2019 Annual Report

improving the care, treatment, and release of wildlife

~ since 1982 ~

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**Introduction**

Welcome to the 2019 NWRA Annual Report. The National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association has been improving wildlife care through specialized training, resources and information for wildlife rehabilitators, educators and veterinarians since 1982. NWRA has been a clear leader in building a community of people actively dedicated to the professional and humane care of wildlife with the primary goal of releasing healthy animals into appropriate habitats.

- We provide the highest quality education and training available in our field.
- We establish standards for the care of injured and orphaned wildlife and revise them as we learn better methods and techniques.
- And we continue to promote professionalism and collaboration.

Among NWRA’s accomplishments in 2019 are a highly successful and well attended Symposium in St. Louis, Missouri; continuing work on creating and revising publications unique to our field; and giving thousands of dollars to carefully selected individuals as grants for scientific research and scholarships for professional development.

NWRA applauds our members—hard-working rehabilitators, veterinarians, and educators that devote countless time and financial resources to care for wildlife. It takes a village to continue providing the reliable information and high quality services necessary to keep abreast of current and relevant procedures. NWRA is fortunate to have the support of dedicated staff and more than 170 volunteers working together to provide valuable education, training, and networking opportunities.

**Operations Update**

NWRA promoted Molly Gezella-Baranczyk to the new position of Director of Programs and Operations in June. Operational changes implemented to allow NWRA to be more nimble in the future include:

- Moving the entire publications inventory to a fulfillment center in Michigan for more efficient and timely distribution of orders to customers
- Engaging with a nonprofit financial firm to modernize the chart of accounts and financial operations
- Transitioning the central office staff to remote working locations
- Upgrading office, computer, and security systems
- Transitioning to electronic communications and member benefits
- Transitioning from an all-volunteer symposium audio-visual team to contracted services which avoids the need to upgrade A/V equipment inventory

National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association

incorporated August 25, 1982, as a not–for–profit corporation in the State of Illinois, USA.

Tax exempt under IRS Section 501c3.

Employer identification number 37–1143442.

Donations are tax deductible as charitable contributions.
Symposium 2019

“Act Local: Fostering Community Connections for Wildlife”

NWRA’s annual national symposium continues to be the largest and most comprehensive professional training and development event in the field. The 37th symposium, themed Act Local: Fostering Community Connections for Wildlife, held in St. Louis, Missouri, was attended by 496 people from 42 states, several Canadian provinces, and the United Kingdom, Mexico, and India. Four-day member general registration is a nominal $150 to enable attendance for many members who are self-funded and/or rely on donations, and those who volunteer their time and resources at a facility. Fees are kept low through sponsorships and donations, and scholarships are available.

Five days of concurrent programming included a full day of targeted six- to eight-hour seminars and offered in excess of 125 hours of education and skills training presented by more than 80 speakers and lab instructors. Many choices met the needs of attendees.

- A two-day Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation Course started the week with basic training.
- Two targeted all-day seminars on Advanced Training (for Program Ambassador animals) and Wound Care and Bandaging offered more specific intensive training.
- A half-day Insectivoros Bat Rehabilitation Seminar focused on unique needs of bats.
- Ten laboratory hands-on skills development workshops, such as Post-Release Monitoring of Oiled Wildlife: Novel Technologies, Basic Diagnostics, Avian Imping Techniques, Basic Parasitology, and Turtles offered practical application.
- The Poster Session displayed study results not offered elsewhere.
- Field trips to Host Committee rehabilitation centers showcased facilities and inspired new ideas.
- The Exhibit Hall provided access to vendors.

State veterinary boards and wildlife agencies, as well as federal migratory bird offices, approve NWRA symposium presentations for continuing education credits required of practicing veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and licensed wildlife rehabilitators.

Improved in 2019:

- The all-day Veterinary Seminar provided basic wildlife handling and medical training for licensed veterinarians in private practice who assist wildlife rehabilitators; RACE approval ensured continuing education credits.
- Selected sessions and presentations were recorded professionally for subsequent viewing by symposium attendees and NWRA members; twice as many recorded in 2019.
- The popular and widely used Whova Event App provided attendees with the most current version of the program schedule, change alerts, reminders, logistics, explanations, and maps. The App also enabled messaging, networking, and viewing of profiles, presentation abstracts and handouts, speaker credentials, exhibitors, and more. Attendees were encouraged and reminded to fill out daily evaluations to help NWRA continue improving program content.
- A partnership with the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council provided their two-day Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation Course at a discount to NWRA attendees.
Symposium attendees range from veterinary professionals, wildlife center staff, volunteers in all operational areas, and licensed wildlife rehabilitators to biologists and regulatory agency staff. Bringing this community of professionals together with the goals of improving wildlife care, medicine, and education is at the heart of each Symposium.

