



Wildlife Capture, Handling, Restraint

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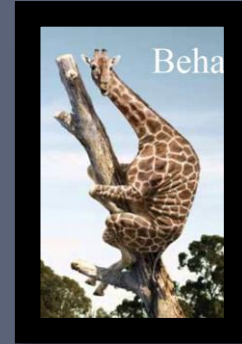
Introduction



- Basic principles for safe capture and restraint of common species.
- Is not a substitute for hands-on training.
- Wildlife rehabilitation is a continually evolving field.
- Info may differ from other sources and their methods. **That's okay!**



Introduction



- When?
- Why?
- What?
- How?



Goals

- Quick capture
 - Efficient as possible – minimize stress on animal
 - Safety!
 - You
 - Animal
- Safety!
 - Keep yourself safe
 - Keep others safe! You are responsible.
 - Keep animal safe and comfortable as possible



First Things First! Does That Animal Truly Need Assistance?

Help! I found a baby ...



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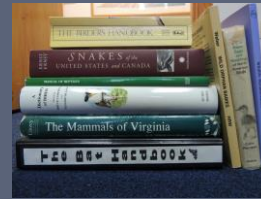


Proper Identification



Educate yourself!

- Learn natural history of commonly seen species
- Learn to identify "normal" behaviors
- Consider animal's role (predator vs. prey)



Plan the Capture

- Assess situation
- Evaluate space, escape routes, danger
- Plan technique and approach
- Prepare equipment
- Remain calm!
- Be confident
- Use buddy system
- Know your limitations
- Ensure safety of handler & animal



Human Safety Comes First!

Use PPE!
Personal
Protective
Equipment



Safety Equipment



Safety Equipment



Nets



Professional Equipment

Catch poles



Cat tongs



Transport Containers



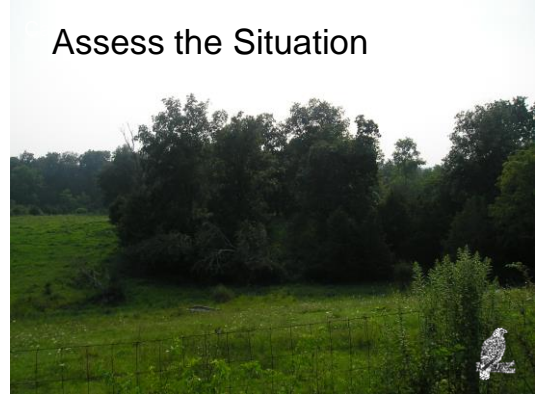
Other Equipment????

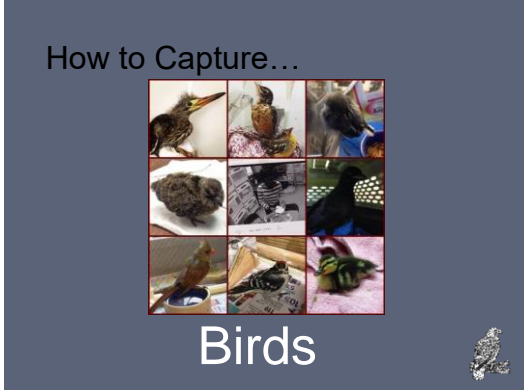


Expect the Unexpected



Assess the Situation





Passerines / Woodpeckers



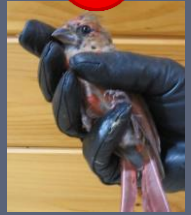
Animal's Defense: Beak, Nails, Flight



Capture: Towel or net



Restraint



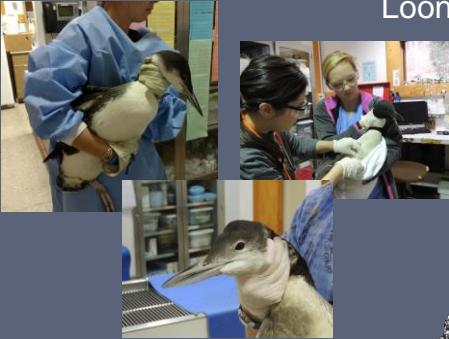
Restraint:
Larger Bird



Gulls



Loons



Vultures



Animal's Defense: Beak that tears flesh, Nails, Strong Wings, Projectile Vomiting!



Raptors



Animal's Defense: Needle-sharp and powerful Talons, Sharp Beak.



Defensive posturing



Hawks

Defensive posturing



Owls

Eastern Screech-Owls









Raptor Capture 4



Transfer both feet to non dominant hand. With palm down, slide index finger between feet from rear.



Raptor Capture 5



Grab head, turn upright, tuck wings into body or under arms. May need assistance with wings.

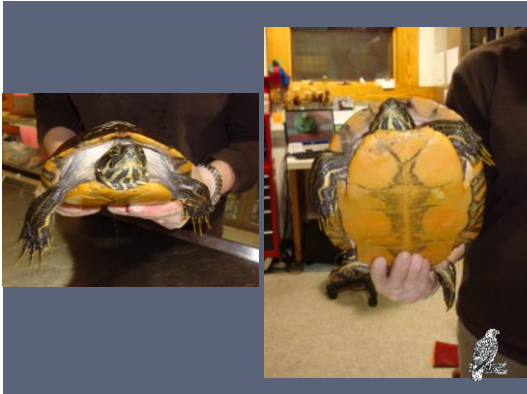


How to Capture...



