

Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association

26th Annual
Conference



Newark, Ohio
November 2-4,
2018

Join us for....

- ❖ Twenty-seven hours of presentations
- ❖ Four pre-conference workshops
- ❖ Icebreaker Reception
- ❖ Banquet featuring: David W. Stokes,
Nature's Music: Sounds in Nature
- ❖ Raffle and Silent Auction
- ❖ Group meals with the opportunity to
chat and network with other rehabilitators

You can register for the conference online at www.owra.org/events
Online registration opens September 1st

Pre-Conference Workshops

All pre-conference workshops will take place on **Friday, November 2**. Separate registration is required.

Priority registration granted to OWRA members until September 15th

Lunch is provided to full-day workshops. Those registered for half-day workshops, but are interested in lunch, will need to register separately.

♦ **Introduction to Wildlife Rehabilitation** (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

This class covers wildlife rehabilitation regulations in Ohio, handling wildlife calls, neonatal care of orphaned wildlife, zoonotic diseases, stabilization, and transportation of Category 1 species (tree squirrels, ground squirrels, and Eastern cottontail rabbits). This class, or an equivalent, is required by the Ohio Division of Wildlife to apply for a Category 1 Rehabilitation Permit. Registration fee includes manual, handouts, certificate of completion, and lunch. Instructor: **Becky Crow**

♦ **Rabies Vector Species (RVS)/Handling Restraint Training** (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

This training covers current regulations, status of rabies in Ohio, special considerations in RVS rehabilitation, capture and restraint, exposure protocol, testing and species information and health considerations of raccoons, skunks, foxes, and bats. This workshop, or equivalent, is required by Ohio Division of Wildlife in order to accept rabies vector species for rehabilitation. Registration fee includes manual, handouts, certificate of completion, and lunch. *This workshop has been approved for CE Credit by the OMVLB.* Instructor : **Barbara Ray & Judith Vaughn, CET**

♦ **Mammalian Physical Examination: Intake, Evaluation and Stabilization** (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

This lab will help you improve your physical exam skills and teach you relevant anatomy. At the end you will feel more confident examining your intake animals and stabilizing them until you can get them to the vet. We will walk through a case and cover physical exam, stabilization, and common physical exam abnormalities to watch out for. We will also cover anatomy relevant to the rehabilitation of different species. Learn things like why cottontails are harder to tube feed, why their digestion is so different, where nerves and vessels are in the limbs and how that relates to trauma, how to determine the location and severity of spinal cord damage, and much more. This class will cover mammals only. At the end of the lecture portion (3 hours) we will have an optional 1 hour necropsy lab to put your anatomy knowledge to use! *This workshop has been approved for CE Credit by the OMVLB.*

Instructor: **Dr. Lynn Dunlap, DVM, Born to be Wild, Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation, Inc**

♦ **Advanced Skills Workshop: Wound Management** (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Wound Management provides a systematic review of the physiology and treatment of the most common types of soft-tissue wounds seen in injured mammalian and avian species. Topics include wound assessment, wound types, antibiotic therapy, cleaning and topical agents, bandaging techniques and the physiology and stages of wound healing. Registration fee includes handouts and certificate of completion. *This workshop has been approved for CE Credit by the OMVLB.*

Instructor: **Dr. Sarah Reich, DVM, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine**

Conference Summary

With twenty-seven concurrent presentations to choose from this conference program offers something for everyone! Topics include a variety of animal care and administrative topics for you to build a conference that is best for YOU! *All of the conference will be approved for continuing education credit by the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board.*

Icebreaker Reception on Friday evening will feature light hors d'oeuvres, drinks, fun activities and a chance to mingle with friends to get the weekend started.

There are those who contend that wildlife rehabilitation has no real effect on wildlife populations and suggest our resources may be better spent on “bigger picture” efforts. Kicking off our conference will be our **Keynote Speaker, Bob Bills**, to help us examine the **True Value of Wildlife Rehabilitation** and discover the answer to “Why do we do that?” This presentation will debunk this theory, examine the many benefits of wildlife rehabilitation, and explain why rehabilitators are in a unique position to have a significant impact on wildlife conservation.

The **Annual Banquet** will feature great food, cash bar, and lots of socializing and fun. Our guest speaker will be the award winning naturalist, humorist and educator **David Stokes**. David has been recognized by the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education Teacher of the Year and is an “Aldo Leopold” award winner. Using songs, stories, audio-visual materials and audience participation we will take a comical look at **Nature’s Music: Sounds in Nature**.

The annual raffle and silent auction will take place during the evening. A Banquet Only option is available for those that are unable to attend the conference.