NWRA staff coordinates all details of each annual symposium, especially meeting site and hotel contracts, host committee selection, networking events, and field trips. The volunteer Program and Workshop Coordinators work year-round to plan and secure the speakers, assistants, and workshop supplies. Trained volunteers staff the AV Team, and serve as speakers, moderators, workshop instructors, and assistants. Volunteers play a key role in ensuring each annual symposium is successful and affordable. NWRA recorded more than 2,000 volunteer hours toward the success of Symposium 2019.

Since 1982, NWRA has produced 37 national symposia in 23 different states; cumulative attendance exceeds 15,100 people. View information on past and future symposia online at www.NWRAwildlife.org in the Symposium section and in Annual Reports.

NWRA Symposium

by Adisen Hamm—Excerpt from WILDCARE NEWS

WildCare Foundation (Oklahoma) Spring 2019 newsletter—reprinted with permission

Attending the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association Symposium of 2019 was an incredibly eye-opening and educational experience. We attended lectures covering a variety of subjects such as Animal Welfare, wildlife reuniting techniques, compassion fatigue, physical therapy in raptors, emaciation care and more! My favorite class was a workshop on Basic Diagnostics where I learned how to determine Packed Cell Volume (PCV) and Total Protein (TP) in particular species as well as how to do blood draws, blood smears, fecal flotations and wet mounts. All of these procedures, along with the opinions and diagnosis of a veterinarian, allow us to give the most case-specific and quality care possible to each of our patients. I look forward to specifically using my newly acquired skills and knowledge to help develop our emaciation protocol in raptors.

Along with the benefits of the lectures, workshops, and classes on the latest research in rehabilitation, attending the symposium allows us to connect with rehabbers from all around the country. With the symposium being the largest gathering in the US of its kind, it provides an unparalleled network of information in this field. There are group meals each night where you can designate topics to specific tables and talk over dinner about different things each center tries and what has succeeded or failed. It’s also nice to be amongst people who understand the struggles you face on a daily basis and allows you to find a comfort in common ground that you might not have with friends or family.

Overall I’m grateful for the opportunity to experience such a gracious and educational environment that focuses on a subject that is so close to my heart. I hope to be able to attend next year and maybe present a lecture of my own some day!
Educational Publications, Information, Training Materials

Publications

NWRA publishes high quality volumes unique to our field with current, professionally reviewed information for aspiring and practicing wildlife rehabilitators, educators, and veterinarians. Publications aim to improve wildlife care and rehabilitation to release healthy animals into appropriate habitats, help members become better educators and wildlife advocates, and improve wildlife medicine.

1. **Minimum Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation, 4th edition**, is currently undergoing a major revision and significant expansion by many authors, reviewers, and subject matter experts throughout North America. Additional species, expanded information, more detail, charts, diagrams, color photographs, and a revised title are planned. This peer-reviewed standard of requirements and recommendations is used by wildlife rehabilitators and regulatory agencies to guide humane and appropriate wildlife care.

2. **Topics in Wildlife Medicine: Orthopedics** has been identified for upgrade efforts; adding high quality color photographs will enhance the information presented for veterinarians and wildlife rehabilitators managing fractures in native North American wildlife. Leading veterinarians in the field provide groundbreaking information and techniques for the unique physiological and anatomical differences between species.

3. **Principles of Wildlife Rehabilitation: The Essential Guide for Novice and Experienced Rehabilitators** continues to be the training manual for aspiring and novice wildlife rehabilitators and volunteers, the trusted professional text for college and university classes, as well as a reliable reference manual. This 667-page indexed volume encompasses essential aspects of wildlife rehabilitation and lists resources for additional information.

Production of NWRA publications is completed with qualified contractual and volunteer editors and layout persons, and volunteer authors, reviewers, proofreaders, and artists. Skilled and knowledgeable individuals bring high quality publications to print and available for purchase. Nominal pricing fosters and promotes self-education and builds both personal and facility reference libraries. Low prices enable purchase for many members who are self-funded and/or rely on donations. Publications are listed in the website Marketplace.