Reptiles









Harmless Snake Capture



Snake Transport



How to Capture...



Mammals



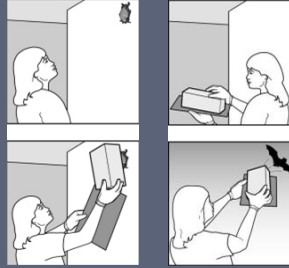
Bats



Animal's Defense: Teeth



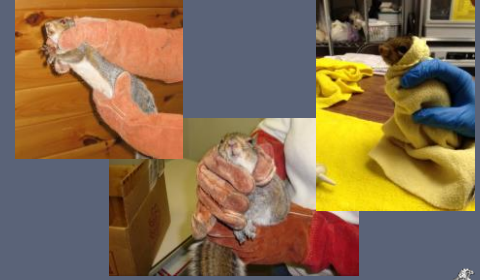
Bat Capture Indoors



www.batcon.org



Rodents / Squirrels



Animal's Defense: Teeth, Claws



Flying Squirrels



Rabbits



Animal's Defense: "Flight", Nails



Opossum



Animal's Defense: Teeth, Claws



Deer / Fawns

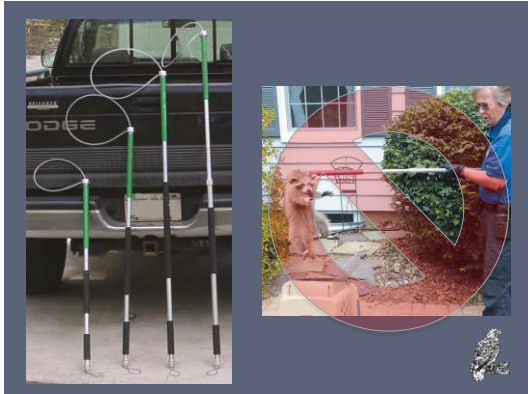
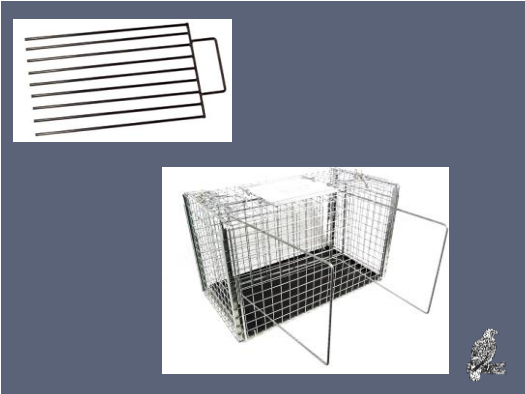


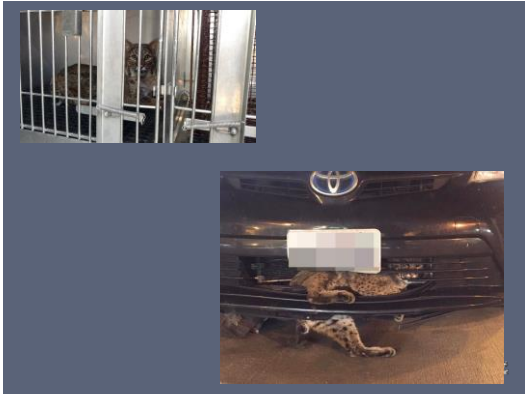
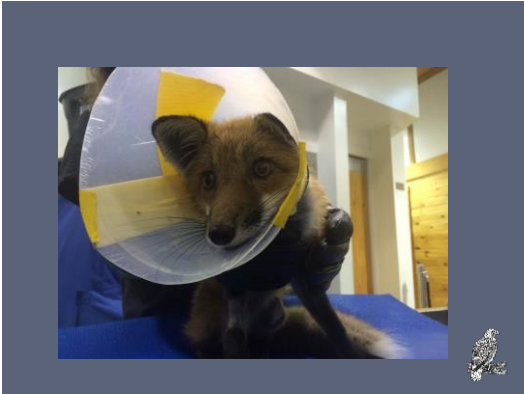
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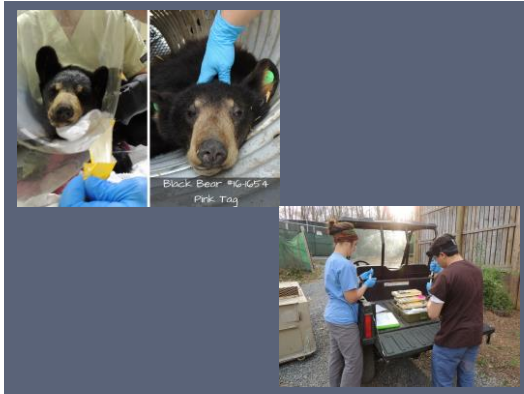


Other Species?









Final Capture Tips

- Be cautious but deliberate.
- Know your limits!
- Never underestimate an injured animal.
- Use your safety equipment!



Questions???



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