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International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

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Dear Reader

This June we lost two amazing wildlife rehabilitators, Len Soucy and Jay Holcomb. One from the east of the United States and the other from the west.

Len founded The Raptor Trust, a New Jersey center, in 1982 but began his long association with wildlife rehabilitation in 1968. He earned NWRA's Lifetime Achievement award in 1986 and an honorary PhD in 1988. Len will be remembered in the Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation (JWR) issue 34(3) this fall.

Jay started his career in wildlife rehabilitation around that same time and soon specialized in work with oiled birds all over the globe. Jay was president of IWRC not once but twice.

While researching IWRC's history I came across some amazing words written by Jay in 1982. We've published them in full as the editorial in [JWR 34\(2\)](#), available to all members now; an excerpt is also available on the [IWRC blog](#).

My first real encounter with Jay was at the 2011 IWRC Symposium in Florida. Several younger generation rehabilitators were able to spend time with Jay there, sharing in his knowledge and experience. I'm so grateful to be able to be one link out of many between Jay and the next generation.

"Sharing is the only way to maintain excellence and build a strong foundation of knowledge" Jay Holcomb, 1982

Keep sharing,

Kai

From the News (and Journals)

Welcome back! [Wolf pups](#) in Western Oregon, a California Condor [chick in Utah](#) (likely but unconfirmed), and the first wild scarlet [macaws](#) in Veracruz in 50 years.

Wondering if the information you contribute to researchers ever gets anywhere? Check out the second paper in [JWR 34\(2\)](#). John

Symposium Registration Open



Symposium [registration](#) is open and we are starting off with a buy one get one half off special. So if you are registering with a friend be sure to chose that option and save!

Workshop, field trip, and banquet registration is also open. Register soon as we expect both field trips and workshops to fill up quickly.

Details at <http://theiwrc.org/symposium>

Notes

Don't forget about the [Member Bring a Member](#) promotion. If you recommend that someone becomes a member of the IWRC tell them to enter your member number when registering and you'll get credit and a chance at some fun prizes and discounts!

JWR 34(2) is now published! Available to all members at <http://theiwrc.org/journal-of-wildlife->

Scott partnered with a center in British Columbia for the data. This instigated a larger study (featured in last month's newsletter) of avian borne ticks all over Canada and the United States.

US App for Wildlife Rescue

Animal Help Now, a nonprofit organization, has developed a free website and smartphone app that connects people who have found injured or distressed animals with the closest appropriate help. The organization is launching its wildlife functionality nationally on June 20. Watch your inbox, mailbox, and/or voicemail for a message from the organization. The message will contain your unique username and password. The organization hopes you will log in to AnimalHelpNow.org to review/update your profile. More information about the project, links to the smartphone apps, and specific details are available at www.animalhelpnow.org. The organization also has short videos explaining its work - and how it benefits wildlife rehabilitators! - at <http://bit.ly/ahnowchannel>. Animal Help Now is endorsed by the Colorado Council for Wildlife Rehabilitation and is working in cooperation with the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association.

PS for Australia

Well, New South Wales to be exact - there's an [app](http://www.ifaw.org/australia/our-work/animal-rescue/help-rescue-wildlife-nsw-download-our-app) for you too <http://www.ifaw.org/australia/our-work/animal-rescue/help-rescue-wildlife-nsw-download-our-app>

Research Corner: Wildlife Rehabilitation Health Risks

Students and faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California, Davis are conducting a survey to assess health risks in terrestrial wildlife rehabilitation workers. The goal of the study is to understand personal protective behaviors and zoonotic disease training, as well as the risks of work-related injury and illness, among U.S and international wildlife rehabilitators.

They are requesting your participation in this study, which involves completing a 10-15 minute anonymous, voluntary, online survey. Anyone who directly works with wild animals or indirectly with their excretions, such as through cleaning/feeding or laboratory sample collection or analysis, whether on a paid or voluntary basis, is eligible to take this survey. Please feel free to forward this information to volunteers and staff working in wildlife rehabilitation. This research project relies on reaching as many volunteers and staff members as possible.

You may find the survey here:
<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1569715/Survey-to-Assess-Health-Risks-in-Wildlife-Rehabilitators>

By fully completing this survey, you will be helping researchers at UC Davis gain a better understanding of how to best protect your health and well-being while you work to protect our wildlife.

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USFWS is seeking public input on [eagle management objectives](#). Participate now.

Selected papers and presentations from the 2013 Symposium in Victoria are online at <http://theiwrc.org/symposium/>. Head over to peruse and download that talk you missed.

Links

[IWRC Courses](#)

September

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, RI, USA

October

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, WA, USA
- Pain & Wound Management, WA, USA

December

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, OH, USA
- Pain & Wound Management, OH, USA
- Zoonoses, OH, USA

Look for additional courses listed next month. Meanwhile, if you are interested in hosting contact Julissa at julissa@theiwrc.org

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

For questions or concerns, please contact: Ramzi Eid, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, reid@ucdavis.edu.

Urban Wildlife Species Data Needed

Wildlife rehabilitation centers are being asked to share information from their intake records to assist in the development of a comprehensive list of urban wildlife species. Study results will be published in the upcoming 3rd edition of *Urban Wildlife Management*, written by Dr. Clark Adams and Dr. Kieran Lindsey (*Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation* editor).

This call is directed primarily at rehabilitation centers in urban areas, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau: "Urban Areas (UAs) of 50,000 or more people, and Urban Clusters (UCs) of at least 2,500 and less than 50,000 people." In other words, rehab centers located in metropolitan areas (cities and suburbs), or receive the majority of their intakes from these areas.

This study has two primary goals: 1) to demonstrate that urban/suburban habitats support a richly diverse community of wildlife species; and 2) to increase awareness of the important contribution wildlife rehabilitation and rehabilitators can make to scientific inquiry and a more complete understanding of the natural world.

The researchers understand this is the busiest time of year for wildlife rehabilitation centers and are requesting a simple report that should not take long to generate if the center maintains electronic records.

The information requested is as follows:

For the year 2012

- A list of all species (mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians) received
- The number of intakes for each species
- Title the report with your center name, city, state, and zip code

Ideally, the report would follow this format (Excel spreadsheet preferred; Word documents acceptable):

ABC Wildlife Center			
City, State, Zip			
Common Name	Latin name (if available)	# of	
		individuals/intakes	

Centers willing to participate should contact Dr. Kieran Lindsey (jwr.editor@theiwrc.org) ASAP for additional instructions for report submission.

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