Website

During 2019, NWRA began planning significant improvement and expansion of our website to better serve our members and those seeking information about wildlife and rehabilitation. [www.NWRAwildlife.org](http://www.NWRAwildlife.org) is a resource for members and for others seeking assistance with injured wildlife, information on the profession, and about NWRA itself. Members and non-members can register for the annual symposium, purchase educational materials, renew membership or join for the first time, and contribute to help fund NWRA programs. The member-only section enables members to contact and network with other members, vote for board of director candidates, and refer to past member emails, newsletters, and more.
Wildlife Medicine Course

NWRA’s signature Wildlife Medicine Course was taught four times during 2019.

- Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine
- North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine
- University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine
- Atlantic Veterinary College, Prince Edward Island, Canada

Feedback received from students was that of gratitude and excitement to have the opportunity to learn more about a field of medicine they are rarely exposed to. They are so appreciative that a program like this exists and are grateful to learn from and interact with nationally recognized instructors who are licensed veterinarians with extensive experience treating wildlife patients.

This hands-on and lecture-based course prepares students to work better with wildlife rehabilitators once they become practicing veterinarians, resulting in optimal medical management during the rehabilitation process. They gain formal training in humane and appropriate care for diverse wildlife species, including medicine, surgery, and captive management. Course content meets a recognized need in veterinary training, as most traditional veterinary curricula exclude or minimize instruction in wildlife medicine. This is in contrast to the substantial interest of students to learn more about this specialized field.

Funding for courses in the United States is provided by a grant from the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, a Keybank Trust. The Elaine Conroy Moore Charitable Foundation and the Orphaned Wildlife Rescue Center funded the course in Canada.

Since 1999, the two-day course has been presented 32 times at 17 different veterinary schools, and has served an estimated 1,485 veterinary students.
Membership Benefits

NWRA provides current professional resources to sustain the efforts of dedicated wildlife rehabilitators and veterinarians who care for injured wild animals and those who educate concerned citizens about wildlife behavior and conservation. Information and resources help members:

- improve wildlife care and release;
- respond more timely and effectively to, and educate the public in, wildlife situations or encounters; and
- better manage time, funds, resources, volunteers, and staff.

Members receive benefits for a nominal $55 for individual annual dues. Family memberships, reduced rate student memberships, organization memberships, and lifetime memberships also are available.

Some members have years of experience in wildlife rehabilitation, medicine, and/or education. Others are just beginning the journey into this unique world of compassionate and skilled wildlife care.

It is important to remember that wildlife rehabilitation is limited to those persons willing and able to comply with state and federal regulations and requirements for possessing native wildlife, including tests, facility inspections, annual reports, continuing education, and skills training. Many NWRA members are self-funded volunteers, and/or rely on donations, and/or volunteer at a nonprofit wildlife care facility.

Member benefits include:

- **New in 2018, expanded in 2019**, more than 65 recorded presentations from Symposium 2018 and 2019 are available for viewing online. This new member benefit is a valuable way to make selected symposium presentations available to all members. We are excited to offer this new platform for continuing education to our members!
- **New in 2019**, now available online only, *The Wildlife Rehabilitator* semi-annual newsletter with association news, pertinent information from related fields, and opportunities, such as scholarships, small grants, and call for nominations for board positions.
- **New in 2019**, searchable online Membership Directory is a listing of members willing to network and share their specialties/expertise and is a valuable resource for obtaining advice, assistance, and for wildlife patient transfers.
- Monthly emails conveying critical news, time-sensitive announcements, and opportunities.
- Website member-only section for finding resources and networking with other members; members manage and control their personal and work-related information, as well as control who has access to this information.
- Access to insurance plans specifically designed to cover the unique activities and requirements of wildlife rehabilitators.
- Eligibility to seek a position on the board of directors.
- Access to voting for NWRA board members.
- Discounts on purchases of NWRA educational publications and materials.
- Discounts on annual symposium registration.
Scholarships, Grants, Professional Recognition

As the leading organization in our field, NWRA provides financial support and deserved recognition to those dedicated to quality wildlife care, treatment, and release; recipients need not be NWRA members. Scholarships, professional recognition awards, and research grants benefit many individuals and organizations and contribute to the value of our field.

