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# WRNC



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## WRNC Symposium 2011 In Review



By Jean Chamberlain, Symposium Committee Chair

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Every year after our symposium, the symposium committee reviews the evaluations. We review them all, looking for suggestions for improvements as well as for new topics and ideas for the next year. I'll share what you said you liked most and what you didn't like about this year's symposium.

**What you liked.**

You said that the most helpful sessions were avian anatomy, hematology and cottontails though many people said they enjoyed all the sessions they attended.

**Biofacts Lab**

Clearly you thought the speakers did a good job. 92% of you rated the speakers either a 4 or 5 (mostly 5) on a scale of 1 to 5. 89% rated the facility either a 4 or 5 (again mostly 5). 85% gave the symposium an overall rating of 4 or 5. We are pleased so many rated it well, but there is room for improvement too. We will work to get the other 15% next year as well.

**What you didn't like.**

In our review of the evaluations we found three comments that occurred many times. One of the comments mentioned repeatedly was that it was very difficult to find your way around the facility. The access to some rooms was hidden and the map that was provided was useless. Next year we will post large signs. The exits will be well marked and we will provide a good map of the facility.

Another frequent comment was that there were many sessions for beginner and avian rehabilitators, but only a few mammal sessions for non-beginners. Many people mentioned how they enjoyed the cottontail session, but needed other mammal sessions. We have started to look for advanced mammal sessions for next year. We are planning a wound management session and have already lined up an advanced opossum session.

Several people pointed out that there was a bottleneck at check-in on Saturday morning. We are working on ways to simplify the check-in process so that it will run smoothly.

Thought of something that you forgot to put on your evaluation? Send it to [symposium@ncwildliferehab.org](mailto:symposium@ncwildliferehab.org). We would especially like to hear suggestions for additional mammal sessions.

**We'd like to thank the following people and organizations for their contributions to the WRNC's annual raffle:**

Kathy Lillard, Wildlife Rehabilitator, Charlotte, NC

Donated: 50 Home and Garden items (bird feeders, umbrellas, fleece blankets, etc); \$150.00 estimate

Ron Kitchen, WildBirds Unlimited, Charlotte NC

Donated: 13 Backyard Bird items (bird feeders, thermometers, yard stakes, etc); \$200.00 estimate

Jason and Carrie, Backyard Wild, Matthews, NC

Donated: 6 Home and Garden items (candle holders, thermometers, flags, etc); \$100.00 estimate

Cracker Barrel, Charlotte, NC

Donated: 1 gift basket; \$25.00 estimate

Danielle Adkins, Checkers Hockey, Charlotte, NC

Donated: 2 Fan Packs (included game tickets, coffee mug, six-pack cooler, etc); \$50.00 estimate

