

2018 Annual Report

Washington Wildlife Rehabilitation Association



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Supporting the science and profession of wildlife rehabilitation and its practitioners.

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Message from the President

On behalf of the Washington Wildlife Rehabilitation Association's (WWRA) Board of Directors, we are pleased to share the WWRA 2018 Annual Report.

Since 2003, WWRA has been working on behalf of wildlife rehabilitators. This member-directed organization was created to support the science and profession of wildlife rehabilitation and its practitioners. It is a labor of love by a group of busy, dedicated wildlife rehabilitators who believe that a state-wide network focused on wildlife rehabilitation offers a unique opportunity for all of us. Through conferences, trainings and social media, WWRA promotes our abilities to teach and learn from each other, to share our experiences and to connect with others working with wildlife throughout the state.

2018 was a year of growth for WWRA – the organization held a regional meeting, organized a two-day conference with local and national speakers, and developed a website to provide resources for Washington rehabilitators. The year ended with the election of new board members, giving WWRA the first full board since its founding years.

We are pleased with the opportunities WWRA had to engage with our members and conference attendees and look forward to 2019.

Sincerely,

Mike Pratt, WWRA Past President [2018]

Jenny Schlieps, WWRA Board President [2019]

Membership

Membership Overview

WWRA had 42 members in 2018, representing three of the six Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) regions. Home-based rehabilitators and rehabilitators from large centers form a vital part of WWRA's membership.

Organizational memberships

- 27 members representing 6 organizations

Family memberships

- 2 individuals representing 1 organization

Individual memberships

- 13 individuals representing 10 organizations

Lifetime memberships

- 2 individual memberships representing one organization and one national association.
- TJ's Wildlife Center and the National Wildlife Rehabilitator's Association became lifetime members in 2004, the first year WWRA offered memberships.

Regions represented

- WDFW Regions 1, 4, and 6 were represented in our membership.

Website

A new WWRA website was developed as a resource for members, providing information about continuing education (CE) opportunities, grant opportunities and wildlife health. The website allows electronic purchase or renewal of memberships, which reduces paper usage and is integrated with WWRA's Facebook page.

Regional Meeting & Annual Conference

Regional Meeting

A regional meeting was organized by WWRA and hosted by Puget Sound WildCare in Renton, WA. The meeting was an opportunity to engage with rehabilitators in a discussion-based format, focused on deer rehabilitation and challenges in rehabilitation. The meeting was well attended by 27 rehabilitators, representing 13 organizations. Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to have an open conversation about the challenges faced in animal care and to discuss different methods and solutions. A tour of Puget Sound WildCare was offered after the meeting.

Annual Conference

WWRA hosted its first two-day conference in 2018. The speakers included WDFW personnel, wildlife veterinarian, and rehabilitators, including two speakers from out of state. They presented on a variety of topics including re-nesting passerines; best practices for placing non-releasable wildlife; pain management; deer, otter, swallow, and raptor rehabilitation and; changes in Washington state rehabilitation rules. The second day was devoted to an 8-hour in-depth training on passerine rehabilitation.

The conference was attended by 51 people (44 registrants and seven speakers), representing three WDFW regions, and included rehabilitators from Idaho and Oregon.

- 32 (of 42 total) members attended the conference.
- 17 non-members attended, five of whom purchased memberships online with their registrations.
- 22 people attended both days, with 19 attending only the first day and three attending only the second day.

Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Committee

WWRA Participation

Four WWRA members, including two board members, participated in the WDFW Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (WRAC).

The 12-member WRAC was formed in May 2018 and included four members from the active wildlife rehabilitation community, four from the public, and four from the WWRA. The WRAC reviewed and proposed revisions to several Washington state wildlife rehabilitation regulations in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 220-450-060 through WAC 220-450-220. Recommendations from the committee informed the staff recommendations to the Fish and Wildlife Commission for changes. The revised regulations will be presented to the Fish and Wildlife Commission in early 2019.

Board of Directors

WWRA Board members are fully committed to and engaged with the organization. Board members attended monthly board meetings (by conference call), the regional meeting, and the annual conference. Board members volunteer their time as committee chairs and members for all aspects of the organization.

WWRA had a total of six board members in 2018. Dr. Jan White resigned in September 2018. Mike Pratt, long-time Board member and President, took leave from the Board at the end of his 2018 term for a well-deserved rest. WWRA is grateful for his leadership throughout the years.

The Nominating Committee received applications and interviewed candidates for the 2019 Board. Applicants for five open board positions were voted on by the membership.

2018 Board of Directors

President, Membership Chair

- Mike Pratt, Western Wildlife Encounters

Vice President, Nominating Co-chair

- Jan White, DVM (through September), Puget Sound WildCare

Vice President, Nominating Co-Chair

- John Huckabee, DVM, PAWS Wildlife Center

Secretary

- Stephanie Estrella, Raindancer Wild Bird Rescue

Treasurer, Conference Chair

- Emily Meredith, PAWS Wildlife Center

Board Member

- Cindy Daily, Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue

Board Member, Website

- Jenny Schlieps, Focus Wildlife

Financial Statement

2018 Finances

Program Services—Revenue		
Membership Benefits	\$1195.00	
Annual Conference	\$2510.00	
	Total	\$3905.00

Program Services—Expenses		
Membership Benefits & Website	\$542.00	
Annual Conference	\$1620.00	
Management/Administration	\$48.00	
Other (NWRA session sponsorship)	\$500.00	
	Total	\$2710.00

Washington Wildlife Rehabilitation Association [WWRA]

WWRA Mission

The Washington Wildlife Rehabilitation Association was founded in 2003 to provide a network that acts as a unified voice, support system, and educational resource for those involved in the rehabilitation of wildlife in Washington State.

Guiding Principles

The Washington Wildlife Rehabilitation Association is incorporated for the support of the science and profession of wildlife rehabilitation and its practitioners.

The purposes of the association are:

- To foster continued improvement of wildlife rehabilitation.
- To disseminate knowledge through meetings, reports, publications, symposia and other means.
- To promote educational programs, to teach natural history and explain the kinship among all living things.
- To promote cooperation between professional and governmental agencies and other groups, and the wildlife rehabilitation community.

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Board Member

- Mathew 'Tigger' Birch, LVT, Featherhaven

Board Member

- Lauren Caruso, PAWS Wildlife Center

Board Member

- Alysha Evans, Whatcom Humane Society Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Board Member

- Suzanne West, Sarvey Wildlife Center

Teach, learn, participate, share.
