

# 2018 OWRA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## Friday, November 2

7:30 - 9:00	<b>Workshop Registration (Jubilee Foyer)</b>
8:00-12:00	<b>Mammal Physical Examination – Dr. Lynn Dunlap, DVM (Jubilee D/E)</b>
8:00-12:00	<b>Wound Management – Dr. Sarah Reich, DVM (Flint)</b>
9:00 - 5:00	<b>Introduction to Wildlife Rehabilitation – Becky Crow (Jubilee C)</b>
9:00 – 5:00	<b>Rabies Vector Species – Barbara Ray &amp; Judith Vaughn (Jubilee A)</b>
12:00 - 1:00	<b>Workshop Lunch (Blossom 1,2,3,4)</b>
1:00-5:00	<b>Wound Management – Dr. Sarah Reich, DVM (Flint)</b>
5:00 - 6:00	<b>OWRA Board Meeting (Orchard)</b>
4:30 - 8:00	<b>Conference Registration (Jubilee Foyer)</b>
7:00 - 10:00	<b>Icebreaker Reception (Blossom 1,2,3,4)</b>

## Saturday, November 3

8:00 - 9:00	<b>REGISTRATION (Jubilee Foyer)   BREAKFAST (Blossom 1,2,3,4)</b>	
9:00 - 10:00	<b>GENERAL SESSION (Blossom 1,2,3,4)</b> Welcome: Kristen, OWRA President Keynote: The Value of Wildlife Rehabilitation – Bob Bills	
	<b>SESSION ONE (Jubilee A)</b>	<b>SESSION TWO (Jubilee C)</b>
10:00 - 11:00	<b>Rehab Record Keeping</b> Kate Parsons, Melissa Moser & Stormy Gibson	<b>Non-Lethal Nuisance Control</b> Adam Turpen
11:00 - 12:00	<b>ODW Permit Q &amp; A</b> Kate Parsons & Melissa Moser	<b>Nutrition in Debilitated Patients</b> Dr. Sarah Reich, DVM
12:00 - 2:00	<b>LUNCH (Blossom 1234)</b> General Session: Annual Members Meeting & Tribute to Maribeth Taylor – OWRA Board of Trustees	
	<b>SESSION ONE (McGregor)</b>	<b>SESSION TWO (Chase)</b>
2:00 - 3:00	<b>Minding the Business While Changing the World</b> Beth Short	<b>Antibiotic Use &amp; Stewardship</b> Dr. Sarah Reich, DVM
3:00 - 4:00	<b>Raising Wee Ones</b> Dr. Lynn Dunlap, DVM	<b>What's New in Bat Rehab</b> Ann Wookey
4:00 - 5:00	<b>Tips &amp; Tricks for Home Based Rehab</b> Kristen Beck	<b>Bat Roundtable</b> O'Neil, Shanower, Simonis & Wookey
6:00 - 10:00	<b>BANQUET (Blossom 1,2,3,4)</b> Banquet Speaker: Nature's Music – Sounds in Nature by David W. Stokes	

## Sunday, November 4

8:00 - 9:00	<b>REGISTRATION (Jubilee Foyer)   BREAKFAST (Blossom 1,2,3,4)</b>	
	<b>SESSION ONE (Jubilee A)</b>	<b>SESSION TWO (Jubilee C)</b>
9:00 - 10:00	<b>Ethics of Wildlife Rehab Roundtable</b> Bills, Ray, Ross & VanSchoyck	<b>Artificial Habitat Preference of Eastern Gray Squirrels</b> Becky Crow
10:00 - 11:00	<b>Rehab Chat: Hotlining Q&amp;A</b> Becky Crow	<b>Raccoons: Raise Them Wild!</b> Barbara Ray
11:00 - 12:00	<b>Enrichment for Ed. Ambassadors</b> Ayres, Leach, & VanSchoyck	<b>Compassion Fatigue (2hrs)</b> Judith Vaughn, CET
12:00 - 1:00	<b>Care of E. Cottontail Rabbits</b> Kristen Beck	<b>SESSION THREE (Jubilee DE)</b>
		<b>Physical Therapy Options</b> Dr. Sarah Reich, DVM
		<b>Sciuridae Shuffle (part I)</b> Dr. Diana Huang, DVM
		<b>Sciuridae Shuffle (part II)</b> Dr. Diana Huang, DVM
		<b>Zoonotic Diseases in Rehab</b> Dr. Aaron Messer

Program titles in this schedule may be abbreviated due to space limitations. Please refer to "Program Summary" for complete titles and program descriptions and recommended audience. Sessions are concurrent. Sessions covering multiple time periods are continuous. Presentations are concluded five minutes before end time to allow participants time to move from one session to another.

## PROGRAM SUMMARIES

### SATURDAY

#### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: The True Value of Wildlife Rehabilitation**

Kick off our 26th annual conference with a presentation from Bob Bills that focuses on “why we do that.” Examine the many benefits of wildlife rehabilitation and learn why rehabilitators are in a unique position to have a significant impact on wildlife conservation!

