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International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

Hello Friend!

We are still busy working away at Wildlife Rehabilitation: A Comprehensive Approach. Its coming along beautifully – if slower than I might wish. I am so excited to share this amazing book with our community.

Meanwhile, we've posted a new board member interview – this one with IWRC Board Treasurer Dani Nicholson: If you don't know Dani you might be surprised to learn she'd be a brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) if she could be any wild animal in the world. Learn more about Dani in her [Tidbits](#) interview.

We also have a new intern. Lina Allen is spending the summer with IWRC working on marketing and social media. Not only is she expanding posts on IWRC's Facebook page, she's also reinvigorating our Twitter page, and starting a Instagram account. We'll have more info on Lina and her projects in July.

Wishing you well,

Kai

Ghost cats in the Himilayas

Some of us are working directly with wildlife everyday – seeing first hand the difference we are making in the lives of individual animals and in entire ecosystems. Others are usually at a more remote level – providing administrative, training, funding, and even [and especially] moral support to those on the front lines. But with some species, even those doing the field work seldom, if ever, see the animals they are working to protect.

Read Matt Fiechter's blog [Have you seen the snow leopard?](#) of his recent trip to Ladakh and visit with Snow Leopard Trust field operatives Karma Sonam, Stanzin Namgail, and Rigzen Dorje in that north Indian outpost in the Himalayas. Only slight clues point to the existence of these leopards, but much more evident are the changes in livestock management that improve community coexistence with the ghost cats.



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July

Sometimes, we don't need to see to believe, we just need to know that 'they' are out there.

Meet Monique Pool: Wildlife Rehabilitator, CNN Hero

Monique Pool is the Founder and Chairman of the Board of Green Heritage Fund Suriname, a nonprofit organization that, among other activities, fosters and rehabilitates orphaned and injured sloths. She was recognized as one of CNN's Heroes in 2015, a massive accomplishment for not only herself and organization, but as a representative of the wildlife rehabilitation community. Monique graciously allowed IWRC to interview her recently in light of her tremendous recognition and important work in Suriname.



A released sloth heads into the forests of Suriname.

...Just keeping an animal alive and in captivity is not enough. At least in my world it is not. To rehabilitate, you have to teach it skills that it would learn from its mother so that it is able to go back and survive on its own in the wild. For me it was a conscious decision to care for Xenarthrans (mammal group including anteater, sloth, and armadillo species) that would cross my path, because I realized it is a responsibility that is not to be taken lightly.

[Read more](#)

Planning a migratory bird event this year?

- Brunei
(closed class)

October

- Michigan
- Ohio
- Tennessee

Fall 2016 (dates TBD)

- Kentucky
- New Mexico
- Rhode Island
- Washington

More Fall classes will be announced this summer!



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

Notes

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

The most recent published journal is February's 36(1)

Research Corner

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.

If you are working on an event that celebrates migratory birds that pass through the United States let everyone know! This year the USFWS is celebrating 100 years of the International Migratory Bird Treaty [SEE MORE.....] They'd love to add your event to the [list of events](#) for International Migratory Bird Day and the Centennial Celebration.

Visit resources in the [Centennial Celebration NestBox](#)
Visit resources for [International Migratory Bird Day](#)

And don't forget – [List your event!](#)

Research Corner

[Use of Education Animals Survey](#)

Survey Goal: To get a sense of membership position on the subject as we prepare to compose an official position statement on the use of live, non-releasable, wild animals for use in public education.



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