

2022 OWRA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, November 4

7:30-9:00	Workshop Registration (Foyer)
9:00-5:00	Rabies Vector Species: Barbara Ray (Franklin)
9:00-5:00	Introduction to Wildlife Rehabilitation: Kristen Beck & Becky Crow (Dublin V & VI)(Columbus)
8:00-12:00	True Detective: Wildlife Chronicles (Case Mgmt): Dr. Nicki Rosenhagen & Dr. Julia Whittington (Dublin II)
8:00-12:00	Animal Behavior: Tara Gifford (Dublin I)
12:00-1:00	Lunch (Dublin IV)
1:00-5:00	Wildlife Nutrition: Dr. Nicki Rosenhagen & Dr. Julia Whittington (Dublin II)
1:00-5:00	Wildlife ER: Tough Decisions and Wound Management: Dr. Gary Riggs & Dr. Emily Velez (Dublin I)
7:00-9:00	Ice Breaker Reception (Atrium)

Saturday, November 5

8:00-9:00	Registration (Foyer)	Breakfast (Dublin III & IV)	
9:00-10:00	GENERAL SESSION (Dublin III & IV) Welcome: Kristen Beck, OWRA President -- Keynote Speaker: Sarah Stankavich		
	SESSION ONE (Dublin I & II)	SESSION TWO (Dublin V & VI)	SESSION THREE (Franklin)
10:00-11:00	Eastern Cottontail Rabbit Rehabilitation Kristen Beck	Traumatic Brain Injury and Shock Dr. Nicki Rosenhagen	Conquering the Wild Abscess Dr. Gary Riggs
11:10-12:10	Woodchucks, Groundhogs and Whistle pigs Molly Ryan	Fostering and Reuniting Raptors Melissa Jordan/Jillian Raber	Amphibian and Reptile Triage and Rehab Dr. Emily Velez
12:10-2:00	LUNCH (Dublin III & IV) General Session: Annual Members Meeting - OWRA Board of Trustees & Tribute		
	SESSION ONE (Dublin I & II)	SESSION TWO (Dublin V & VI)	SESSION THREE (Franklin)
2:00-3:00	Not your Mama's Opossum Care Elisabeth Hartman	Raptor Spinal and Ocular Trauma Dr. Nicki Rosenhagen	Quit Bugging Me! Dr. Gary Riggs & Dr. Emily Velez
3:10-4:10	Weasles, Fisher and Mink Rehab Peggy Popp	Warblers Wobble..What to Do When They Fall Down Tim Jasinski	Reptile Anatomy and Physiology Dr. Pricilla Joyner
4:20-5:20	Tiny and Fierce! The Timber Tiger Vanessa Shanower	Anemia in Wild Patients Dr. Nicki Rosenhagen	Animal Habitat Enclosure Design Karen Huebel
6:30-10:00	BANQUET (Dublin III & IV)		

Sunday, November 6

8:00-9:00	Registration (Foyer)	Breakfast (Dublin III & IV)	
	SESSION ONE (Dublin I & II)	SESSION TWO (Dublin V & VI)	SESSION THREE (Franklin)
9:00-10:00	Neonate Trials and Triumphs Dr. Diana Huang	Nutrition Imbalances in Wildlife Dr. Nicki Rosenhagen	Interactions are Inspiring! Hardy Kern
10:10-11:10	Adventures in Squirrel Rehab Sharon Doerge	Raising Songbird Orphans David Donahue	The ABCs of Animal Behavior Wouter Stellaard
11:20-12:20	Creating a Meaningful Internship Program Rebecca Jaramillo	Roundtable: Networking for Wildlife Panel Discussion	Earning \$ With Education Programs Manon VanSchoyck
12:30-1:30	Saving Fawns in 72 Barbara Ray	Burnout & Compassion Fatigue Judith Vaughn & Dr. Cindy Herzberg	Lead and Pesticide Toxicity Hardy Kern

PROGRAM SUMMARIES

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: “Fat Bats” Sarah Stankavich, Fat Bat Project Coordinator, Bat Conservation International
What a great way to start conference by learning about the innovative movement “Fat Bat” and how “bug buffets” and various support methods are being employed to help White Nose Syndrome bats survive the winter and live to fly another day!

LUNCH: Annual Members Meeting, OWRA Board of Trustees

BANQUET: “Black Bears in Ohio” Nikki Smith, Curator of North America Region at Columbus Zoo and Aquarium
Black Bears are returning to Ohio. Human/wildlife conflicts will increase as the population increases and Ohio Wildlife Rehabbers may be called upon to help. Enjoy this wonderfully informative overview of Black Bears, their extirpation and the challenges rehabilitation professionals may encounter as numbers increase!

GENERAL SESSION: SATURDAY

Eastern Cottontail Rabbit Rehabilitation Basics, Kristen Beck, Clover Field Wildlife Care, Inc.

