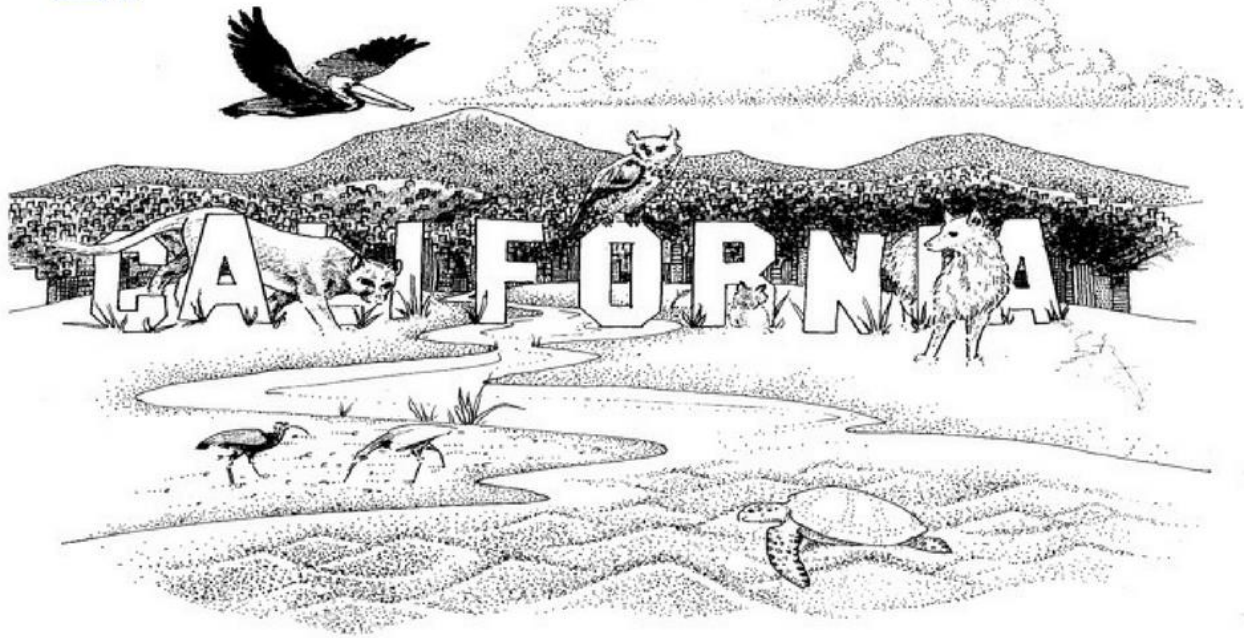




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Symposium 2018 Partnering for Wildlife

February 26-March 3, 2018
Anaheim, CA

Workshops Offered for 2018

NWRA workshops are designed for an optimum learning experience through hands-on activities in small groups, therefore enrollment is limited.

Please note the following

- **Each workshop is given twice daily.** The only difference in the two workshop sessions is the time given. 'A' designates the first time slot and 'B' designates the second time slot for the same workshop. There is no difference in content between workshop A and workshop B of the same name.
- **Most workshops require a prerequisite workshop lecture.** Please review the program grid carefully. Do not choose workshops with prerequisite lectures you cannot attend or that conflict with other presentations you wish to attend. Only hands-on workshops have limited enrollment and require signup and payment of the fee. All workshop lectures are open to any registered symposium attendee.

Baseline Diagnostic Assessment—NEW FOR 2018

Primary Instructor-Sherri Cox, DVM

PREWORKSHOP LECTURE REQUIRED

Abstract

Baseline diagnostic tests can provide a tremendous amount of information in terms of what might be going on with an animal, and can provide some idea of prognosis. This laboratory is designed for students interested in learning basic laboratory analysis to help contribute to the animals' health and well-being. Performing these tests will help you and your veterinarian determine the best course of treatment for the patients in your care. Participants are welcome with or without prior experience. It should be noted that tests performed are to be interpreted with the help of a veterinarian. Only veterinarians can diagnose and treat illness in accordance with state and provincial regulations.

Basic Bat Rehabilitation—RENEWED FOR 2018

Primary Instructors-Renee Schott, DVM and Gail Buhl

PREWORKSHOP LECTURE REQUIRED

Proof of rabies vaccine or protective titer required. Upload documentation on registration form to provide proof of rabies vaccine, or protective titer, for Bat Workshop participation.

Abstract

Bats are fascinating creatures and can be challenging patients in a busy rehabilitation setting. This workshop covers the basics of insectivorous bat rehabilitation at a high volume center, including diet, housing, examination, artificial hibernation, biosecurity, and common case presentations. Big brown bats are the focus, with other species differences highlighted.

Aquatic Bird Waterproofing and Protective Wrap—NEW for 2018

Primary Instructors-Kylie Clatterbuck and Isabel Luevano

PREWORKSHOP LECTURE REQUIRED

Abstract

This workshop teaches the techniques necessary to make sure the aquatic birds in your care (specifically diving/pelagic birds) regain their waterproofing during care and before release. You learn how to address feather and skin issues and how to detect problem areas. Protective wraps including keel cushions, foot wraps, and wrist guards are important for keeping these unique and challenging patients from injury in care. Students will learn how to make and apply these wraps. We also briefly cover how waterproofing and protective wraps differ among the many species you may receive.

Basic Raptor Jesses, Anklets, and Leashes

Primary Instructor-Jeff Meshach

Abstract

This workshop provides a hands-on introduction to the basics of various swivels and making jesses, leashes, and perches. During the lecture portion, our discussion includes the proper and safe use of jesses, jess designs, and materials used to make jesses, anklets, and leashes.

Patient Assessment and Fluid Therapy in Wildlife Medicine

Primary Instructors-Julia Whittington, DVM and Nicki Rosenhagen, DVM

PREWORKSHOP LECTURE REQUIRED

Abstract

Providing fluids to wildlife patients is essential! Become familiar with fluid types and when to use them, fluid dose calculations, and routes of administration in multiple species.

Avian Necropsy

Primary Instructor-Rebecca Duerr, DVM, MS, PhD

PREWORKSHOP LECTURE REQUIRED

Abstract

There are numerous anatomical and physiological differences between different groups of birds—this workshop covers dissection techniques and highlights some of the incredible differences

Creative Thinking for Enriching Lives—Renewed for 2018

Primary Instructor-Raina Domek

Abstract

Enrichment is an underutilized part of wildlife rehabilitation, often seen as optional, time consuming, and costly. When used optimally, enrichment helps patients be released sooner by encouraging natural behaviors and minimizing captivity related behaviors, thereby reducing our workload. During this workshop, we cover the benefits, drawbacks, safety considerations, species needs, and how to get everything done in no time with very little cost. You walk away with a few small enrichment items and tons of big ideas for things to come.