Scholarships

NWRA is pleased to manage donor contributions for scholarships, with 18 scholarships totaling $12,209 awarded in 2019 to recipients residing in 13 states plus Brazil. Scholarships, ranging from $500 to $1,400, assist with attending the annual symposium, purchasing publications, and building or renovating housing used for rehabilitating wildlife.

Symposium attendance scholarships:

- **Eric Sticht Memorial Scholarship** of $675 to Pat Silovsky (KS)
- **James J. Wolf CARE for Wildlife Education Scholarship** of $600 to Jan Snook (AK)
- **Alma Natura Trust North American Scholarship** of $750 to Gina Arens (IN)
- **Debra L. Chandler Memorial Scholarships** of $500 each to Leanne Adams (TN) and Anysia Avila (CA)
- **Patty Manning Memorial Scholarship** of $500 to Alex Stofko (AZ)
- **William Jessen Memorial Scholarship** of $500 to symposium speaker Theresa Knoblock (MA) to present her paper "Antimicrobial Stewardship in Wildlife Rehabilitation"
- **Ed Hiestand Memorial Veterinary Student Scholarship** of $1,000 to Molly Horgan (CA) to present her paper "Gross pathology of herons and egrets (family Ardeidae) at the wildlife rehabilitation center in Northern California"
- **Maryland Wildlife Rehabilitator Scholarship** of $1,000 to Sheena Patel (MD)
- **Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitator Continuing Education Scholarship** of $500 to Marjorie Sapp
- **Donald L. Burton Veterinary Student Scholarship** of $500 to Shelbie Dell (IN)

Cage building scholarships:

- **NWRA Cage Building Scholarships** to Nanette Soistman (FL) $600 for barn owl rehabilitation housing with a surrogate, Peggy Popp (WI) $1,200 for a pre-release flight cage for small bats, and Polly Rixe (MN) $1,400 for white tailed deer fawn pens

Other scholarships:

- **Rachel Fischoff Educational Scholarship** of $650 credit with NWRA to Julia Silva Seixas (Brazil) for symposium registration, membership, and/or publications
- **Educational Materials Scholarships**, $500 credit with NWRA to Katie Minnihan (IA), Ashley Hays (IA), and Jessica Kelly (IA) for purchasing books

Since 1993, NWRA has awarded $80,974 in scholarships, providing financial assistance to 148 individuals; recipient lists are posted on the NWRA website.
Notes and Comments from Scholarship Recipients

“I would like to say a very heartfelt Thank You for your generous gift of the $750 scholarship. Thanks to your gift I was able to attend, reconnect with some fellow rehabbers, meet new ones, visit two centers, and attend some very informative classes. It was a whirlwind week and an amazing experience.” – Gina

“I was honored to receive the James J. Wolf CARE for Wildlife Education Scholarship. At first, the symposium was a little overwhelming but the more classes I took and the more people I met it all became easier. I found the Education and volunteer blocks very helpful. In summary this experience was wonderful!” – Jan

“I was humbled to learn that I was one of the recipients of the Educational Materials Scholarship. By awarding me the Educational Materials Scholarship, I will be able to further my clinical understanding and skills in wildlife rehabilitation – thus saving more lives. Your generosity is allowing me to make my goals and dreams a reality for Iowa wildlife.” – Ashley

“I feel exceedingly honored to be a recipients of the NWRA Michigan Rehabber Scholarship, and want you to know the impact the financial grant has made in my life. I would never have been able to go to my first event. I learned SO much and met so many people, it truly was a life changing experience for me in both my personal and business life.” – Marg

“In my past few years of attending the NWRA symposia I have been amazed by the high quality of the program. This year I was fortunate to receive a scholarship in honor of the late Dr. Donald L. Burton, founder of the Ohio Wildlife Center. The highlight of my trip was having the opportunity to share my knowledge with others by assisting in workshops. With the financial burden relieved by the scholarship, I was able to bring a colleague from a local rehabilitation center for her first NWRA experience. I feel that my experience this year embodies the most important aspect of the symposium which is its ability to bring professionals together to educate each other and improve the way we care for wildlife.” – Shelbie

