Greetings!

This time of the year my inbox at work is bombarded by fundraising aids and advise like '5 things to attract donors' and 'must use' donation tools. Is your inbox? If so, take a step back, a deep breath, and consider if it's something that will help you with your already created end of year plan (in which case, read, consider, and if appropriate use) or something worth considering for next year (set it aside to read in January or February). If the email falls into neither category, delete!

Carry out your plan for end of year fundraising, paperwork, reporting, and all that jazz, but more than any of that - put some space in that plan to revitalize yourself.

Happy Holidays,

Kai

Support the 7th edition manual!

IWRC has been fortunate to have the support of donors and sponsors to help raise over 50% of our YouCaring campaign target goal of $5000! One of our long time partners, the RSPCA, generously donated $1500 towards this appeal in support of wildlife rehabilitation education.

With 75% of the revision completed our goal is to print and release the new manual by May 1 2016. Participate in this achievement with us by being a donor, or having your organization be a sponsor.

Help Now
50% Lead Testing Unit

The Humane Society of the United States has been given permission by Magellan to share a special discount to any veterinary nonprofit caring for animals that may be exposed to toxic lead: >50% off a LeadCare II unit.

The LeadCare II unit is a blood lead testing system that serves as a critical tool for veterinarians and wildlife care centers to quickly and effectively diagnose lead poisoning in many species. For centers that cannot afford a unit, they often must ship out blood samples, which is costly and slows down treatment, or not test animals for lead exposure at all.

If you know a veterinarian or wildlife technician who could benefit from this technology, please encourage them to contact Lena Spadacene at lspadacene@humansociety.org. The discount expires December 31.

LeadCare II
Retail value: $2,822 / Discount value: $1,477

Notes

The Florida Keys Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center experienced several thefts this fall including the following items:

- Respond Systems 2400XL Laser and 500mW Probe
- Olympus cx31 binocular
'Tis the season for Federal Reports

The USFWS and Resee Collins would like to remind US rehabilitators that their annual reports are due postmarked by January 3st. All permittees should receive their report forms in the mail this month and you can also download them from [http://www.fws.gov/permits/applicationforms/ApplicationA.html#reports](http://www.fws.gov/permits/applicationforms/ApplicationA.html#reports).

Resee has a lot of other useful information which I can send to you. Just email me at director@theiwrc.org and request US 2016 Permit information.

Much ado about Badgers

There is little known about rehabilitated badgers post release. Prior to 2013, the RSPCA radio tracked four groups of badgers and found poor survival rates for the fifteen animals collared. In all four groups, the badgers dispersed into different areas. Of the collared animals, nine were known to have died, either as a result of road mortality or failure to thrive. The radio signals were lost for the remaining animals except one, who was tracked for an excess of 200 days before she shed her collar. During this time, she had settled in to a local, wild badger group near to where her artificial badger group was released. [read more on the IWRC Blog](http://theiwrc.org/journal-of-wildlife-rehabilitation/)

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Research

As always, if you are working on a study and need participants, email me at director@theiwrc.org to be featured on our website and in our newsletter.

The recording of IWRC's 2015 Annual Membership Meeting is available at [https://youtu.be/Od3guPa-xrY](https://youtu.be/Od3guPa-xrY)

All IWRC Journals of Wildlife Rehabilitation available to all members at [http://theiwrc.org/journal-of-wildlife-rehabilitation/](http://theiwrc.org/journal-of-wildlife-rehabilitation/)

If you come across for sale in suspicious circumstances please contact janeen@keepthemflying.org or Detective Sajdak at [305-853-7485](tel:305-853-7485)

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