**Rehabilitation Record Keeping**, Kate Parsons, Melissa Moser, Ohio Division of Wildlife and Stormy Gibson, Ohio Wildlife Center. Quality record keeping is essential for not only organization but also ODNR/ODW compliance! Learn effective ways to manage your records and maintain your requirements as a rehabilitator. \*L1

#### **Non-Lethal Nuisance Control**, Adam Turpen, SCRAM! Wildlife Control

Discover non-lethal solutions for wildlife and how to locate the root of the problem from the only non-lethal organization in the state of Ohio. Listen to the experts review common problems for home and business owners and humane exclusion services. \*L1, L2, L3

#### **How Birds Work: Mastering Avian Anatomy**, Melinda Marksz, DVM, Ohio Wildlife Center, Animal Care Unlimited

Birds are fascinating! With a focus on raptors, this class will assist the rehabber in gaining a more detailed understanding of avian anatomy. Knowing how birds work is essential to understanding their injuries and determining how best to care for them in a rehabilitation setting. \*L1, L2, L3

#### **Ohio Division of Wildlife Permit Q&A**, Kate Parsons, Melissa Moser. Ohio Division of Wildlife

This session provides an overview to Ohio’s permit regulations and an opportunity to ask all the questions you have about your permits. \*L1

#### **Nutrition in Debilitated Patient**, Sarah Reich, DVM, Univ. of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine

One of the most frustrating parts of wildlife rehab is both the lack of history with many patients as well as the realization that many of these animals have been debilitated for an unknown period of time. Poor body condition caused by a variety of reasons makes nutritional management critical and challenging and as equally important as medical therapy. We will learn common pitfalls when approaching debilitated patients and nutritional support protocols in this lecture. \*L1, L2

#### **Natural History of Waterfowl: Examining the Natural History of Ducks, Geese and Swans: Similarities and Differences**, Doug McClain, Waterfowl Biologist, Ohio Division of Wildlife

Waterfowl have amazing and unique characteristics that set them apart from other groups of birds. This lecture will examine the traits that unite this aquatic group of birds, as well as the variation in life history strategies that exists within the group. \*L1

#### **Minding the Business While Changing the World**, Abigail Jacobs, Ohio Attorney General’s Office, Charitable Law Section

Starting and maintaining a successful charity begins with understanding board governance, legal fiduciary obligations and reporting. This training will include a review of basic requirements and easy-to-follow tips designed to protect your organization. \*L1, L2, L3

#### **Antibiotic Use and Stewardship**, Sarah Reich, DVM, Univ. of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine

Antibiotic therapy is an important life-saving aspect of medical management. However, are there times when it’s not warranted or potentially problematic? Is prophylactic use necessary? Does every open wound require systemic therapy? This class will cover common topical and systemic antibiotics, scenarios when therapy is needed and legal/ethical dilemmas that limit therapeutic use. \*L1

#### **Young Raptors: What to do with Them?**, Cindy Alverson, RAPTOR, Inc.

Young raptors are often admitted to facilities for care, however, the first question is... does the bird need care or can it be nested? Join us for an insight into how to successfully re-nest young raptors or provide care as needed. \*L1, L2

#### **Raising Wee Ones: Everything You Need for Pinkies**, Lynn Dunlap DVM, Born to be Wild Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation

Enjoy this advanced class covering all aspects of neonatal mammal care, from feeding schedules to techniques. Learn how to take on these tiny tykes with confidence and help them thrive! Discuss mice and opossum, shrews, voles, moles and more. \*L2, L3

## SATURDAY (Cont.)

**What's New in Bat Rehab?** Ann Wookey, Ohio Wildlife Center, Zookeeper, Columbus Zoo

This presentation will offer an in depth look at the rehabilitation of adult bats to include housing, feeding, mealworm care, pre-release criteria, release and much more. Delve into some of the more common medical and dental care issues as well. \*L1, L2, L3

**Hiram Student Case Studies:** Halle Hovance, Sylvia Erickson-Blevins, Nicole Ryman, Carah Katzendorn

Enjoy fascinating cases studies on the following topics: Eastern Bluebird Population Rehabilitation at Hiram College Field Station: Stress Reduction and Enrichment in White-winged Wood Ducks and Raptors: Life and Death – Process of Skeletonization and Decomposition. \*L1, L2

**Tips and Tricks for the Home Based Wildlife Rehab Facility,** Kristen Beck, Clover Field Wildlife Care, INC

Tips and Tricks delves into the unique circumstances that home based wildlife rehabilitators must operate under. This class will offer information on how to establish a budget friendly, ODNR/ODW compliant facility, clinic organization and must-haves, such as finding good help, projects, maintaining your household and more. \*L1, L2, L3