New rehabilitators are often overwhelmed with all that there is to know about rehabilitating category I species, particularly cottontail rabbits. This session is designed to give new rehabilitators the necessary basics of cottontail rehabilitation and help set the conditions for success. *L1, L2

Traumatic Brain Injury and Shock, Nicki Rosenhagen, DVM, PAWS

During this intermediate to advanced skill lecture, Dr. Rosenhagen will review the pathophysiology of traumatic brain injury and shock and discuss relevant histories, diagnostics and management strategies. *L2, L3

Wildlife Pimple-popping: Conquering the Wild Abscess, Gary Riggs, DVM, Wild4Ever Wildlife Conservation Foundation

Join Dr. Riggs for a “fun-filled” adventure in the treatment of abscesses and deep wounds in wildlife! *L1, L2

Woodchucks, Groundhogs and Whistle Pigs: Care and Rehabilitation, Molly Ryan

A rose by any other name still smells as sweet. No matter what you call them, the bottom line is that raising baby groundhogs can be tricky. Understanding their natural history, establishing species specific protocols, care and rehabilitation will put you and these gentle creatures on the path to success. *L1, L2

The Benefits of Fosters and Reuniting Raptors: Melissa Jordan and Jill Raber, Medina Raptor Center

This session will cover successful reuniting strategies and steps for utilizing ambassador birds as foster parents when young cannot be reunited. Join the experts at Medina Raptor Center as they discuss how to avoid imprinting while raising young birds. *L1, L2, L3

Amphibian and (non-Chelonian) Reptile Triage and Rehabilitation, Emily Velez, DVM, Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital

Listen, as Dr. Velez (who is completing her Reptile and Amphibian Residency!!!) discusses the species-specific lesions and treatments of our native herpes...no turtles allowed in this talk! *L1, L2

Not Your Mama’s Opossum Care, Elisabeth Hartman, Wild At Hart Wildlife Rehabilitation Inc.

Is your Opossum protocol feeling a bit dated? This presentation will help freshen up your care! Spanning the range from beginner to advanced, this session is for everyone! While some methods remain tried and true, by utilizing natural history, observation and tweaking existing methods Elisabeth has developed techniques that encourage opossums to lap more quickly and make gavage easier. Learn how to create engaging enrichment and implement unique ways of providing their required diet. *L1, L2, L3

Raptor Spinal and Ocular Trauma, Nicki Rosenhagen, DVM, PAWS

This lecture will provide attendees with information on how to perform and interpret a neurologic exam in order to identify spinal and ocular lesions in birds of prey. Treatment options, prognostic indicators and co-morbidities to aid in case management will also be covered! *L2, L3

Quit Bugging Me! Gary Riggs, DVM and Emily Velez, DVM, Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital

Don’t miss out on this session as Dr. Riggs and Dr. Velez team up to share their knowledge about common wildlife parasite problems and treatment recommendations and tips! *L1, L2

A Rehabilitation Overview for the Slinky Carnivores – Weasels, Mink and Fishers, Peggy Popp, Licensed WI Adv Rehabilitator
As Fishers return to Ohio, what a perfect time for an introduction to the rehab of these true carnivores, including how they are the same and how they are different (from each other and other mammals); a brief natural history and how it may impact their time in rehab, care guidelines from infant to release and using that information to make informed care management decisions. *L1, L2, L3

Warblers Wobble... What To Do When They Fall Down? Tim Jasinski, Lake Erie Nature Center

Ohio is home to a variety of Warblers but, each species has their own unique characteristics, care requirements and challenges. This highly informative presentation will include details about the diversity of diets, housing, migrations, species specific considerations and care. *L2, L3

Reptile Anatomy and Physiology (Chelonian), Priscilla Joyner, DVM, The Wilds

Learning the basic anatomy of your reptile patients will improve your examinations and diagnosis. Dr. Joyner will provide a “how to” guide to turtle injections, recognizing common ailments and basic treatments! All turtles welcome in this talk! *L1, L2

Tiny and Fierce! The Timber Tiger, Vanessa Shanower, Joseph and Helen Sommer Wildlife Conservation Center – Stark Parks
They are tiny, fierce and ornery! They are Eastern Chipmunks! This class will cover general, as well as unique, rehabilitation and care from infant to adult. Learn about common illnesses, diet specifications, enrichment and caging designs. *L1

Anemia in Wild Patients, Nicki Rosenhagen, DVM, PAWS

Anemia is a hematological disorder affecting not only the quality of life of our wild patients but, their survival as well. This lecture will review anemia as it presents in wildlife rehabilitation settings, including the most common causes associated with wildlife, identification, treatment and monitoring. *L1, L2, L3

Animal Habitat Enclosure Design, Karen Huebel, Director, Theming and Interpretive Design, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

