

## RVS Training Instructors

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### **Daron Barnes**

*(Wildlife Rehabilitation RVS Regulations)*

Daron graduated from NC State University in 1996 with a Bachelor's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences. He has been an employee of the NC Wildlife Commission for 18 years, and is currently the Section Manager over Regulated Activity Permits (RAPS) and the Human Wildlife Interactions (HWI) call center. He is responsible for endangered species permits, wildlife and fish collection licenses, captivity licenses for rehabilitation and holding, falconry licenses, controlled hunting preserves, wildlife damage control agents, special hunt opportunities, non-farmed cervid facilities, gamebird propagation licenses, taxidermy licenses and special permits. He also supervises a human wildlife interaction hotline providing assistance and technical guidance to callers regarding wildlife observations, injured wildlife, and wildlife damage.

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### **Linda Bowen**

*(Bats 101)*

Linda is licensed by CT DEEP, specializing in bats and also by USFWS to rehabilitate migratory birds, specializing in waterfowl. She works closely with CT DEEP and USFWS regarding bat populations and White Nose Syndrome and is coauthor of the nationally recognized protocol Rehabilitating Bats with White Nose Syndrome which is available for free download at [www.bats101.info](http://www.bats101.info). She authored the chapters on bats in both the NWRA Topics in Wildlife Medicine: Orthopedics and Medical Management of Wildlife Species: A Guide for Veterinary Practitioners published by Wiley-Blackwell and the section on bats in the upcoming revision of IWRC's Minimum Standards. Tabitha's Tale is her children's book about bats which is also available through her website [www.bats101.info](http://www.bats101.info). She has published articles in state and national rehabilitation journals and has lectured at several wildlife conferences in the northeast.

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### **Lisa Fosco (Elisa)**

*(Skunk Rehab, Fox Rehab)*

Lisa Fosco (Lisa) is a wildlife biologist and a licensed veterinary technician that has been rehabilitating wildlife for over 30 years. She spent several years as a home rehabilitator and has managed high volume wildlife centers across North America, including her time managing the largest rehabilitation organization in Canada. Lisa was an instructor for the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council for 14 years and has taught professional wildlife medicine and rehabilitation on 5 continents. She has also worked in the field, focusing on the re-introduction of endangered species. Lisa's most recent role was as the Director of Animal Care at Walden's Puddle Wildlife Center in Nashville Tennessee.

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**Traci Keller**

*(Bobcat Rehab)*

Traci Keller is the Wildlife Care Assistant Manager for the Lake Metroparks Wildlife Center in Kirtland, Ohio. Traci has been rehabbing a variety of native Ohio wildlife for over 20 years, providing daily care to both rehab patients and 30 resident animal ambassadors, including a Bald Eagle, various raptors, gray foxes, opossums, and variety of herps. Traci helps oversee the care of over 2500 animals that the center receives each year. Traci has specialized in Bobcat Rehabilitation, and has had much success with this species since 2013. Currently, the Lake Metroparks Wildlife Center is the only rehab facility in the state that rehabs bobcats. Traci has presented on this topic at both OWRA and IWRC symposiums in the past years.

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**Barbara Ray**

*(Raccoon Rehab)*

Barbara Ray received her Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from Ohio State University. She is currently Dublin’s Nature Education Coordinator and the Rehabilitation Director for Crows Hollow Wildlife Care. Prior to Dublin, Barbara was the Director of Education for the Ohio Wildlife Center and Animal Programs Coordinator/Trainer for the Columbus Zoo from 1989-2001. She has worked as a licensed rehabilitator and veterinary assistant from 1981-present. As an Adjunct Professor at Otterbein University, she guided the captive wildlife management and environmental interpretive curriculum for the new Zoo and Conservation Science 4 year degree program, now in its 6th year. Both past and current responsibilities include creating environmental education programs and providing animal management services and consultation in the community to design and promote habitat modification and green corridors to facilitate peaceful co-existence with wildlife.

Dublin is one of the founding partners of the Ohio Wildlife Community Cooperative, a state-wide cooperative to promote peaceful and safe coexistence with wildlife and Barbara sits on the committee to plan and implement the annual conference. She is also the Emerging Infectious Diseases and Rabies Vector Chair on the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitator’s Association Board of Directors, and created and teaches the rabies certification for the State of Ohio. She has earned numerous awards such as the Audubon Youth Service award and recognition for work in Environmental Education, animal behavior management and wildlife conservation.

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