



## ***Reach & Teach***

**A Mentorship Program through the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association**

Dear OWRA Members,

In an effort to support and encourage new individuals to the field of wildlife rehabilitation, OWRA is launching ***Reach & Teach***, a mentorship program designed to offer assistance to members who have completed OWRA's *Introduction to Wildlife Rehabilitation* training.

In 2011, over 60 individuals completed the IWR training and this program hopes to bridge the gap between the classroom training and the actual receiving of animals for rehabilitation. In addition, this program will not only provide hands-on experience and networking opportunities for the new rehabilitator but will also benefit the hosting facility/individual with additional support.

OWRA is inviting member facilities and individuals permitted through the Ohio Division of Wildlife to reach out and teach new rehabilitators through methods such as on-premise volunteering, facility tours to share ideas, and/or phone availability to offer advice.

To participate in ***Reach & Teach***, please contact Kristen Beck at [iwr@owra.org](mailto:iwr@owra.org) or Laura Jordan at [ljordan@owra.org](mailto:ljordan@owra.org) with the following information:

- Name, address, phone number, county, and district of your facility.
- Specifics of your permit: Cat. I, Cat. II, USFW, RVS, other species specifications/limitations.
- Areas of expertise.
- Level of involvement in ***Reach & Teach*** mentorship program (on-site volunteering, tour availability, phone consultation, etc.).

*OWRA's mission is to improve the quality of life for Ohio's native wildlife by promoting communication, cooperation, professionalism, and ethical conduct among persons involved in wildlife rehabilitation, education, resource management, and research; AND informing the public about issues impacting wildlife and helping them to obtain assistance with wildlife concerns and problems.*