

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION TRAINING COURSE

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, November 4, 2013

9:00am – 9:30 am

John Saccenti, Career Development Institute

Program introduction & agenda

9:30am – 11:30am

Instructor: Harden Wiedemann, New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife

Introduction to wildlife rehabilitation, history, purpose, regulations and guidelines

History/purpose/philosophy

Regulations & Procedures (state & federal)

US Fish & Wildlife

NJ Title 4

Administrative code

Endangered & threatened species

Procedures regarding non-releasable wildlife

Licensing requirements

Types of permits: State & Federal

Species categories

Apprentices & sub-permittees

Guidelines

Definitions & Policies

Release /Relocation policy

Suggested reading/reference material

11:30am – 5:00pm (includes breaks & lunch)

Instructor: Tracy Leaver, Woodlands Wildlife Refuge

Mammal wildlife rehabilitation

Species identification

Bats

Small mammals

Potential dangerous species

Determining age, health & condition

Nutrition

Proper diet, diet related diseases & nutritional problems

Feeding methods & equipment

Proper housing/caging

Handling & care

Species specific

Orphaned/young

Juvenile

Injured adult

Rabies vector species (RVS)

Isolation/transmittal diseases

Natural behavior & avoiding imprinting

Euthanasia

Release considerations, criteria & methods

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

9:00am – 5:00pm (includes breaks & lunch)

Instructor: Harriet Forrester, Turtle Rescue of New Jersey

Reptile rehabilitation: Turtles

Species identification

Determining age, health & condition

Nutrition

 Proper diet, diet related diseases & nutritional problems

 Feeding methods & equipment

Proper housing/caging

Care & handling

Species specific

 Orphaned/young

 Injured adult

Injury repairs/ treatment

Natural behavior

Euthanasia

Release considerations, criteria & methods

Reptile rehabilitation: Snakes & amphibians

Species identification

 Snakes, venomous/non-venomous

 Frogs/small amphibians

Determining health & condition

Nutrition

 Proper diet

 Feeding methods & equipment

Proper housing

Handling & care

Species specific

 Hibernation

 Injured adult

Injury repairs/ treatment

Natural behavior

Euthanasia

Release considerations, criteria & methods

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

9:00am – 11:30am

Instructor: Colin T. Campbell, D.V.M., C.P.M.

Deputy State Public Health Veterinarian, New Jersey Department of Health

Infectious and Zoonotic Disease Program

Wildlife disease recognition and prevention

Infectious and zoonotic diseases common in handling wildlife, signs and symptoms as they appear in humans including:

Avian chlamydiosis

Roundworms (Bayisascaris)

Salmonella

Tularemia

Hantavirus

Aspergillosis

Giardia

Lyme disease

Sarcoptic mange

Toxoplasmosis

Rabies

Specimen preparation, submission, notification

Reportable Diseases

Animal bites

Transmission factors (this can be the same as ACO training: proper cleaning, prevention methods are the same with the exception of Bayisascaris)

Proper cleaning/disinfection of cages, vehicles and equipment

Separation of potentially ill animals

Proper protective equipment

Pre-exposure rabies Immunization, checking titer levels & boosters

11:30am – 5:00pm (includes breaks & lunch)

Instructor: Giselle Smisko, Avian Wildlife Center

Avian wildlife rehabilitation

Species identification

Songbirds/passerines

Waterfowl/wading birds

Raptors/owls

Determining age, health & condition

Nutrition

Proper diet, diet related diseases & nutritional problems

Feeding methods & equipment

Proper housing/caging

Handling & care

Species specific

Altricial young

Precocial young

Injured adult

Fostering possibilities

Natural behavior & avoiding imprinting

Euthanasia

Release considerations, criteria & methods

Thursday, November 7, 2013

9:00am-5:00pm (includes breaks & lunch)

Instructor: Dr. Karen Dashfield

Fluid therapy, gavage & wound management

- Reducing patient stress
- Physical exams
 - anatomy/necropsies
- Principles of fluid therapy
- Gavage (tube feeding)
- Wound management & bandaging
- Emaciation protocols
- Parasite identification and treatment
- Inoculations & vaccines

Friday, November 8, 2013

9:00am-12:00pm (includes break)

Instructor: Marjorie Ford Wildlife Rehabilitator retired

***Developing a working relationship with your veterinarian, ACO, & health department
Proper use of capture equipment.***

- Providing the right information to your vet
- Learning what you can do/what to expect from your vet
- Receiving wildlife from ACOs/ receiving capture assistance/nuisance wildlife situations
- Reporting & handling RVS wildlife & exposure situations
- Capture equipment use, demonstration and practical exercises
 - Snare poles, Snake tongs, Snake hooks, Nets
 - Humane traps, Blanket/towel
 - Protective equipment: Bite sleeve, safety goggles, safety gloves, latex gloves

1:00pm-4:00pm (includes break)

Instructor: Marjorie Ford Wildlife Rehabilitator retired

Resolving Nuisance Wildlife Problems

- Handling phone calls
- Assessing the situation: cause & attraction
- Working with the homeowner
- Finding workable solutions

Opportunities to work with wildlife

- Permitted rehabilitator, apprentice, sub permittee, volunteer, field work/research
- Important consideration: pro & cons, rewards & challenges Q&A

4:00pm –5:00pm

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Closing & graduation