

The Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association



Knowledge is Wild

Dublin, Ohio

November 5th-7th, 2021

- 🦉 Thirty-four hours of presentations
- 🦉 Seven pre-conference workshops
- 🦉 Icebreaker reception with interactive, educational entertainment
- 🦉 Saturday dinner banquet featuring Harvey Webster
- 🦉 Amazing raffle and silent auction prizes
- 🦉 Virtual, advanced classes as well as in-person instruction

Pre-Conference Workshops

All pre-conference workshops will take place on **Friday, November 5th**. Separate registration is required for each workshop.

Priority registration granted to OWRA members until September 8th.

Lunch is provided to full-day presentations only. For all other pre-conference workshops, lunch will need to be registered for 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 I 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 I Rehabilitation Permit. Registration fee includes manual, handouts, certificate of completion and lunch. **Instructors: Kristen Beck and Becky Crow**

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

This training encompasses current regulations, status of rabies in Ohio, special considerations in RVS rehabilitation, capture and restraint, exposure protocol, testing, species information and health considerations of raccoons, skunks, foxes and bats. This workshop, or equivalent, is required by Ohio Division of Wildlife 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 OVMLB. **Instructors: Barbara Ray & Judith Vaughn, CET**

Project WILD and Aquatic WILD (8:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m.)

Project Wild is a supplementary, environmental education program emphasizing awareness, appreciation and understanding of wildlife and natural resources. This program helps educators facilitate environmental learning experiences for pre-k through 12th grade. Activities are designed to develop problem-solving skills and help young people gain knowledge of the world around them. Activities are endorsed by the National Science Teachers Association and National Council for Social Studies. **Instructor: Jen Dennison, Division of Wildlife and Nicole Hafer-Lipstreu**

Advanced Skills Workshop: Fluid Therapy (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

This workshop will cover the when, what, why and how of fluid therapy in avian, mammal and reptile species. When to consider fluid therapy, how to assess dehydration, what type of fluids to use, what route of administration and type of equipment is needed and how to use it, animal restraint and hands-on lab. Workshop approved for CE Credit by the OVM. **Instructor: Dr. Sarah Reich, DVM, Willowbrook Wildlife Center**

Turtle Triage (1:00 pm. – 3:00 p.m.)

This two-hour workshop will cover the basics of a physical examination, how to correctly bandage and the various techniques and materials used. Learn how to assess fractures, control bleeding and stabilize the patient, inject fluids and much, much more. A hands-on lab will follow lecture to allow you to practice wound management skills. **Instructor: Dr. Sarah Reich, DVM, Willowbrook Wildlife Center**

Wing Wrap (3:00 pm. – 5:00 p.m.)

Back by popular demand, Dr. Reich will walk students through the various types of professional wing wraps. Learn stabilization techniques as you advance through the multiple stages of wing wrapping. This workshop includes a practical lab following lecture. You will gain experience using small songbirds, raptors and waterfowl. **Instructor: Dr. Sarah Reich, DVM, Willowbrook Wildlife Center**

Gavage Feeding (3:00 pm. – 5:00 p.m.)

Not just for neonates! If you are new to gavage feeding or want to learn techniques on a new species or just refresh your skills, this is the lab for you! Join Vanessa and Kristi as they discuss protocols, animal handling, various types of feeding mechanisms, tips for the difficult patient, safety for both the patient and you. This lecture and lab will cover gavage feeding for avian, mammal and reptile. This class also covers adults when self-feeding is not appropriate. **Instructors: Vanessa Shanower (Joseph and Helen Sommer Wildlife Conservation Center) and Kristi Krumlauf (Ohio Wildlife Center)**

Conference Summary

There are thirty-four concurrent presentations ranging from in-person to pre-recorded lectures. Topics include mammal, avian and reptile care as well as general discussions!

Friday evening **Icebreaker Reception** will feature light hors d'oeuvres, drinks and fun activities to get the weekend started.

