

Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation

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Association

An introductory two day course for beginning wildlife rehabilitators, or those seeking a formal review of the basics. Are you intimidated by gavage? Do you struggle with fluid therapy? Are you wondering if your rehabilitation standards are appropriate? This course can offer you a solid foundation so you can be confident in the basics of rehabilitation.



● **Topics** covered during the course include: introduction to wildlife rehabilitation, identification, capture and restraint, initial care and physical examination, handling and physical restraint, concepts and calculations for fluid therapy, stress and shock, standards for housing, nutrition, wound management, thermoregulation, zoonoses, release criteria, and euthanasia. The lab covers: Physical exam, gavage, wound management, bandaging, syringes, and injections. Species covered include mammals, avians, and to a smaller extent, reptiles.

● **Style.** The course is primarily lecture with a half day lab. Students are asked to complete required reading and a homework assignment before the class to help facilitate their learning in the classroom. The books *Wildlife Rehabilitation: A Comprehensive Approach* and *Minimum Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation*, 4th edition are included in the class registration fee. A study guide is also provided to assist with conversions and fluid therapy calculations. To receive a course completion certificate, students must successfully pass the homework, lab, and exam with a grade of 70% or higher.

● **Instructors.** Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation will be taught by Renee Schott DVM, CWR and Halley Buckanoff BS, CVT, CWR. Renee is currently a full-time staff veterinarian at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota (WRC), one of the largest rehabilitation centers in the country. She has been involved in wildlife rehabilitation for over ten years and has worked at wildlife rehabilitation centers across the country. She is also a board member of NWRA. Halley is currently employed at the North Carolina Zoo Valerie H. Schindler Wildlife Rehabilitation Center overseeing rehabilitation practices, center operations, and mentoring of more than 150 volunteers and interns. She is a Certified Veterinary Technician with 10+ years of emergency, exotic, zoo and wildlife medicine, and husbandry experience.

● As part of the pre-conference event, this course will be held on February 26-27, 2018 from 8:30 AM to approximately 5:00 PM both days. Course attendance is limited to 45 people and registration is on a first-come first-served basis through the IWRC web site. NWRA members registrants will receive the IWRC member price for the course. The price is \$215.00 plus shipping for the softcover book and \$205.00 for the eBook or Kindle version. Payment is due upon registration. The class will close for registration when it reaches capacity or one week prior to the course so that students have time to complete the homework and required reading.

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