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# IWRC

## International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

Hello Friend!

It's been a very busy summer here at IWRC. Wildlife centers are busy in the summer – so with our mostly northern hemisphere membership we are usually (relatively) quiet here during June through August. Not this year! International classes, a new book, revising classes, getting started on new classes; exciting but I'd like to clone myself several times over.

Our week long series of courses in Brunei ended July 29th to great acclaim. I'm hoping to write a bit more about them on IWRC's blog – we'll announce new posts via social media.

The newest issue of the Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation is available for your reading pleasure! Log in to your membership account on TheIWRC.org and read away.

If you are curious on exactly where we are with the book – Heila Hubbard, our copy editor is doing her final proof. Next step, our volunteer book proofers will have a very, very full week. If you are up for the challenge email me at [director@theiwrc.org](mailto:director@theiwrc.org) – I'm looking for two additional electronic proof readers (meaning you'll read a PDF advance of the book looking for oddities in the spacing and font or for obvious typos).

Finally, if you are an IWRC member, look for our annual meeting notice and call for board nominations in your email box soon.

Wishing you well,

Kai

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## Pokémon Go for Wildlife Centers

Pokémon Go hit the world in July with a bang. Here's some things to know about how the game may affect you.

Primer



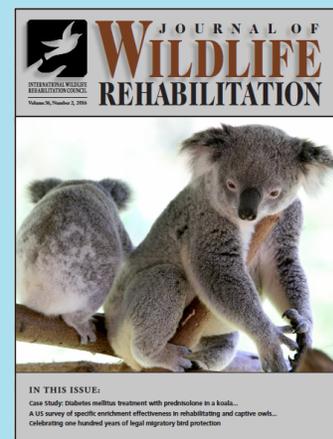
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*An augmented reality (read part digital and part real world) game played on smart phones just about anywhere....*

Places around the world were made pokéstops or gyms – often these places include landmarks, public buildings, nature centers, parks, and the like including several wildlife rehabilitation centers with a public viewing area.

Perhaps the coolest unexpected outcome of the game is people finding (and appropriately assisting) [real animals in need](#).

Having a stop at your facility is a great opportunity or maybe a bit of a pain, depending on the behaviour of trainers (players) and the set up of your center.

Chintimini Wildlife Center in Oregon has set up a Pokémon Go themed fundraising event, asking people to come to their pokéstop on a particular day and donate to the center to be involved in their "Chintimini League" competition.

Some centers have reported people trying to access the grounds after hours to play the game – consider posting a sign with a real animal on it asking players to come back during business hours – the wildlife needs its quiet time! If you find that a pokéstop at your center is entirely inappropriate, request its removal by contacting [Niant Labs](#).

#### Great resources

[Pokémon Go Player's guide to Six Flags Great America](#) – model of the dos and don'ts of play at your center

[6 Ways to Leverage Pokémon Go for Community Engagement](#) – my favorite so far of the multitude of suggestions for how nonprofits can use the game to engage their community.

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## IWRC Won the Gold



IWRC recently earned the Gold Seal of Transparency! This leading symbol of nonprofit transparency and accountability is presented by GuideStar, the world's largest source of nonprofit information. In order to be awarded the Gold Seal of Transparency, The IWRC included basic contact information, financial information, and our goals, strategies, capabilities, indicators, and progress, helping us more effectively share our story with the world. Check out our GuideStar Nonprofit Profile and tell us what you think: <http://www.guidestar.org/profile/94-2577910>

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## Band Together for Birds

Wow – 100 years ago this August, Canada and the US started



## IWRC Courses

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September

- New Mexico

October

- Michigan
- Ohio
- Rhode Island
- Tennessee

Fall 2016 (dates TBD)

- Kentucky
- Washington

a landmark treaty to protect migratory animals [see the journal editorial for details]. We've come a long way in the last 100 years; now let's look ahead to the next 100. What will you (and your center) be doing – let IWRC and USFWS know by posting to social media with the hashtag #thenext100years

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## JWR 36(2) Abstracts

### Case Study: Latrogenic diabetes mellitus in a koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*) receiving treatment with prednisolone Sheridan E Lathe

Abstract: Diabetes mellitus is a well recognized condition in human and veterinary medicine that can be induced by the administration of glucocorticoids. Prednisolone is a glucocorticoid used to treat inflammation in koalas (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)....

### Captive Enrichment for Owls (*Strigiformes*) Aurora Potts

Abstract: A survey (Appendix A) was sent to 622 wildlife rehabilitation centers, raptor centers, nature centers, zoos, falconers, and similar institutions across the United States in an effort to determine the success and failure of various methods of enrichment for various owl genera, as well as imprints versus non-imprints....

Read the [complete abstracts here](#), or, if you are an IWRC member, read the [full journal issue](#).

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## Research Corner

The IUCN Invasive Species Forum is looking for examples of confiscated and/or rehabilitated animals that after release into the wild became an invasive species problem. If you have any potential cases email Piero Genovesi, chair of the specialist group, at [piero.genovesi@isprambiente.it](mailto:piero.genovesi@isprambiente.it)

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## Notes

All IWRC Journals of Wildlife Rehabilitation are available to members at <http://theiwrc.org/journal-of-wildlife-rehabilitation>

The most recently published journal is August's 36(2)

## Research Corner

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



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