Wildlife Rehabilitation



Introduction to <u>Wildlife Reha</u>bilitation









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What is a Wildlife Rehabilitator?

A person who obtains or works under the current required government permits and pursues ongoing training and education to engage in the practice of wildlife rehabilitation



Wildlife Rehabilitation Involves

Determining if an animal needs rehabilitation Administering first aid Taking the animal to a veterinarian Administering medication









Wildlife Rehabilitation Involves

Caring for the animal (diet, feeding, housing needs)
Cleaning, cleaning and more cleaning
Monitoring health and growth







Wildlife Rehabilitation Involves

Preparing the animal for release Releasing the animal (selecting site, time)





Wildlife Rehabilitation Involves

Arranging placement or euthanasia if not releasable Educating the public Resolving human-wildlife conflicts Acquiring/Building and repairing cages



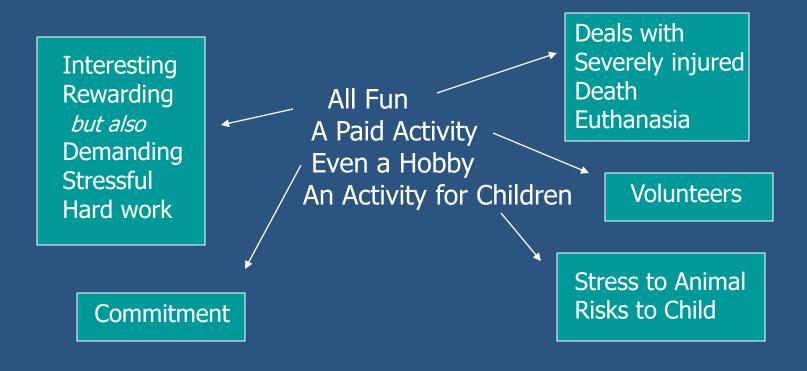




Wildlife Rehabilitation Is Not

All Fun
A Paid Activity
Even a Hobby
An Activity for Children

Wildlife Rehabilitation Is Not



Misconceptions

Loving wildlife is all that is needed to be a rehabilitator Experience with pets qualifies someone to be a rehabilitator

Other Misconceptions

Wildlife likes to be petted and loved Wildlife appreciates the help we give it

Help! I've been captured by monsters!

We are predators

Flight or Fight

Conservation withdrawal

Wild Animals are Not Pets

"Bambi syndrome"

Can you prepare your animal for a free and wild life?

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Benefits to you

Connection with wildlife and nature
Opportunity for learning about
wildlife
Satisfaction from releasing animal
back to wild
Personal way to give back to nature
Opportunity to educate others



Why do people become rehabilitators?

Humane

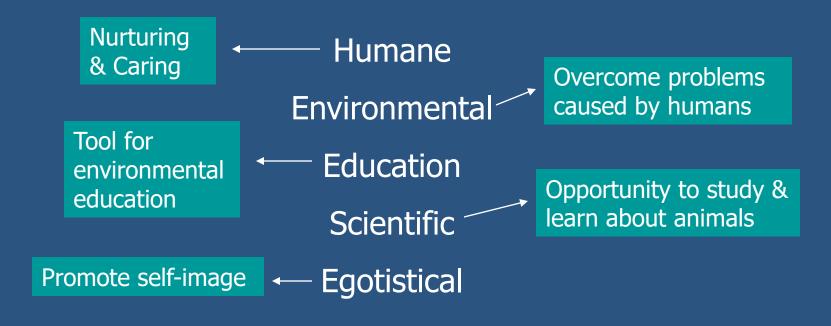
Environmental

Education

Scientific

Egotistical

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What it takes to be a rehabilitator

Time

Money

Emotion

Relationship with a veterinarian Appropriate setting

Loving animals is not enough

Stressors

Petting

Excessive handling

Lack of isolation

Frequent presence of a predator

Strange sights and sounds

Overcrowding

Stressors

Hunger and thirst

Lack of habitual food

Exposure to chemicals

Other Ways to Help?



Volunteer at a center
Education Programs
Answer phone calls
Transport

Things You Need to Know...

and will begin learning in this course

Getting Supplies & Services
Wildlife Rescue, Capture & Restraint
Natural History



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Handling Wildlife Nuisance Situations Admissions & Record Keeping Cleaning, Sanitation & Disease Transmission Zoonosis

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Caging Types & Minimum Requirements
Nutrition, Nutritional problems
Release Issues & Requirements
Euthanasia



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Euthanasia

Euthanasia is:

A good and painless death

The deliberate ending of the life of an individual suffering from an incurable or painful disease

The ultimate gift of mercy to a wild creature doomed by its injuries

Placement

Placing a non-releasable animal in permanent captivity



Considerations for placing a non-releasable animal

Type and quality of the facility

Temperament of the animal

Rarity of the species

Will the animal in captivity have psychological health, physical comforts, security, proper diet, and companionship?

Euthanasia

Criteria for methods: Ability to induce loss of consciousness and death without causing pain, anxiety, or apprehension

Pentobarbitol



Schedule II drug. Directly depresses motor cortex causing general muscle relaxation

Pentobarbitol

Advantages:

Rapid, smooth injection of unconsciousness Usually aesthetically acceptable

Disadvantages:

IV administration necessary for best results Requires DEA license High potential for human abuse

Other Acceptable Methods

Carbon Dioxide (CO2)
Cervical dislocation
Gunshot



Methods considered inhumane or unacceptable

Kill Traps

Drowning

Electrocution

Freezing

Air embolism

Cyanide

Nitrogen or argon gas

Strychnine

Acetone

Thoracic compression

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Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit

A permit, license or other written authorization issued by a federal, state, or provincial government agency authorizing the temporary possession of wildlife for the purpose of rehabilitation and eventual release back to the wild



It's the Law



All birds are federally protected except for Pigeons, Starlings and English Sparrows

It is illegal to have them in your possession



Without a permit it is illegal to

Own a mounted/stuffed songbird, bat, game or furbearing mammal

Possess orphaned birds and animals

Possess a feather of a protected species

Collect bird nests and bird eggs



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NC Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit

NC Fawn Permit

Federal Permit – Rehabilitate federally protected species

Education Permits

State & Federal Possession Permits-Possession of live migratory birds for education

State permit & USDA Licensepossession of live mammals for education

Other Permits: Salvage

Permit Application

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possession should I violate any of these regulations or the conditions listed on my license

Applicant's Signature



APPLICATION

Captivity License for Wildlife Rehabilitation Apprentice

This application is for individuals applying for a captivity license for rehabilitation that have never held this license in North Carolina or a similar license in another state. Please complete all sections of this application and return to the address listed below. Incomplete applications will be returned.

Applicant information

Mentor information -

Signature

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Make check or money order for \$12.00 payable to NCWRC. Price includes \$2.00 transaction fee as mandated by G.S. 113-270.1B.

A service charge of up to \$25 will be charged on returned checks (GS 25-3-506). Mail completed application with fee to:

NC Wildlife Resources Commission License Section 1707 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1700

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