#### September 2016





#### Hello Friend!

I'm thrilled to say *Wildlife Rehabilitation: A Comprehensive Approach* (aka "the book") is safely at printers. We are eagerly awaiting the final product. I'm expecting to have it in my hand October 4th – we'll immediately begin shipping them out to our patient students and preorder customers.

Did you know that the book will be the text book for Pain & Wound Management and Zoonoses as well as for Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation? For years a constructive criticism of our advanced courses has been the lack of printed material. We kept that in mind when creating this book!

Wishing you well,

Kai

## **Annual Membership Meeting**

Sue Wylie, IWRC President

Meet IWRC's staff and board of directors at this year's virtual annual membership meeting being held on October 2nd at 12:00pm EST. As an IWRC member use this opportunity to learn about our current projects including the completion of *Wildlife Rehabilitation: A Comprehensive Approach.* 

The meeting is a chance to hear about IWRC's future commitments, have a voice during our Q & A period and see what you can do to help IWRC grow. We will also be introducing the slate



for the 2017 board member election.

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We will have two special guest speakers at this year's meeting: **Dr. Jan Ramer**, director of conservation at The Wilds





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# Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation

#### September

New Mexico

October

- Michigan
- Ohio
- Rhode Island

and past regional manager of Gorilla Doctors and University of Washington **Professor John Marzluff**, author, scientist, and corvid enthusiast. We look forward to hearing about each presenter's experiences and hope that you will join us in welcoming them to their first IWRC membership meeting as our special guests!

Look forward to seeing all members on October 2nd

Keep an eye out at the end of September for an invitation email to register for the meeting.

#### HPAI H5N2 = Practice BioSecurity

In August, highly-pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N2 was found in a wild duck in Alaska. This news, coming right at the beginning of the Fall migratory season, reminds rehabilitators of the need for vigilance in protecting avians under our care from these virulent strains of avian influenza.

Take a moment to review this risk reduction checklist. While the wording may be targeted toward permanently managed collections, the information is just as apt for the temporarily managed wildlife undergoing rehabilitation.

# **Policy Decisions: Got Science?**

BC SPCA has successfully appealed a provincial ruling that disallowed the rehabilitation of non-native species including Eastern grey squirrels. The 37 page decision of the Environmental Appeal Board makes for fascinating reading (especially around page 32 and 33).

The argument of BC SPCA and Wildlife Rehabilitators Network of BC centered around the arbitrariness of the policy against rehabilitating non-natives and the lack of scientific support for the policy.

Read more: The Environmental Appeal Board Decision

Op-Ed in Vancouver Sun

**BC SPCA News Release** 

## **Research Corner: Use Science**

(in Choosing Predator Control Methods)

This month, scientists from the University of Wisconsin published a review of predator controls for livestock



Winter course schedule. 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/journalof-wildlife-rehabilitation

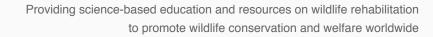
The most recently published journal is August's 36(2) protection. As wildlife rehabilitators, we are sometimes asked to counsel landowners on how to best protect their animals from wild predators. The title speaks for itself -- Predator control should not be a shot in the dark. Take a moment and read the abstract.



You may also be interested in reading last Sunday's op-ed America's Wildlife Body Count in the New York Times on the USDA Wildlife Services Dept (as many of you know an agency quite different than the USFWS). It was this editorial that introduced me to the new review of control methods.

## Research Corner

As always, if you are working on a study and need participants, email me at <u>director@theiwrc.org</u> to be featured on our website and in our newsletter.





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