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International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

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Dear Reader

March has been busy at the IWRC office. Julissa and I joined the Board in New York for a weekend meeting. Fortunately we were able to sneak in a visit downtown with some early arriving board members on Friday. It was Board member Adam's first visit to Manhattan!

After a short week back in the office we left for the NWRA Symposium in Nashville, Tennessee. We spent three days exhibiting at the event, meeting with IWRC members, scheduling new courses, and selling lots of great books. It was great seeing everyone who was able to attend!

Meanwhile Eric was holding down the office, working on the membership directory, new and improved event calendar, and of course sending course materials to students and membership information to new and renewing members.

Now we are all back in the office and all caught up on emails; if only we could also catch up on sleep!

Kai



Kai and Julissa, exhibiting at the NWRA Symposium

City Living

As we rehabers know, wildlife live in the city. Some thrive, and some suffer. As cities expand we see more interactions, more problems, and more adaptations, both human and animal.

There was a time when the North American grey squirrel wasn't the [city dweller](#) we know today. In the US, the [urbanization of](#)

IWRC Symposium

December 1 – 6, 2014

Cincinnati, Ohio, USA



The International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council and the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association are proud to bring the annual IWRC Symposium to Cincinnati, Ohio, USA in December 2014.

Cross numerous items off your to do list by attending the December 2014 symposium.

- Network with colleagues
- Learn new techniques
- Relax after the rehab season
- Complete your holiday shopping

We'll be staying in downtown Cincinnati at the elegant Hilton Regency, a four diamond hotel for the amazing rate of \$99 a night.

Early bird registration opens this spring.

[squirrels](#) began around 1850 and increased rapidly with the spread of landscape parks (think Central Park in New York). And there was a time when the peregrine falcon was a stranger to the cliffs and canyons of urban life. Now, of course city squirrels everywhere, whether they should be or not, and many cities around the globe market resident falcons as part of their city's brand (such as [Cleveland's Terminal Tower](#)).

Cities considered tops for wildlife habitat [include](#) Sao Paulo, Cape Town, New York City, Austin, Kampala, and Singapore. Not that these are the only cities, think of Missoula's beavers or Lismore's platypus habitat.

Many cities are working on the conflict between birds, lights, and city buildings. A Washington Post journalist recently authored a colorful [story](#) about the volunteers of Lights Out DC. Their volunteers are working with the Smithsonian to track building related deaths over time.

Ethical Photography

Thursday morning, Elaine Thrune (President of NWRA) and I (Kai, Executive Director of IWRC) were chatting between symposium paper sessions, trading stories of problematic interactions with journalists, especially photographers and videographers. Not three hours later, Resee Collins (USFWS Liaison Officer) emailed with news that a [Florida photographer](#) was pleading guilty to violating the Endangered Species Act. The article Resee sent is a great reminder that however insistent or high profile the member of the public, the animal comes first in rehab. And it is okay to say no.

Research Corner: Perceptions of Wildlife Rehabilitation

What do the images we present say to the public? This five minute survey seeks data to provide insight regarding the perceptions of wildlife rehabilitation. Pass it along to both your rehabber and non-rehabber network; you don't have to be involved in animal care to complete the survey, everyone's opinion is valuable! Please share so the researchers get many different perspectives...

[Perceptions Survey](#)

[Call for Papers](#)

Notes

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.

Don't forget to read Issue 33(3) of JWR. Available to all members at <http://theiwrc.org/journal-of-wildlife-rehabilitation>

Links

[IWRC Courses](#)

March

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, MA, USA

April

- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, WI, USA
- Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, MI, USA
- Pain and Wound Management, AZ, USA

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