

IWRC **International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council**

February 2016

Greetings!

Hello to February. This is a good month in the Northern Hemisphere, we are caught up (well mostly) on paper work, planning, and with maybe a bit of rest too, and for some of us, a conference or two to attend before the busy season starts. (Say hi to Kim Poisson if you'll be at IAATE this week and come see IWRC's booth at NWRA next month.)

IWRC is catching up too. We are ready to roll out our newest membership directory. So if your address has changed recently or if you don't want to be listed (and aren't sure you checked that box) send us an [email](#).

In rather exciting news, IWRC is getting ready to launch our membership forum. We are looking for some brave souls (must be members!) to volunteer as early adopters over the next three weeks. If you are interested contact dianah@theiwrc.org

With Care,

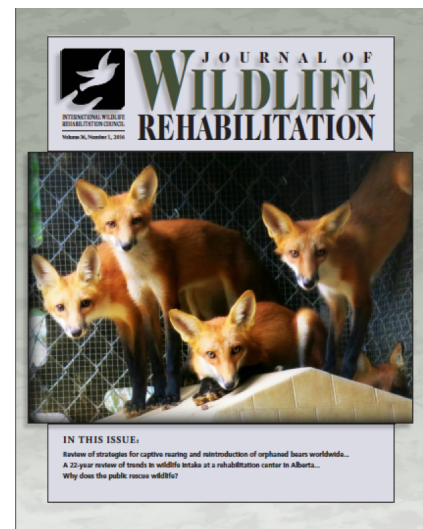
Kai

Context, Emotion, Debate, and Conservation

I wasn't able to attend last summer's International Congress on Conservation Biology in Montpellier France, but I still got to enjoy (and continue to enjoy) the results of 2000 dedicated conservationists being in one place.

Perceptive blogger, Rachel Neugarten from Conservation International has some [excellent takeaways](#) from the event that address getting our message and mission across successfully.

Recent Publication



Read The IWRC's Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation [36\(1\)](#)

Opportunity Awaits

Early adopters wanted for the IWRC Membership Forum (must be current member). [Email](#) if interested.

The Membership Committee is seeking people pleasers! Help guide the IWRC in delivering a great value and desired benefits to its members. Contact dianah@theiwrc.org to get involved.

IWRC Courses

1. Local context is critical
2. Always consider people's emotions
3. Ask a group of experts, not a single expert
4. Communicate respectfully to gain support

Kim Poisson: A passion for course development

IWRC's asked each of our board members to consider a few questions about how they got involved. Kim's short and sweet responses show a certain trend toward wildlife rehabilitation education. Her passion and skill set make a wonderful fit as a board member at large and Course Development Committee Chair.

Fun fact: The Course Development Committee members spend more than **1000** hours a year working on course content.

[Read Kim's interview!](#)

100 Years of Protection

North America's birds received official federal protection in 1916 with the signing of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act between the US and Canada. Not long after, in 1936, Mexico and the US signed a treaty to protect migratory birds and game animals. And in 1940 a multilateral treaty was signed furthering protection for migratory birds throughout the Western Hemisphere. In 1972 the US and Japan signed a treaty and in 1976 the US and the former USSR signed a migratory bird treaty. But it all began 100 years ago with that first treaty. The Migratory Bird Treaty Centennial is an opportunity to engage the public to increase knowledge of and support for migratory bird conservation programs and promote everyday actions for bird conservation around the world.

The USFWS and Canadian Wildlife Service are celebrating this milestone event and they are inviting wildlife rehabilitators to join them. Look for more information from both countries as the year unfolds. The USFWS be hosting a webinar on creating your own celebratory event, Tuesday, February 16 at 1 p.m. EST. To attend RSVP by email to rachel_levin@fws.gov no later than 5 p.m. EST on February 15.

[Information on the Centennial](#) (and how to take part)

[USFWS: MBT and Rehabbers](#)



Register Now



February

- Saskatoon, SK

March

- Louisville, KY (closed)
- Murray, KY
- Littleton, CO

April

- Delta, BC



April

- Littleton, CO



April

- Littleton, CO

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



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

Notes

The recording of IWRC's 2015 Annual Membership Meeting is available at <https://youtu.be/Od3guPa-xrY>

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

A message from Animal Help Now

From Elena Rizzo - AHN

Many of you have requested that we modify our interface to show the names of wildlife rehabilitators and key contacts. Due to privacy concerns, we cannot make this information available to the public, but we can make it available to wildlife rehabilitators. What are your thoughts? Any reason we shouldn't do this? Anything else you'd like to see on a password-protected, rehabbers-only Animal Help Now page?

We're hoping those of you who use Animal Help Now regularly for referrals will have suggestions on how we can better serve you. Please email us at info@ahnow.org or call us at 303-543-0755.

Research Corner: Abstracts from Issue 36(1)

Strategies for captive rearing and reintroduction of orphaned bears. John J. Beecham, I. Kati Loeffler, and Richard A. Beausoleil

Abstract: Placing orphan bears in captive-rearing facilities and releasing them back to the wild is a management option that has been used for decades. This option has conservation implications that extend beyond obvious welfare benefits, including public support for management programs, maintenance of genetic diversity, and restoration of bear populations....

Trends in wildlife intake at a rehabilitation center in Central Alberta: A retrospective analysis of birds, mammals, and herptiles, from 1990 through 2012
Dawn Doell and David A. Locky

Abstract: Using patient data from the Wildlife Rehabilitation Society of Edmonton, we assessed reasons for admission, overall success of rehabilitation, and compared temporal trends with human population growth in the region. Over the survey period 13,375 individuals from 271 species were admitted. These included 11,637 birds (87%), 1,727 mammals (13%), and 11 herptiles (<0.1%)....

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

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