Who says your wildlife patients/ambassador animals can't have fabulous enclosures on a budget? This instructive class will cover considerations of design projects and parameters for creating animal habitats of various sizes and species. *L1, L2

GENERAL SESSION: SUNDAY

Neonate Trials and Triumphs, Diana Huang, DVM, For All Species, Ohio Wildlife Center

This session focuses on the unique and important challenges of caring for the most delicate of newborns. Dr. Huang will share tools and tips from her many years working with a variety of neonates, especially bat and squirrel neonates. *L2

Nutritional Imbalances in Wildlife, Nicki Rosenhagen, DVM, PAWS

Join Dr. Rosenhagen as she reviews the most commonly encountered nutritional imbalances a rehabilitator is likely to encounter in wildlife who present for or, who are actively in care, including afflictions such as angel wing, thiamine deficiency and nutritional secondary hyperparathyroidism. *L1, L2, L3

Interactions are Inspiring, Hardy Kern, Board of Directors Columbus Audubon, American Bird Conservancy, OWC

Every interaction with a presenter is an opportunity to make a connection. When an animal is brought to you, how the interaction is carried out can lay the grounds for future patient drop offs, teachable moments or even potential donors. Having difficult conversations is even more important and can lead to better overall patient care, community relations and better behavior in the future! *L1, L2, L3

Tips, Tales and Adventures with Squirrel Rehabilitation, Sharon Doerge

Join Sharon as she shares stories of successes, challenges, opportunities for improvement and learning through trial in error. From caging, nesting boxes, warming mechanisms to general medications and supplies; hear her case scenarios and most unusual calls. *L1

Raising Songbird Orphans: From Bugs to Berries and All the Diets In-between, David Donahue, Ohio Wildlife Center

Learn the basics of diet, enclosures, enrichment, environment and release markers for Ohio's native songbirds. From hatchling to nestling, to pre-fledgling, fledgling and pre-release, learn how birds move from stage to stage and how each enclosure and diet is transitioned. Discuss ways to cut costs by growing your own bugs and getting donations of local berries. *L1, L2

The ABCs of Animal Behavior, Wouter Stellaard, Behavior 360 LLC

Are you at all acquainted with your behavior ABCs? Let's explore animal behavior and learn what influences it during this introductory session. Join Wouter, a 30yr veteran in the animal care field, as he guides you through the basics of functional assessments and how to employ the ABCs of behavior. *L2, L3

Interns are not Cheap Labor! How to Create a Meaningful Internship Program, Rebecca Jaramillo, Glen Helen Raptor Center
Creating an internship program is a wonderful way to add more hands to your education and rehabilitation needs but, it is NOT cheap labor. Interns may receive a lower stipend than a traditional employee but, the responsibility is to educate and provide learning opportunities. This session will explore the differences between volunteers, interns and employees and suggest ways to develop meaningful internship experiences from large centers to home-based rehabilitators. *L1, L2, L3

Roundtable, The Power of Teamwork, Nicole Hafer, Cindy Alverson, Peggy Popp, Priscilla Joyner
Let's kick this talk off with a short presentation and then talk about how to better work together with government agencies, veterinarians and each other! This discussion will include a toolkit of resources for the veterinarian-rehabilitator partnership, tips for developing a good relationship with your Wildlife Officer and the importance of networking with other rehabilitators. *L1, L2, L3

Earning \$ With Education Programs, Manon VanSchoyck, Ohio Nature Education
Rehabbers are always looking for ways to raise much needed funds. Why not raise funds AND awareness by conducting education programs? Join us as we talk about ways to get started in creating engaging environmental education programs. *L1, L2, L3

Saving Fawns in 72, Barbara Ray, Crows Hollow Wildlife Care, Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association
From birth to 60 days, this session will cover many of the options to help both healthy and mildly wounded fawns at these different life stages during the 72-hour hold window. *L1, L2

Burnout & Compassion Fatigue, Judith Vaughn, Crows Hollow Wildlife Care and Dr. Cindy Herzberg, EdD, LSW, LPCC-S
When work environments and conditions lead to exhaustion and burnout – What can you do? This interactive session will offer tips for preventing and relieving what is commonly called “compassion fatigue” by learning to assess ourselves, identify ways to allow for self-care and ask for help when we need to. *L1, L2, L3

Pick Your Poison: Lead and Pesticide Toxicity in Wildlife, Hardy Kern, Columbus Audubon, American Bird Conservancy, OWC
Many birds and mammals succumb to the effects of common pesticides such as rodenticides, insecticides, herbicides and fungicides. Lead toxicity is frequently seen in wildlife. Understanding how they work, the laws which govern their use and how to report a potential poisoning event are all important parts of providing full care to wildlife. *L1, L2, L3

- *L1 – Basic Level Class
- *L2 – Intermediate Level Class
- *L3 – Advanced Level Class

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

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