“One of the things I valued the most throughout my time at the conference was getting to meet other wildlife professionals who work tirelessly and with great dedication to their craft. It was an honor to attend talks by some of my favorite authors, veterinarians, and rehab centers. I couldn’t help but be completely and utterly enamored by how captivating each speaker was or feel moved in the most beautiful way when I heard others speak about how passionate and raw each devoted individual was who made a release possible. I plan to utilize and share both the resources and information I have gained at the conference throughout my lifetime as a wildlife rehabilitator. I feel very privileged to be given such an auspicious opportunity to attend the conference this year to learn and grow. I am so very proud of the future for wildlife rehabilitation and firmly believe the care for these animals will only continue to improve in the most incredible way.” – Sheena
Research Grants

NWRA awards research grants specifically to those working in wildlife rehabilitation, medicine, and education. Proposals are reviewed by the NWRA Grants Committee for relevance to the goals of NWRA and its membership, scientific merit/quality, and the ability of investigators to perform work and distribute findings. Grant recipients present their work through NWRA publications and annual symposia so others in the field can benefit from their findings.

The two grant recipients for 2019 are:

- $3,000 to International Bird Rescue (CA) in partial support of the project: Variation In Distribution And Fate Of Brown Pelicans Injured And Rehabilitated In California Based On Band Sightings, Project Director Rebecca Duerr, DVM, MPVM, PhD
- $3,000 to International Bird Rescue (CA) in partial support of the project: Prevalence, Incidence, and Characterization of Dermal Lesions In Diving Birds Undergoing Rehab, Project Leader, Julie Skoglund

Since 1984, NWRA has provided $117,087 in small grants for studies to improve the care of wildlife. A list of recipients and projects is posted on the NWRA website.

Professional Recognition Awards

NWRA recognizes meaningful accomplishments in the field through achievement awards. Engraved personalized plaques are presented to selected individuals.

NWRA Marlys J. Bulander Working Together for Wildlife Award
This award is given to an individual or group that has brought together people, organizations, academia, agencies, businesses, and/or other groups in a cooperative effort to make a positive difference for wildlife. The 2019 award is presented to:

Laura Edmonds from the Indiana Raptor Center. Her networking skills built and maintain strong relationships between Indiana Raptor Center and the other Indiana centers that work with raptors. In cooperation for recovery and release, birds are moved between a group of eight centers based on who can best provide for the needs of each bird.

NWRA Board of Directors Award
The NWRA Board of Directors Award is given in appreciation to a person who has made a valuable and outstanding contribution to our organization. This year, the Board of Directors selected:

Barbara Suto (FL) for her continued dedication to ensuring the financial health and stability of NWRA.

Since 1984, NWRA has honored more than 65 outstanding individuals and five organizations making major advances in our field for the benefit of many rehabilitators and countless wild animals. A list of recipients for each award is posted on the NWRA website.
Thank you!

Giving is not just about making a donation. It's about making a difference.

NWRA welcomes financial gifts in any amount and is sincerely and deeply grateful to all donors who support programs vital to wildlife rehabilitation. Every contribution is important in enabling NWRA to ensure wildlife rehabilitators, educators, and veterinarians have ample opportunities to stay abreast of effective and innovative techniques for the welfare of native North American wildlife.

Significant Financial Gifts

Many individuals, organizations, wildlife centers, foundations, and businesses from around the continent contributed more than $68,000 to support a variety of programs and services, enabling NWRA to keep membership fees, publication prices, and symposium registration fees affordable for those dedicated to helping wildlife.

Special thanks to Avian Power Line Interaction Committee, Judi and Bruce Goodman, Adam Goodman, and Orphaned Wildlife Rescue Center for their generous Symposium Sponsorships.

A donor who wishes to remain anonymous presented NWRA with a very generous gift to support general purposes and services for rehabilitators.

The Alma Natura Trust continued to fund the Alma Natura Trust North American Scholarship and International Scholarship.

Two NWRA members who wish to remain anonymous continued to fund the Cage Building Scholarship.

NWRA is grateful to Partners for Wildlife for two grants, one to support the Animal Welfare plenary session at Symposium 2019 and one to investigate new options for our website platform.

Donated Volunteer Time

NWRA acknowledges and applauds 174 volunteers donating more than 7,000 hours of time to program services, organizational management, and fundraising efforts. Volunteers not only allowed NWRA to save thousands of dollars by not paying for certain operating expenses, but their expertise and energy significantly enriched the organization.

Twelve board members contributed thousands of hours both for board business and for program activities. Additional volunteers gave generously of their time for program support (publications, member services, symposium, scholarships, grants, awards, etc.).

