

# Beginner Training Class Descriptions

## **Introduction to Rehabilitation**

*Carla Johnson*

This session is the first session of the beginner track. It covers what it means to be a wildlife rehabilitator, the rules and regulations covering rehabilitation, and the general principles for raising baby mammals.

*(Beginner Tract)*

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## **Basic Medical Terminology for Beginners**

*Melisse Hopping*

Have you ever been to pick up an animal from a veterinarian and feel like you are hearing a different language as they go through the patient's condition and prognosis (likely outcome or future for patient)? Well, medical terminology for many new, or non-medical rehabilitators is like learning a new language. This lecture aims to teach some of the more common terminology, used in medically caring for wildlife in the rehabilitation and veterinary settings. Sound boring? Not at all! We'll have some fun too

*(Beginner Track, Vet Tech CE)*

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## **Anything and Everything Squirrel**

*Linda Bergman-Althouse*

From orphaned pinkie to hefty, fast and furious release, and any ailments or injury in between or beyond; this session gives the squirrel its due. Routine or unusual calls received by you or your center regarding our friend and potential victim or trouble maker, the squirrel, will be discussed. This class will help us stock our rehab knowledge toolbox with "who they are and what to do's" in any squirrel situation such as infant care, adult ailments or injury, caging, nesting, removal and more. The squirrel . . . some people can't live with them, and most wildlife rehabilitators can't live without them.

*(Beginner Track, Vet Tech CE)*

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## **Medical Math for Small Mammal Rehabbing**

*Ann Rogers, Victoria Benson*

This session will explain the basics of all things "number-related" in the rehabilitation of wild animals. The target audience is the novice rehabber, but even many seasoned rehabbers need help in understanding how to do drug calculations. We will try and make this easy to understand!

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**Working with a Vet**

*Nina Fischesser*

When starting out as a wildlife rehabilitator one must have the help of one or more veterinarians to assist in our very important work. This lecture aims to help new rehabilitators who are seeking to build relationships with veterinarians in their community. Areas covered are: approaching the vet, keeping the relationship healthy, working with the technicians, communication, financial agreements, and more.  
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**Rehabbing Opossums 101**

This presentation covers the background, lifecycle, physiology, assessment and the care of orphaned opossums from intake to release, including feeding and housing.  
*Linda Vivaldi*  
(Beginner Track, Vet Tech CE)

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**Mammal Physical Exam**

*Jean Chamberlain*

In this class, participants will see a video of a physical examinations on a small mammal and a bird.  
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**Capture and Restraint of Small Mammals and Birds**

*Toni O'Neil*

Learn capture, restraint, and handling techniques used to effectively work with wildlife. This class will demonstrate appropriate methods used to capture and restrain commonly encountered species in wildlife rehabilitation.  
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**Handling Wildlife Calls**

*Carla Johnson*

'My dog has brought me a baby bird.' 'I don't think the mother rabbit is feeding the young in the nest in my back yard.' 'There's a bat in my chimney.' Carla covers many of the calls frequently received by rehabilitators and vet offices.  
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**Fluid Therapy**

*Toni O'Neil*

Fluid therapy is one of the most basic initial supportive treatments which can make the difference between life and death for wildlife patients. Program participants learn to responsibly and effectively evaluate: administration of fluids, types of fluids, routes and volume of fluid administration and

monitoring the effects of fluid therapy.  
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### **Zoonosis**

*Carla Johnson*

This presentation covers the causes, modes of transmission, description of common zoonoses, symptoms of infection, and most of all, prevention.

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### **Rehabilitation of Cottontails**

*Victoria Benson, Paige Person*

This presentation covers the background, lifecycle, physiology, assessment and the care of orphaned cottontails from intake to release, including feeding and housing.

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