Schedule Summary

Friday:

7:30 AM—9:00AM	Workshop Check-in
8:00 AM—12:00PM	Mammal Anatomy
9:00 AM—5:00 PM	RVS Workshop
9:00 AM—5:00PM	IWR Workshop
12:00 PM—1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM—5:00PM	Wound Management
5:00 PM—6:00 PM	OWRA Board Meeting
4:30 PM—8:30 PM	Conference Check-in
7:00 PM—10:00 PM	Icebreaker Reception

Saturday:

8:00 AM—9:00 AM
9:00 AM—10:00 AM
10:00 AM—12:00 PM
12:00 PM— 1:00 PM
1:00 PM—2:00 PM
2:00 PM—5:00 PM
6:30 PM—10:00 PM

Breakfast and Registration
Welcome and Keynote Address
Concurrent Sessions
Lunch; Annual Members Meeting
General Session
Concurrent Sessions
Banquet

Sunday:

8:00 AM—9:00 AM

Breakfast



Art by Todd White

Scheduled Speakers and Presentations

Speakers and topics subject to change

Featured Veterinarians

Dr. Sarah Reich, DVM, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Lynn Dunlap, DVM, North Ridge Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Melinda Marksz, DVM, Ohio Wildlife Center

Dr. Diana Huang, DVM, Ohio Wildlife Center

Dr. Aaron Messer, Columbus Health Department

- Emerging Diseases

Judith Vaughn, CET, Crows Hollow Wildlife Care

- Compassion Fatigue

Ohio Attorney Generals Office

- Responsibilities of Non-profit Founders & Board Members

Anne Wookey, Ohio Wildlife Center

- Changes in Bat Rehab

Doug Stricker, Ohio Division of Wildlife

- Waterfowl Natural History

Kate Parsons & Melissa Moser, Ohio Division of Wildlife

- Permits and Regulations Q & A

Adam Turpen, SCRAM!

- Humane Solutions to Wildlife Conflicts

Barbara Ray, Crows Hollow Wildlife Care

- Raccoon Rehab

Hiram Students

- Case Studies

Cindy Alverson, RAPTOR, Inc.

- Young Raptors: Care and Considerations

Levi Dawson, Brukner Nature Center

- Reptile Care & Husbandry

Becky Crow, Brukner Nature Center

- Rehab Chat: Hotline Q&A
- Artificial Habitat Preferences of Eastern Gray Squirrels

Kristen Beck, Clover Field Wildlife Care

- Home-base Rehab Facility Tips and Tricks
- Eastern Cottontail Care

Roundtables on Ethics, Enrichment, Bats, Record Keeping and MUCH MORE!!!

Visit www.owra.org/2018-Speaker-Presentation for a full list of conference speakers and topics

Raffle tickets, for the many nice items donated by our members and exhibitors, will be on sale until the final drawing at the banquet on Saturday night. There will also be a silent auction for select items. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to provide educational grants for Ohio rehabilitators. Don't forget to bring along a raffle item!



Cherry Valley Lodge
2299 Cherry Valley Road
Newark, OH 43055
(740)-788-1200

This year's conference will be held at the Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark, OH. This pet-friendly hotel offers spacious rooms with all the amenities, heated indoor pool, a fitness center, free WiFi, and business center.

Hotel reservations can be made by calling 740-788-1200. **Conference attendees will receive a discounted room rate of \$99 (double occupancy) if reservations are made prior to October 20, 2018.** Please reference the group "OWRA" when making reservations.

Additional hotel details and driving directions can be found at www.cherryvalleylodge.com

Grants and Funding

A limited number of grants are available to help pay conference registration fees and hotel accommodations for those in need. These grants are available to members as well as non-members. For more information on grants & policies, please go to www.owra.org/grants. **The deadline for conference grant applications is September 15, 2018.** For questions regarding OWRA grants, email grants@owra.org. If you do not have access to the internet, please call Laura Collins at 440-725-0854 to request a grant application be sent to you.

Betty Ross Education Scholarship

OWRA is an organization with a mission built on communication and networking, while providing each of us with a number of resources to reach our goals. The OWRA Board of Trustees will award **one OWRA member** with the Betty Ross Education Scholarship annually. As one of the original leaders, visionaries, and founders of OWRA, Betty Ross has dedicated her life to building the professionalism that is expected by all wildlife rehabilitators and educators in Ohio. In 250 words or less, tell us how your work as a wildlife rehabilitator, educator or volunteer will help carry on the ideals on which the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association was established. Funding will include: OWRA Conference registration fee, one pre-conference workshop fee, hotel accommodations, and NWRA educational material—a value of \$375. This is a member's only award. Please refer to grant policies at www.owra/grants.org for more information or email grants@owra.org with questions.

