehabilitation, and I look forward to continuing to work hard, contribute to these projects, and represent the IWRC the best that I can so that we can increase our visibility and continue to support rehabilitators worldwide.

The board and I are always available to you to help you in any way that we can. Do not hesitate to contact us through the office at 866.871.1869 and visit our bios on our website [www.theiwrc.org](http://www.theiwrc.org)

Sincerely,

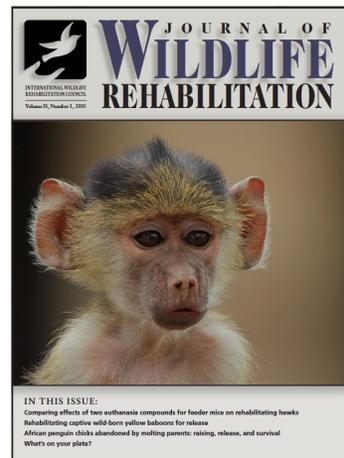
Sue Wylie  
IWRC President

[Read Sue's full letter](#)

## Where wildlife flourishes

Demilitarized zones and uncrossable borders are places where wildlife can survive and even thrive.

The former border that outlined the Iron Curtain was one such place; thanks in part to two young boys from opposite sides of the curtain, it still is. This [long-story-form article](#) tells their story. Drawn together by their love of wildlife, the boys work to keep this European greenbelt an ecozone for the free travel of wildlife.



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Members, [read it](#) now!

## Notes

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

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>

Prefer pictures to an essay? [View these photos](#) of the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea.

### **Avian Influenza Update: Testing in United States**

Wildlife rehabilitators have a front-line position in the recognition and prevention of zoonotic diseases.

The USGS National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) is testing suspected highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) cases. Generally, the NWHC does not test rehabilitated birds, however for this HPAI concern the center is working directly with rehabilitators.

Please carefully review the submission criteria below and read the full HPAI bulletin before filling out the submission form for any suspected cases. If you have any questions contact NWHC at 608-270-2480 or by email at [NWHC-epi@usgs.gov](mailto:NWHC-epi@usgs.gov)

Submission criteria for HPAI diagnostics:

- Mortality events involving 5+ waterfowl (ducks, geese, or swans) or other water birds (loons, grebes, coots, shorebirds, or wading birds such as egrets, herons, or cranes).
- Mortality events involving raptors or other avian scavengers (ravens, crows, or gulls), particularly those observed near locations with on-going water bird mortality.
- Mortality events involving gallinaceous birds such as wild turkeys, quail, and sage grouse.
- Mortality events involving wild bird species in close proximity to facilities harboring domestic birds in which HPAI has been detected.
- Any mortality events involving wild bird species where estimated dead exceeds 500 birds.
- Wild raptors with neurologic/respiratory signs that die or are euthanized within 72 hours of admission to a rehabilitation facility. Please also provide treatment records.
- Raptors held in captivity (i.e., falconer birds, rehabilitation facility) with sudden, unexplained morbidity/mortality after exposure to wild waterfowl or a known/suspect case of HPAI H5.

[Wildlife Health Bulletin - Avian Influenza](#)

[Submission Form](#)

## Links

### [IWRC Courses](#)

June

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, Trinidad (Freeport)
- Pain and Wound Management, Trinidad (Freeport)

July

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, St Kitts (dates not yet schedule)

We are scheduling Fall courses now! If you are interested in hosting contact Julissa at [julissa@theiwrc.org](mailto:julissa@theiwrc.org)

### [Upcoming Conferences](#)

### [Other Upcoming Opportunities](#)

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