



Veterinarian - Rehabilitator Relationship

Keeping it Happy, Healthy
Long Term!

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WE NEED YOU

Finding a Veterinarian

- Solicit
 - New practice, or just open
 - Vet practice with exotics
 - Ask pet stores
 - falconers
 - ***Not*** other rehabbers Vets
 - Sometimes situational



Communication a must!

- Ask what they can or want to do
- Communicate costs
- Discuss your wildlife needs
- Establish protocol



Understanding the Rehabilitator

Rehabilitators Wear Many Hats!



Medical caregiver

Educator

Student

Fundraiser

Transporter

Carpenter

Counselor

Janitor



UNDERSTANDING THE REHABILITATOR

Passionate!! – Addiction – Co-dependent



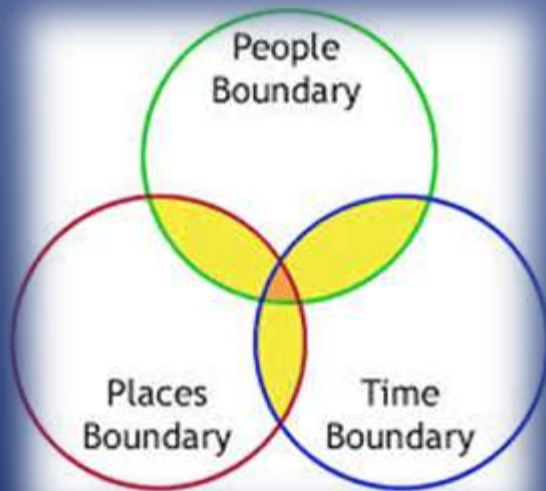
Understanding Rehabilitators!

We'll do anything to save animals



Expectations and Boundaries

- Call ahead
- Appointments vs emergencies
- Hospital protocol
- Relationship with Receptionist
- Relationship with Technicians



Categorize by Needs

- Vet #1 - Is close but only does radiographs
- Vet #2 – will see all patients, is far away and patients wait for service (busy practice)
- Vet #3 – is close and will come to your facility but charges (a lot).
- Vet #4 – is far, only sees certain species, but gets surgeries done lickety split!
- Vet #5 – Does alternative medicine, charges but does those cases you can't make heads or tails to find treatment plan

Understand Your Veterinarian

Busy

Time limitations

Paying clients

Stress Level

Level of passion different than you!

Don't let
It get to this!



Be Willing to Learn Together!



Provide materials

Don't bombard

Pay for symposiums

Bring wildlife medicine articles

Assist When You Can!

Surgery

Cleaning

Help technicians

Deliver lab samples

Walk dogs

Animal restraint



They may love to teach!



Keeping your Veterinarian (and Techs) Happy!!

Cookies = Happiness



Treat them all to lunch



Make Your visits Special!



Rewarding your Veterinarian



Share Adventures

New Zealand

Yukon

San Diego Zoo



Don't Expect Miracles



It Takes a Village!!



Any Questions??