Home Depot

Donated: 1 Gift Certificate; 25\$ value

Lowe's, Charlotte, NC

Donated: 3 Gift Certificates; \$25.00 value each

Linda Bergman-Althouse, OWLS – Outerbanks Wildlife Shelter, Jacksonville, NC

Donated: 3 Gift Baskets; \$125.00 value

John Althouse, Jacksonville, NC

Donated: 1 large framed photograph; \$75.00 value

S&H Feed & Garden Supply, Hubert, NC

Donated 1 Tube Bird Feeder; \$30.00 value

Pet Warehouse, Jacksonville, NC

Donated: Pet Supplies; \$75.00 estimate

Christina's Collectibles, Cedar Point, NC

Donated: 2 Bottles of Wine and 9 Pet Sitter Charts; \$80.00 value

Golden Corral, Midway Park, NC

Donated: 2 buffet dinners with beverages; \$22.00 value

National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, Saint Cloud, MN

Donated: NWRA Logo Clothing and Publications; \$200.00 estimate

Maria & Luis Luques, Fayetteville, NC

Donated: Artwork and Materials; \$50.00 estimate

Naturally Unleashed Pet Nutrition Center, Fayetteville, NC

Donated: Pet Supplies; \$150.00 estimate

Squirrel Store Alabaster,

Donated: 4 gift certificates; \$25.00 value each

BoviDr Laboratories

Donated: 9 gift certificates: \$100.00 estimate

Diane Deal c/o Cornett-Deal Christmas Tree Farm, Sugar Grove, NC

Donated: 2 nights at Songbird Cabin; \$405.00 value

Roz Porter, Sneads Ferry, NC

Donated: Bird Seed and Baskets; \$50.00 estimate

Alice Sanders, Jacksonville, NC

Donated: Framed Photographs; \$75.00 estimate

RodentPro

Donated: Gift Certificate; \$50.00 value

Grubco Incorporated, Hamilton, OH

Donated: 5 gift certificates for 1,000 mealworms; \$35.00 value

North Carolina Zoo Society, Asheboro, NC

Donated: Logo Clothing; \$45.00 estimate

Lone Star Safety and Supply, Inc., Dallas, TX

Donated: 12 Welder's Gloves; \$175.00 estimate

Carrie and Bob Kiger, Fayetteville, NC

Donated: Caging, Perching, and Bedding; \$75.00 estimate

Golden Sands Beach Resort, Carolina Beach, NC

Donated: 1 Weekend Getaway, \$300.00 estimate

Outback Steakhouse, Fayetteville, NC

Donated: Gift Certificate; \$45.00 value

Joseph Thigpin, Fayetteville, NC

Donated: 1 Umbrella & Nascar Display; \$25.00 estimate

Helena Mika, Spring Lake, NC

Donated: Kids Stuffed Animal Kits and "Quackers" Quilt; \$100.00 estimate

Anne Mathis, Wildlife Rescue Center, Sanford, NC

Donated: Artwork and Jewelry; \$50.00 estimate

Martha Petty, Chapel Hill, NC

Donated: Squirrel Themed Knick-Knacks; \$125.00 estimate

Toni O'Neil, Possumwood Acres Wildlife Sanctuary Hubert, NC

Donated: Pet Supplies and Home & Garden items; \$45.00 estimate

Cathy Burns, Possumwood West, Richlands, NC

Donated: Bird Caging; \$50.00 estimate

Beth Knapp-Tyner, Rutherfordton, NC

Donated: Jewelry; \$35.00 estimate

NC Aquarium – Raleigh Administrative Office, Raleigh, NC

Donated: 2 Passes; \$30.00 estimate

True Value Village Hardware, Sneads Ferry, NC

Donated: 1 Bird Feeder; \$25.00 estimate

LaFeber Company, Cornell, IL

Donated: samples of their Emerald products

International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, Eugene, OR

Donated: Logo Clothing & Totes and CDs; \$260.00 value

Elizabeth Hanrahan, Ocracoke, NC

Donated: 2 Gift Baskets; \$50.00 estimate

Becky and Richard Marlin, Buxton, NC

Donated: Framed Photograph; \$25.00 estimate

Nina Fischesser, Jonas Ridge, NC

Donated: Framed Photographs and 3-D Magnets; \$50.00 estimate

Sue Heritage, Charlotte, NC

Donated: 1 Gift Basket; \$25.00 estimate

Carrie Cunningham, Charlotte, NC

Donated: 2 Gift Baskets; \$50.00 estimate

Fox Valley Animal Nutrition, Inc, Sun City, AZ  
Donated: 10 Gift Certificates & 10 Small Bags of Formula; \$250.00 estimate

Nature's Way, Ross, OH  
Donated: 3 Gift Certificates for 5000 medium mealworms plus shipping; \$75.00 estimate

Jennifer Gordon, Carolina Waterfowl Rescue, Indian Trail, NC  
Donated: Gift Basket, Home and Garden items, Seed and Feeder items; \$50.00 estimate

Pet-Ag Inc., Hampshire, IL  
Donated: Zoologic Milk Matrix and Bene-Bac; \$35.00 estimate

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