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Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference

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**Welcome to the Wildlife Center of Virginia's 18th
Call of the Wild conference on wildlife rehabilitation!**

We're excited that you are able to join us for this annual event. During the past 18 years, the *Call of the Wild* conference has provided participants with an opportunity to share ideas and gain new knowledge. This year we offer these same opportunities, but with new faces, new topics, and new possibilities.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of this year's conference to network and share your ideas with your fellow conference participants. While we have a great array of topics and speakers this year, remember: some of the best conversations and learning experiences occur in between the classes! In the field of wildlife rehabilitation, there will always be room to grow - we can continuously improve our skills to provide the best possible care for our wild patients. Take advantage of this opportunity to share tips and tricks with your colleagues - there really are participants here from around the globe this year!

Please be sure to fill out your evaluation so that we can continue to meet your needs—the conference is designed for **you**. Many of the class topics you see on the schedule this year are a result of comments and recommendations from past conference evaluations.

One of the best compliments we've received from a long-time *Call of the Wild* veteran is that "this conference keeps me going and restores my energy each year." We hope you take some time to relax and recharge in this slightly slower rehab season and enjoy this excellent learning opportunity. We hope you take the knowledge you gain at the conference and the new contacts that you make and return home inspired to continue the fantastic work you do!

The Staff of the Wildlife Center of Virginia



DOOR PRIZES

A number of companies from around the country have donated door prizes for this year's conference! Each participant will receive 10 raffle tickets for each day of registration. Choose which door prize (s) you would like to win, print your name on the back of your tickets, and place them in the corresponding bag. The drawing will take place on Sunday after lunch; you need not be present to win.

Good Luck!

EXHIBIT AREA

We are delighted to have a variety of exhibitors join us this year—several non-profit wildlife organizations as well as a few vendors have tables with a variety of information, wildlife supplies, and gift items available. Get a head start on your holiday shopping!

GIVEAWAY ROOM

Don't forget to check out all of the great free rehab supplies in the board room. We are very fortunate to have received a variety of useful items from the local Wal-Mart distribution center as well as the UVA hospital; we are excited to be able to pass these goodies on to you! Help yourself to cleaning supplies, medical instruments, animal food, cages, and much more! Even better—you don't have to wait until conference time each year to load up on medical supplies. Drop us an email to find out what we have in stock, and we can ship to you. Simply pre-pay shipping costs and wait for your goodies to come to your doorstep!

CERTIFICATES OF CONFERENCE COMPLETION

Certificates for continuing education will be available **after lunch** on Saturday and Sunday at the Wildlife Center registration table. Each day of the conference is worth six hours of CE credits.

SATURDAY

7:45 am – 8:45 am: Registration (and Give-Away Room opens)

8:45 am - 9:00 am: Welcome (*Blue Ridge Ballroom*)

9:15 AM – 10:45 AM – SESSION 1

A. Small Mammal Rehabilitation — *Keeping It Wild!* (*Blue Ridge*)

From rescue to release - this session will offer basics for rehabilitating orphaned small mammals (*i.e.*, squirrels, opossums, chipmunks, and cottontails), including tips on proper nutrition, rehabilitation techniques, and housing. Wildlife rehabilitation is a process for offering care (and treatment, as needed) to orphaned native wildlife with the goal of releasing healthy animals to their natural, wild habitats. Discussion will focus on the importance of small-mammal rehab and release and how it affects larger species living in the same wild habitats. This session will offer a better understanding of the objectives of wildlife rehabilitation at intake, assessment, extended care, and release preparation. A PowerPoint presentation will be included, along with a roundtable discussion.

Lisa Stewart. Lisa.Stewart@BlackBearSolarInstitute.org

B. What's on This Bird? And How Do I Get It Off? (*Rockfish Gap/Afton*)

Few rehabilitators actually respond to large oil spills, but nearly all of us receive individual birds that are contaminated with motor oil, tar, paint, sticky traps, cooking oil, or a myriad of other substances. This presentation looks at the more common contaminants, how they affect the feathers, and how to figure out the best way to treat the bird.

Dr. Erica Miller, Erica@JFrink.com

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM - SESSION 2

Effectively Handling the Public's Wildlife Problems Over the Phone

(*Rockfish Gap/Afton Room*)

Many rehabilitators receive panicked calls from the public about orphaned, injured, or “nuisance” wildlife, and such calls can consume much time and emotional energy. However, you can often solve the problem (or rescue the animal) within a few minutes’ time. The trick is to properly diagnose the problem over the phone - many callers don’t know what they’re seeing! - and then give timely advice which resolves the problem and matches the caller’s capabilities and tolerance. It may be an animal problem you’re handling, but usually it’s the human behavior that needs to be fixed. This interactive presentation will give you psychological and technical tips for

handling wildlife dilemma calls in a time-efficient and successful manner, and will help reduce your intakes to only those animals that truly need your care. This presentation is based on our experience running a public assistance wildlife hotline for 20 years.