Kicking off our conference is Keynote Speaker, herpetologist, **Doug Wynn**. Doug's distinguished awards include the Division of Wildlife's Cardinal Award and Conservation Award, the Ohio Biological Survey's Naturalist Award and the Ohio Division of Parks Naturalist Award.

The Evening Banquet will feature guest speaker, Naturalist, **Harvey Webster**, Retired Chief Wildlife Officer and Museum Ambassador Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Join us as Harvey Webster reflects on a 46-year career in Ohio natural history and the effort to engage and involve people in the natural world. From the early days of rehab to breeding Bald Eagles, advocating Lights Out and so much more!

Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp

Purchasing the 2021 ODW Wildlife Legacy Stamp supports efforts in public outreach to promote a better understanding of the relationships between wildlife, habitat, and people.

Your \$15 purchase will not only support the Ohio Division of Wildlife, but also OWRA's mission. Be sure to mark your interest in purchasing the stamp on the registration form!



RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE UNTIL THE FINAL DRAWING AT THE BANQUET ON SATURDAY NIGHT. THERE WILL ALSO BE A SILENT AUCTION FOR SELECT ITEMS.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING ALONG A RAFFLE ITEM!

Donate to the FREE TABLE!

Things to consider:

- Needles and syringes should still be in sterile packaging
- Bandaging items should be boxed in clean containers
- Do not bring human surgical supplies or expired items

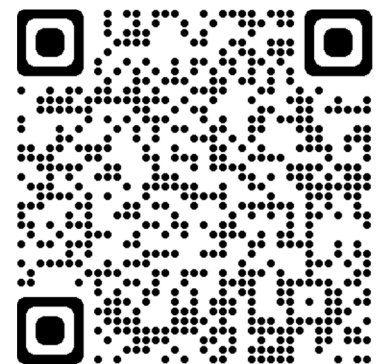
If you have questions, email Gwen Hoogendorn at conference@owra.org

Hotel Information

This year's conference will be held at the Columbus Marriott NW in Dublin, OH. Recently renovated and ideally located in an upscale suburb of Columbus, this hotel offers spacious rooms with all the amenities, heated indoor pool, fitness center, free WiFi and business center, restaurants, and is within walking distance to Tuttle Mall and a variety of restaurants.

Hotel reservations can be made by calling 614-791-1000. Conference attendees will receive a discounted room rate of \$117 if reservations are made prior to October 14, 2021. Please reference the group "OWRA" when making reservations. [Book your group rate for Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitator's Association Annual Conference Nov2021.](#)

Scan this code for more information about the Columbus Marriot NW



Scheduled Speakers and Presentations

Peggy Popp

- Beginner Mink Rehabilitation
- Advanced Mink Rehabilitation

Tammy O'Neil, Lake Metroparks Wildlife Center

- Beaver Rehabilitation
- Bobcat Rehabilitation

Lori Williams, Love Local

- Today's Donors

Nicole Hafer-Lipstreu

- Reptile Husbandry

Andrea Howey-Newcomb, Tri-State Bird Sanctuary

- Raptor Renesting and Fostering (Virtual)

Judith Vaughn, Crow's Hollow Wildlife Care

- Unlimited Compassion: Survival Tips for Rehabbers

Barbara Revard, Sustainable Ohio

- Sustainability on a Shoestring Budget

Annette Piechowski, Medina Raptor Center

- Creance

Ann Wookey, Ohio Wildlife Center

- Rehabilitating Native Bats

Tim Jasinski, Lake Erie Nature and Science Center

- How the Heck Do I Care for Diving Ducks
- American Woodcock: Caring for the Timberdoodle

Barbara Ray, Crows Hollow Wildlife Care

- Saving Skunks: A rescue and Rehabilitation Primer

Kristen Beck, Clover Field Wildlife Care

- Beginner Eastern Cottontail Rehabilitation
- Advanced Eastern Cottontail Rehabilitation

Jillian Raber and Melissa Jordan, Medina Raptor Center

- Laser Therapy

Sammie Villa, Back To The Wild

- Enrichment: It's more than Just Fun and Games

Featured Veterinarians

Dr. Sarah Reich, DVM, Willowbrook Wildlife Center

Dr. Diana Huang, DVM, All Species Education

Dr. Rustin Moore, DVM, Dean, Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Nicki Rosenhagen, DVM, Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) (Virtual):