Special thanks to volunteers affiliated with the Wildlife Rescue Center (MO) Symposium Host Committee. Their many hours, weeks, and months of focused work ensured the success of Symposium 2019.
NWRA Board Leadership

Twelve leaders in our field from 10 states and 1 Canadian province served on the Board of Directors during 2019 to keep the organization healthy and moving forward toward fulfilling its mission. The board conducted two in-person full-day business meetings along with planning and strategy meetings—February in St. Louis, Missouri, and October in South Padre Island, Texas. Business also was conducted via conference calls and email.

NWRA Board of Directors 2019

Michele Goodman, VMD, President; Director of Veterinary Services, Elmwood Park Zoo. Norristown, PA

Jennifer Convy, Vice President; Wildlife Director, PAWS Wildlife Department; founding board member, Washington Wildlife Rehabilitation Association. Lynnwood, WA

Leslie Lattimore, Vice President; founder and past President, Louisiana Wildlife Rehabilitators Association; Director, Wings of Hope Wildlife Sanctuary; at-home independent rehabilitator for over ten years. Livingston, LA

Jenny Schlieps, Vice President; Program Manager and Rehabilitation Manager, Focus Wildlife; founding member, Washington Wildlife Rehabilitation Association. Seattle, WA

Lisa Smith, Secretary; Executive Director, Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research, Inc.; past board member and senior clinic supervisor at Tri-State. Newark, DE

Sherri Cox, DVM, MBA, Treasurer; President and Wildlife Veterinarian, National Wildlife Centre Canada; Executive Director Global Development, University of Guelph, Canada; past Head Veterinarian, Toronto Wildlife Centre. Toronto, Canada

Bettina Bowers; past Animal Care Director, Walden's Puddle Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center; founding member and Vice-President, Tennessee Wildlife Educators and Rehabilitators Association; third generation wildlife rehabilitator. Nashville, TN

Rebecca Duerr, DVM, PhD; veterinarian and Director of Research, International Bird Rescue; wildlife rehabilitation center volunteer, staff person, or board member since 1988. Vallejo, CA

Richard Grant; founder, Howell Nature Center. Howell, MI

Jackie Kozlowski; Senior Bird Show Trainer, Tracy Aviary; past Relief Clinic Supervisor, Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research Inc.; past Avian Trainer, Animal Behavior and Conservation Connections LLC. Salt Lake City, UT

Jeff Meshach; Deputy Director, World Bird Sanctuary. Valley Park, MO

Elaine M. Thrune; NWRA founding board member and past President; wildlife rehabilitator for 20 years with WILD AGAIN Wildlife Rehabilitation Program, now retired. St. Cloud, MN
Financial Report

The NWRA Board of Directors and staff are committed to the wise and responsible use of all monies received. Under guidance from the Finance Committee and Financial Procedures Manual, support and revenue is recorded, tracked, allocated, and used according to NWRA’s needs and priorities to achieve mission goals and objectives. NWRA works with a reputable CPA firm to accomplish annual audited financial statements.

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Fundraising for NWRA Programs and Services

NWRA seeks grant and donation support to improve animal welfare in wildlife rehabilitation, education, and medicine: produce and print educational materials, enhance the annual national symposium, award scholarships and research grants to worthy applicants and projects, and support relevant services and projects.

NWRA honors donor expectations that their contributions are used to provide unique and specialized educational materials and training, enabling wildlife rehabilitators to give optimum professional and compassionate care to more wild animals in need. Donor-restricted dollars and grant funds are carefully stewarded and used for intended purposes.

Fundraising is done by both volunteer board members and staff. No funding is received from federal, state, or local governments or agencies, therefore, donations, sponsorships, and grants are essential to continuing high quality programs and services. Revenue is sought from individuals as well as through foundations, corporations, family trusts, employer match programs, online giving events, and similar venues. All financial support is sincerely appreciated.
National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association (NWRA)

Improving wildlife care by providing specialized training, information, and resources to wildlife rehabilitators, veterinarians, and educators since 1982

Mission

The National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association is dedicated to improving and promoting the profession of wildlife rehabilitation and its contributions to preserving natural ecosystems.

Core Values

Respect and concern for wildlife
Shared knowledge
Professionalism
Continuing improvement
Teamwork and cooperation

Vision

The National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association and wildlife rehabilitation as a profession are recognized and respected worldwide.

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