

Greetings!

A theme in the general content for the newly released JWR is the harm that can be done to wildlife - intentional or otherwise.

- Renee Schott starts issue 35(2) with a guest editorial on practical ways to decrease harm from stress and pain.
- Deb Teachout continues with a discussion of wildlife cruelty.
- News blurbs include a proposed California law that, if passed, will increase fines for animal abuse and direct some funds toward the rehabilitation of affected animals. Meanwhile in Europe, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals is drawing attention to international wildlife crime.

Wildlife rehabilitators have a duty to do the least harm possible and also to report suspected intentional injury to wildlife. Here are two apps that report animal abuse or cruelty. [LiveSafe](#) (US only) [ICE BlackBox](#) (May be available outside of US) If you see animal abuse in progress always call your country's emergency number.

Take care,

Kai

Membership price change

Beginning August 1, 2015 individual and family memberships will be experiencing a slight price increase of 5 USD. It has been well over 5 years since the last membership increase for these two levels.



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If you have any questions about the price increase or [how to update your profile for auto renew](#), feel free to contact us!

Alert for Central American rehabilitators

A newly identified zoonotic bornavirus has been found in variegated squirrels (*Sciurus variegatoides*) which may cause encephalitis in humans. As of this time, there are only three suspected cases, all in Germany and related to squirrels kept in captivity. This is currently considered an unusual event; however Central American rehabilitators are reminded to practice good PPE, especially when interacting with this species.

Transmission route - unknown

Reservoir - unknown

[In-depth news article](#)

[Abstract from New England Journal of Medicine](#)

[European Center for Disease Control \(ECDC\) Risk Assessment](#)

Endangered Palawan Turtle Rescue

In June over 4,000 turtles were seized from a shipping container in the Philippines. The majority were Palawan forest turtles (*Siebenrockiella leytenensis*), a species listed as critically endangered on the IUCN Red list. As of July 15th, the majority of rescued turtles have been released. The remaining 230 live turtles remain under care for medical and nutrition problems.

Many organizations and volunteers have put exhaustive effort into the rescue and rehabilitation of these animals, including IWRC member organization Kadoorie Farms and Botanic Garden.

[Turtle Survival Alliance update post](#)

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, St. Kitts, West Indies (Closed course)

October

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, Plano, TX
- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, Eaton Rapids, MI

More Fall classes coming soon including **Alberta, Kentucky, Nebraska, and Rhode Island**

We are still scheduling Fall courses now! If you are interested in bringing a class to you, contact Julissa at julissa@theiwrc.org

[Upcoming Conferences](#)
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Photos from Palawan Rescue



Caring for the rescued turtles.
Photo Credit Dr Sabine Schoppe, Katala Foundation



Emergency housing for rescued turtles. Photo Credit Dr Sabine Schoppe, Katala Foundation

Managed Wildlife All Hazard Response

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) has a new initiative to bring together the managed wildlife community on animal disease, natural disasters, and similar hazards. The program is called ZAAHP Fusion Center and is currently focused in the United States on highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). With the recent news that a black capped chickadee in Minnesota tested positive for HPAI - the awareness and involvement of rehabilitators is even more important.

A separate email will be sent out to all US members of IWRC with an invitation to receive important stakeholder information from ZAAHP. If you are outside of the US and interested in the information please email me (director@theiwrc.org) directly and I'll send you the information.

Research Corner: Salary Compensation Survey

Please take IWRC's [wildlife rehabilitator compensation survey](#). Our survey is intended to help wildlife rehabilitation centers understand the range of benefits and salaries at centers across the world. Please ensure only one person at your wildlife rehabilitation center answers this survey. We suggest you do this by having the center director complete the survey.

Note that you do NOT need to have any paid staff positions to complete the survey.

If you have any questions on the survey please contact me at director@theiwrc.org or call 866-871-1869 x1

Survey closes July 21st



Volunteers recording data and examining turtles. Photo Credit Dr Sabine Schoppe, Katala Foundation

Notes

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

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>