Proceeds from OWRA's Annual Conference Raffle are placed into a grant fund to provide educational opportunities for persons involved in wildlife rehabilitation and education. OWRA subsidizes this fund with money received from the Ohio Division of Wildlife's Wildlife Diversity Grant and proceeds received from participation in Earth Share of Ohio.

Volunteer at Conference and Receive a Discount on Your Conference Fee!

This conference could not be made possible without many volunteer hours during the conference. Let us recognize you for your help! **Offer 3 or more volunteer hours during the conference and receive a \$25 discount on your conference registration.** We are currently looking for assistance in the areas of: AV Technician, Room Moderator, Registration Table & More! Contact conference@owra.org for more details on how you can help!

Volunteer opportunities will be available on a first come first served basis.

Available Resources!

2018 Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp

Support of the 2018 ODW Wildlife Legacy Stamp assists in all efforts that collectively support public outreach to promote a better understanding of the relationships between wildlife, habitat and people. During OWRA's Annual Conference, **your \$15 purchase of the 2018 Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp will not only support the Ohio Division of Wildlife, but a portion of the proceeds will provide assistance to OWRA's mission as well.** Be sure to mark your interest to purchase your stamp on your registration form!



If you would like to donate to the **free table** please bring useful items for rehabilitators, especially those who are new and starting out.

Things to consider:

- Needles and syringes should be in sterile packages.
- Bandaging items should be boxed, in clean containers and not loose.
- Do not bring in human surgical supplies (i.e. surgery packs), etc. or expired food items.

If you have any questions concerning your donations, please call Laura at collins@owra.org.

Thank you to our 2018 Conference Sponsors



2018 OWRA Conference Registration Form

Please complete and return this form with your check or money order to:

OWRA Conference, 101 Howard Ave., Worthington, OH 43085 . Checks should be made payable to OWRA.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____ Email _____
(needed for confirmation)

Organization/School _____

**You can check available space
for limited capacity workshops
and register online at
www.owra.org/events**

Meal Options: Non-vegetarian Vegetarian Other _____

Cherry Valley Lodge will attempt to accommodate dietary restrictions but cannot guarantee that all dietary needs are met. Please contact Cherry Valley Lodge directly to confirm any meals that have dietary restrictions other than vegetarian requests.

YES! I would like to support the Ohio Division of Wildlife & OWRA with my purchase of a 2018 legacy stamp: _____

**Payment is not included at this time—to be provided at time of pick-up via cash or check.*

**Fees are discounted for members and students with funds from the Ohio Division of Wildlife and EarthShare Ohio.
Please note that these fees cover OWRA's cost of providing meals and workshop materials.**

		<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Conference Fee	Member¹	\$125	
	Non-Member	\$150	
	Student (full time with valid ID)²	\$115	\$ _____
Workshops³			
_____ Introduction to Wildlife Rehabilitation (lunch provided)			
	With conference	\$ 35	
	Without Conference	\$ 50	\$ _____
_____ Rabies Vector Species Training (lunch provided)			
	With Conference	\$ 30	
	Without Conference	\$ 45	\$ _____
_____ Wound Management			
	Member	\$ 40	
	Non-Member	\$ 55	\$ _____
_____ Mammal Anatomy & Necropsy			
	Member	\$ 25	
	Non-Member	\$ 40	\$ _____
_____ Friday lunch		\$ 20	\$ _____
_____ Banquet ONLY		\$ 50	\$ _____
Total Payment Due (include check payable to OWRA)			\$ _____

¹ One registration at member rate is granted to each membership (individual or organizational).

² If utilizing student rate, please identify the school in the appropriate area above. Full-time with valid ID.

³ Paid workshops may be attended separate from the conference.

Conference Registration Policies

Registration includes participation in sessions, handouts, and meals. Meals include Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; Sunday breakfast; and Friday lunch for those participating in all-day pre-conference workshops. A lunch option is available for those attending half-day workshops. Participants pay the above fees whether or not they will utilize all services or attend all sessions offered.

Children under the age of 12 are discouraged. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by a paying adult and pay the student fee.

Cancellations received in writing on or before October 31 will be honored. Cancellations received after that date will not be entitled to a refund. Registrants will receive confirmation via email.

Contact Manon VanSchoyck at 740-967-8320 or conference@owra.org with **general** conference questions or registration@owra.org with questions pertaining to **registration**.



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Troy, OH 45373

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Please Deliver Promptly**

PLEASE OPEN IMMEDIATELY - OWRA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION ENCLOSED

OWRA Conference 2018 “Fur, Feathers, Scales and Tales”

***Join us at the Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark to learn, share, network,
catch up with old friends and meet new ones!***



The mission of the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association is to promote wildlife conservation by providing resources to wildlife rehabilitators, educators and the community.