



October 2015

Greetings!

I'm quite pleased with our timing in releasing the Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation issue 35(3) right after our Annual Membership Meeting. The topic of the journal editorial and the meeting keynote are both compassionate conservation. Compassionate conservation ensures "the long term survival of species as part of functional ecosystems while avoiding human intervention and minimizing human induced suffering"

Please take some time to listen to David Fraser's keynote address and skim my editorial. Now, if only I had finished my blog post on a similar topic!

Happy Reading,

Kai

Catch a Recording of the Annual Membership Meeting

IWRC's first electronic Annual Membership Meeting took place October 12th. It was certainly not without hitches, but it created a great meeting space for members, board, staff, and volunteers to share information and our keynote address by David Fraser was nothing short of wonderful.

If you missed the meeting you can [view the recording](#).



Click to read IWRC's Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation Issue 35(3)



Click to read IWRC's [Lead Poisoning Position Statement](#)

IWRC Courses

Host a Class
it's easier than you think!

Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation

- Hands-on practical skills laboratory
- RACE approved!



Membership - Ready for Board Vote October 26th

Sue Wylie, IWRC President

It is that exciting time of year again where the membership has the opportunity to vote on future board members. These elections play an important role in allowing member's the choice to elect a representative they feel will make play an active role on the board and make the appropriate decisions to ensure IWRC's success.

With the candidate's names announced at our first virtual annual membership meeting last week, we have four names to offer you on the slate. Keep an eye out for a ballot in your inbox early next week and please vote!

Wildlife Rehabilitation in the News

Sad news from Alberta where eight [corvids were shot](#) and killed in their flight cage at Medicine River Wildlife Centre. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police is investigating.

Residents of the Carolinas, including over 300 infant squirrels are [recovering from Hurricane Joaquin](#). Rehabilitation centers in the western portions of the states are assisting their colleagues with the unexpected intakes.

The Queensland government recently provided over [\\$200,000 to koala rehabilitation](#).

Wildcare Inc Northern Territory (Australia) provides the community with high visibility [flags to mark barbed wire](#) fencing. Since instituting the project they've reported a decrease in flying fox admissions.

Register Now



November

- Oconomowoc, WI
- Johannesburg, ZA
- Edmonton, AB

January

- Houston, TX



November

- Oconomowoc, WI

February

- Houston, TX

Winter classes coming soon including **Oregon, Saskatchewan, and Colorado (rescheduled from November)**

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

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

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

Research Corner:

Several completed studies published this month have interesting implications for wildlife management and care. Some are particularly useful to our wildlife rehabilitation clinics, others are of a more general nature. Note: after compiling these studies I realized the tone appeared a bit negative toward us humans - please take them as a reason to be aware and not a reason to despair.

[Humans main cause of flying foxes intake](#): 64% of threatened species, the grey-headed flying foxes admitted to the Australian Wildlife Health Centre were admitted for an anthropogenic reason. Public education has the potential to decrease these admittances.

[Feathers to identify mercury poisoning](#): This study examined penguin feathers for mercury poisoning and found surprising variations within individuals. More research needed!

[Humans worse than Radiation?](#): Yet more research has come out implicating that the radiation in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone may be less of a problem for large mammals than living cheek to jowl with humans. Some important caveats to note include effects on individual animals and species - but at a ecological system level, some potential good news.

[Create a National \(US\) Conservation Network](#): A recent study suggests policy makers should create a federal network of protected river ways, via The Clean Water Act to link islands of federal conservation land and allow better movement of animals between zones.

[Tourism Taming Wildlife](#): A paper in Trends in Ecology & Evolution puts forth the theory that ecotourism in protected wildlife areas increases the vulnerability of prey animals to predation OR that same human presence might be preventing predators from gaining a meal. Research is now needed to test the theories.

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.

Rehabilitation available to all members at <http://theiwrc.org/journal-of-wildlife-rehabilitation/>

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