- Battling the Bug with More than Baytril
- Capture Myopathy
- Diarrhea and Emaciation

Dr. Lynn Miller, DVM, Bird Care Aotearoa, New Zealand:

- Opossum care and science (virtual)

Dr. Julia Whittington, DVM, Hospital Chief of Staff, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine (virtual)

- Medical Math

Dr. Robert Adamski, DVM, Unity College, Maine (Virtual)

- Lead Toxicosis of Waterfowl

The conference is approved for continuing education credit by the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board.

Grants and Funding

A limited number of grants are available to help pay conference registration fees and hotel accommodations. For more information on grants, please go to www.owra.org/grants. The deadline for conference grant applications is September 30th, 2021. For questions regarding the OWRA grants or requests for an application, email grants@owra.org or call 440-523-1538.



Betty Ross Education Scholarship

OWRA's mission is predicated upon communication and networking. 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 the founder of OWRA, Betty Ross has dedicated her life to building the professionalism that is expected in 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 continue the ideals upon which OWRA was established. Funding will include: OWRA conference registration fee, one pre-conference workshop fee, OWRA educational material, and hotel accommodations. This is a member's only award. Please refer to grant policies at www.owra.org/grants. To become a member, visit www.owra.org/membership.

VOLUNTEER AT THE CONFERENCE AND RECEIVE A DISCOUNT!

Provide **three or more** volunteer hours during the conference and receive a **\$25 discount** on your conference registration. We are currently looking for assistance in many areas including:

- Ice Breaker
- Room moderator
- Registration Table
- Raffle Set-up

Contact conference@owra.org for more details on how you can help!

Volunteer opportunities will be available on a first come, first serve basis.



2021 OWRA Conference Registration form

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

OWRA Conference, 19230 State Rt. 739, Richwood, OH 43344. Checks should be made payable to OWRA.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Phone: _____ Organization: _____

Email: _____

(Required for confirmation and certificates. Please write legibly)

Dietary Restrictions: None Vegetarian Other (specify): _____

Online registration is quick and easy! Visit www.owra.org/events to register today.

YES! I would like to support the Ohio Division of Wildlife & OWRA with my purchase of a 2021 Legacy Stamp! _____

(Payment is not included at this time. Pay at the time of pickup 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.

Conference/Pre-conference Activity	Registration Type	Rate	Total
Conference	Member	\$125	
	Non-member	\$150	
	Student (full time with valid ID)	\$115	
Banquet ONLY	Member/Non-member/Student	\$50	
Workshops and Pre-Conference Lunch			
Introduction to Wildlife Rehab	Member	\$45	
	Non-member	\$55	
	Student (full time with valid ID)	\$30	
Rabies Vector Species Training	Member	\$45	
	Non-member	\$55	
	Student (full time with valid ID)	\$30	
Project Wild and Aquatic Wild	Member/Non-member	\$10	
Fluid Therapy	Member	\$25	
	Non-member	\$30	
Turtle Triage	Member	\$20	
	Non-member	\$25	
Wing Wrap	Member	\$20	
	Non-member	\$25	
Gavage Feeding	Member	\$20	
	Non-member	\$25	
Friday Pre-Conference Lunch	Member/Non-member/Student	\$25	
Total Payment Due (include check payable to OWRA)			

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

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

Paid workshops may be attended separate from the conference.

Registration Policies

Registration includes participation in sessions, handouts and meals. Meals include Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner; Sunday breakfast

Participants pay the above fees whether or not they will utilize all services or attend all sessions offered.

Children under the age of 15 are discouraged. Children under age 18 will pay the student fee and must be accompanied by a paying adult.

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

Contact Gwen Hoogendoorn at conference@owra.org with general conference questions or registration@owra.org with questions pertaining to specifically to registration.



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Join us at the Columbus Marriott NW in Dublin!

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