**Roundtable: The Care and Rehabilitation of Native Ohio Bats,** Ann Wookey, Molly Simonis, Tammy O'Neil, and Vanessa Shanower

Delight in an interactive examination of best practices for a variety of Ohio bats. Talk with highly experienced rehabbers about things they have learned along the way and bring your innovative ideas to share as well.\*L1, L2, L3

**Introduction to Reptile Rehab,** Kristi Krumlauf, Ohio Wildlife Center

From laws and regulations to husbandry and medical care considerations, discover what makes Ohio's reptiles so unique to wildlife rehabilitators. \*L1

**BANQUET: Nature's Music: Sounds in Nature,** David Stokes, Founder of Frog Chorus Nature Education.

Laugh while you learn! This interactive presentation will take a comical "look" at sounds in nature. Audience participation is a must

## SUNDAY

**Roundtable: Ethics and Professionalism in Wildlife Rehabilitation,** Bob Bills, Betty Ross, Manon VanSchoyck and Barbara Ray

As wildlife rehabilitators, we have a responsibility to treat our patients and ambassadors with dignity and respect. This includes maintaining wildness and survivability of releasable animals and humane euthanasia when necessary. We must be aware of how the public perceives our actions and how our conduct reflects on the wildlife rehabilitation community as a whole. This discussion will explore best practices in these matters. Audience participation is encouraged. \*L1, L2, L3

**Artificial Habitat Preferences of Eastern Gray Squirrels,** Becky Crow, Brukner Nature Center

Explore the artificial habitat preferences of the Eastern Gray Squirrels and how their preferences can enhance their quality of life during rehabilitation!\*L1, L2, L3

**Physical Therapy Options in Wildlife Rehabilitation,** Sarah Reich, DVM, Univ. of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine  
Physical therapy is a critical component of injury recovery. It is important to utilize every possible treatment option to increase the likelihood of recovery in wildlife. Learn about adjunctive therapies such as passive and active range of motion exercises, laser, heat/cold therapy and many more in this presentation. See how these options can be integrated into rehabilitation protocols.\*L1, L2

**Rehab Chat: Hotlining Q&A,** Becky Crow, Brukner Nature Center

Learn helpful hints and tricks for some of the most common, yet challenging, wildlife calls rehabilitators face from the public. Discussion will cover topics of reuniting strategies, nuisance wildlife and how to connect with animal care professionals in your community. \*L1, L2

**Raccoons: Raise Them Really Wild!** Barbara Ray, Crow's Hollow Wildlife Care

Raising your orphans to be truly wild provides them the healthiest and greatest chance at survival. Examine what facilities and equipment is needed for quality homecare of wild infants. This lecture includes methods and tips for pre-release conditioning, release criteria and legal considerations.\*L1, L2

**Sciuridae Shuffle: Care and Raising of Ohio Native Squirrels**, Diana Huang, DVM, Ohio Wildlife Center and For All Species Education

The first hour of this class is designed for beginner level care of Gray and Fox Squirrels, to include metabolic differences between various Squirrel species. The second hour will be comprised of more advanced level topics such head trauma, fractures and specific ailments amongst a variety of ground squirrels, groundhogs and chipmunks.

\*Part I, L1/Part II, L2, L3

**Enrichment for Education Ambassadors**, Brian Ayres, Taryn Leach, and Manon VanSchoyck

Join us as we exchange ideas and best practices on how to enrich the lives of our education mammals, birds and reptiles. Bring your ideas to share! \*L1, L2

**Compassion Fatigue: Compassion for Wildlife, Compassion for Self**, Judith Vaughn, CET, Crows Hollow Wildlife Care  
Study ways to preserve passion and prevent burn-out and approach the challenges and hardships of rehabilitation with grace. Through a series of interactive rotations, we will learn more about ourselves and share ideas to stay strong, maintain balance and remain positive all season!\*L1, L2, L3

**Key Protocol Considerations of Successful Cottontail Rehabilitation**, Kristen Beck, Clover Field Wildlife Care, INC  
Rehabilitators often find themselves prioritizing species and utilizing semi-effective protocols due to time constraints. Cottontails are often overlooked in facilities and losses outnumber successes. By recognizing and implementing a few key elements, cottontail rehab efforts can increase while allowing the multi-species rehabber the time to fulfill the demands of caring for so many others. This workshop will present changes that can make a big difference for one of Ohio's most valuable native species. \*L1, L2, L3

**Zoonotic Disease of Rehabilitated Animals**, Dr. Aaron Messer, Public Health Veterinarian

Familiarity of zoonotic diseases is essential to the continued well-being and health of wildlife rehabilitators and the species of animals they work with. This presentation will highlight common zoonotic diseases of rehabilitated animals in Ohio and raise awareness of zoonotic diseases for rehabilitators.\*L1, L2

**Suggested Experience Level: L1 – Beginners, L2 – Intermediate, L3 – Advanced**

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