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2021 NWRA Lifetime Achievement Award
Presented to
Lloyd Brown

The NWRA Lifetime Achievement Award is given to an individual whose primary identification is with wildlife rehabilitation and who has contributed to the field on a national level for many years. Recipients receive Life Membership in NWRA and an engraved plaque.

Lloyd Brown in 1995                           Lloyd Brown in 2020
Wildlife Rescue of Dade County, Florida
Lloyd is honored for more than 25 years of dedicated service to wildlife rehabilitation, his community, and animals in need. His ready response to rescue calls, even in the middle of the night, has saved many lives, and his relentless attention to public and professional education helps people understand wildlife needs and challenges. When responding to disaster areas nationally and internationally, he taught, trained, and mentored people he worked with to increase their safety, understanding, and effectiveness in animal care and welfare. He learned new skills, adapted to changing conditions, and developed courses to teach others. He has contributed much to the improvement of wildlife rescue and rehabilitation.

Lloyd has made major contributions to the field of wildlife rehabilitation on both a national and international level for more than 25 years, for both terrestrial and marine wildlife, which is a rare combination. He founded, directed, and personally funded a nonprofit wildlife rehabilitation center. The center he founded 25 years ago out of his parents’ garage is Wildlife Rescue of Dade County, the only center in South Florida open 24 hours a day. He furthered the field of wildlife rehabilitation by providing environmental education via classroom visits and writing a popular column on urban wildlife for a major US newspaper, The Miami Herald. But he didn’t stop at the local level.

He spent more than a decade responding to marine mammal strandings and animal disasters all over the country. He responded to hurricanes in Florida, Texas, and Mississippi, blizzards in North Dakota and Minnesota, and a tornado sequence in Alabama. He also performed wildlife rescue and disaster response internationally: the earthquake in Haiti, rehabilitating marine mammals in Chile, cleaning oil-spilled penguins in South Africa, helping a wildlife rehab center in El Salvador after an earthquake, assisting an elephant sanctuary in Sri Lanka after a tsunami, and helping with marine mammal rehab in the Dominican Republic. Everywhere he went, he taught others. These experiences shaped his global perspective, and developed his calling: to raise the global awareness of, and increase practitioner skillsets in, the field of wildlife rehabilitation and safety in animal disaster response.

Lloyd turned his expertise into teaching opportunities, creating a “Disaster Preparedness for Wildlife Rehabilitators” class and teaching it in English and Spanish in Panama, Brunei, Canada, and the USA. As Education Director of the Marine Mammal Conservancy, he also created an Incident Command Class and a Marine Mammal Stranding First Responder Class for the Marine Mammal Conservancy volunteers. With one of his diversity interns as an assistant, he developed and filmed a fire safety video for wildlife rehabilitation centers, available online via IWRC to an international audience. His international impact in the field of wildlife rehabilitation is also demonstrated by his teaching of the IWRC Basic Skills class in five countries – Brunei, Trinidad, Panama, Canada, and four states in the USA. He also informally trained a facility in the Dominican Republic in manatee baby care and distributed Spanish language
translations of Basic Skills manuals at a Humane Society conference in Costa Rica. He taught marine mammal stranding response to rangers from Biscayne National Park and visiting national park rangers from St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The centers where he taught continue to benefit from these classes, as evidenced by the letters they sent to support his nomination for this award. He brought attention to the issue of suicide in the rehabber community by a touching tribute to one of his center’s volunteers on the center website. He served on the Board of Directors for the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council for 15 years.

Congratulations, Lloyd! We thank you for all your dedicated work!

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