

Greetings!

Volunteering plays an integral part in IWRC's success. Being a volunteer at IWRC is extremely rewarding, and as we continue to focus on developing new courses, exploring potential services and offering our programs we need the support of people like yourself to keep progressing.

My goal this year is to reach out to you, as an IWRC supporter, to find new volunteer's for the organization. We need help in many different areas of IWRC's operations in order to grow our committees and programs. Some examples include Development chair, Development committee members and Membership committee members.

As Development chair for the last two years, and now being President, I am unable to dedicate the necessary time to grow this very important aspect of IWRC. In order for us to broaden our fundraising and try new ideas we need to find a new Development chair. I am committed to work alongside that person to help bring IWRC to its next level of development. If this is something that interests you please contact me directly. We are also looking for new Membership committee members who are interested in being involved in having a say about our membership services and working alongside our chair Diana Huang.

If you are interesting in joining our team and are looking for new opportunities we are looking forward to hearing from you!

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Susan Wylie
IWRC President

Announcing New IWRC Board Members

IWRC is excited to welcome two new board members, Ashraf NVK of Uttar Pradesh, India and Dani Nicholson of California, USA

Opportunity Awaits

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



Host a Class
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Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation

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RESEARCH AND
EVALUATION
COUNCIL OF ANIMAL
REHABILITATORS

- Hands-on practical skills laboratory
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Register Now



January

- Houston, TX
- Newport, OR
- Portland, OR

February

Ashraf is Senior Director and Chief Veterinarian of the Wildlife Trust of India and a member of IUCN's Conservation Breeding Specialist Group, Bear Specialist Group, Reintroduction Specialist Group and Wildlife Health Specialist group. He was voted onto the 2016 Board by IWRC's members.

"My interest in being a member of IWRC's Board of Directors is primarily to act as an ambassador to bridge the gap between rehabilitators of Indian subcontinent and the west. I understand that IWRC's mission is to bring science into wildlife rehabilitation for wildlife conservation and welfare worldwide. With my entry into the Board, I would like to work towards bring into focus the wildlife rehabilitation efforts of tropical Asian countries. Moreover, the mission also matches with WTI's 'Wild Rescue' division's goal of improving the welfare of displaced animals while enhancing conservation and pioneering science based rehabilitation, conflict mitigation and wildlife health."

Dani will be a familiar face to many from her work with Lafeber, liaising with the wildlife community. She is an active member of local, national, and international wildlife rehabilitation organizations. Dani was elected to the board by sitting board members; she has also been elected to a 2 year term as IWRC's Treasurer.

"I was trained in bookkeeping and accounting from the year 1977. I've worked in wildlife rehabilitation since 2001. In addition, through my non-profit whose mission is education and advocacy for wildlife, I serve on an ad-hoc committee to modify the fish cleaning station in Avila Beach, as well as working on another committee to do the same in Morro Bay. I am responsible for getting fish recycling receptacles installed on my local pier in Cayucos. I maintain an active 24 hour Hazwoper with OWCN and have worked on a few oil spills, but am also on the Pacific Wildlife Care Wash Team. Over the years, I've washed hundreds of birds. I also take every bit of education I can."

Keeping a Legal Practice

Legislation affecting the care of wildlife can be a minefield for both vets and rehabilitators, risking prosecution for both if not followed correctly. Legal responsibilities are not always clearly outlined in all countries, so it is

important to familiarize yourself with the relevant legislation that might apply. For example, in the United Kingdom (UK), the main pieces of legislation to be most concerned about are the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (as amended 2002) (VSA), Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2014, and the Animal Welfare Act 2006. Here are a few key areas to consider for those caring for

- Saskatoon, SK

March

- Louisville, KY
- Murray, KY
- Littleton, CO



February

- Houston, TX

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@thewrc.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://thewrc.org/journal-of-wildlife-rehabilitation/>

British wildlife, although they are applicable in most places around the world...[read more on the IWRC Blog](#)

Hopeful Signs of Reproduction

Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*), the subject of a 14 year conservation project in Cambodia, appear to to be [doing better](#). A camera trap caught 12 young wild [Asian elephants on film](#).

Meanwhile, in Russia, another camera trap shows a [rehabilitated Amur tiger](#) (*Panthera tigris altaica*) with two young cubs. And signs of a [different tiger](#) were spotted in China (no cubs there yet).

'Tis the season for Federal Reports (US)

The USFWS and Resee Collins would like to remind US rehabilitators that their annual reports are due postmarked by January 31st. All permittees should receive their report forms in the mail this month and you can also download them from <http://www.fws.gov/permits/applicationforms/ApplicationA.html#reports>.

Resee has a lot of other useful information which I can send to you. Just email me at director@theiwrc.org and request US 2016 Permit information.

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.

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