Laura J. Simon, lsimon@humanesociety.org

B. The Skinny on Skinny (*Blue Ridge Ballroom*)

In this lecture, we will discuss how to decide if your patients are too skinny (i.e. emaciated) and then what to do about it. Normal nutrition and gastrointestinal anatomy and physiology will be used as a framework for understanding how you should intercede and try to return this animal to normal body condition. You should be warned that math will also be discussed.

Dr. Rich Sim, rsim@wildlifecenter.org

LUNCH AND NETWORKING 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM – SESSION 3

A. Wildlife Caging Solutions For the Backyard and Beyond (*Blue Ridge*)

Reviewing the latest Raptor Trust caging project, this presentation shows the ins and outs of one method of constructing quality wildlife enclosures. Emphasizing lessons on carpentry for non-carpenters, we will examine basic building principles that allow for versatile purposing and easy customization to meet the needs of the diversity of species in your care. And with a mindfulness of the budgetary limitations facing smaller and/or start-up operations, this step-by-step process makes high-end caging an accessible reality for any rehabilitator. *Ben Montgomery*, benmont@verizon.net

B. Training 101 (*Rockfish Gap/Afton Room*)

Come prepared for an engaging and fun presentation on Operant Conditioning. Operant Conditioning is used to train birds to step on a scale, dolphins to jump high in the air, or your husband to take out the trash. We will discuss some of the terms used, why it works, and how it is applied. Come prepared to have fun and participate.

Gail Buhl, gailbuhl@umn.edu

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM – SESSION 4

A. How Ready is Ready? (*Rockfish Gap/Afton Room*)

This interactive discussion addresses options for preparing our patients (avian, mammalian and reptilian) for release, as well as evaluating their ability to survive post-release. Physical condition, behavior, and proper caging are all key in an animal's full recovery. Come prepared to ask questions and discuss options!

Dr. Erica Miller, Erica@JFrink.com and Diane Nickerson, dnickerson@mercercounty.org

B. Triage and Initial Stabilization: The First Steps Toward Treatment

(Blue Ridge Ballroom)

This lecture and lab will provide an overview of how to perform your initial patient assessments through physical examinations. See some of the most common injuries in wildlife patients and learn what can be done early on to help jump-start treatment. Learn some cues to identify which conditions are life-threatening in your wild patients and which are treatable. The lab portion of the class will enable participants to acquire the basic skills of fracture stabilization.

Dr. Kristin Britton, kbritton@wildlifecenter.org

SUNDAY

7:45 am– 8:30 am: Registration

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM – SESSION 1

A. Wildlife Rehabilitation, African Style *(Blue Ridge Ballroom)*

This session will provide an overview of FreeMe Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre's work in South Africa. Discussion will include some special and unique African wildlife cases, projects of the Centre, and specific challenges we face in Southern Africa.

Nicci Wright, nicci.wright50@gmail.com

B. CWR: What It Is and Why You Should Become a Certified Wildlife Rehabilitator *(Rockfish Gap/Afton Room)*

In a rapidly changing and still developing field, what can you do to help your professional development? Consider becoming a Certified Wildlife Rehabilitator (CWR) through the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council. This session will explain what the CWR program entails, why it is beneficial to rehabilitators, and preparation for taking the certification exam. Additionally, we'll discuss some elements of continuing education, and how to choose CE courses to help keep your certification current.

Amber Dedrick, adedrick@wildlifecenter.org and Dr. Kelli Knight, kknight@wildlifecenter.org

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM – SESSION 2

A. The Fostering Alternative (Working Smarter, Not Harder) *(Blue Ridge Ballroom)*

We all know that a wild mother does the best job. Why try to beat them – join them. This will be a discussion about different ideas utilized at one center in New Jersey. Bring your questions and ideas.

Diane Nickerson, dnickerson@mercercounty.org

B. Training for Rehabilitation (*Rockfish Gap/Afton Room*)

How can Operant Conditioning (training) help you when you are rehabilitating wildlife? This presentation will show how Operant Conditioning techniques can be applied in the rehabilitation setting to reduce stress and increase normal behaviors while animals are in different stages of recovery. The presentation will showcase several species, but will be opened up to discuss other animals in rehabilitation that would benefit. Attending Training 101 is not required, but would be beneficial for this presentation.

Gail Buhl, gailbuhl@umn.edu

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM – SESSION 3

A. The Reuniting Alternative (*Blue Ridge Ballroom*)

If a healthy young wild animal becomes separated from its family, most wildlife rehabilitators agree about the importance of reuniting, even after a separation of several days. But many wildlife rehabilitators are uncertain about which species can be reunited, exactly how to reunite, and how to evaluate each individual case to decide whether or not reuniting will be successful. The purpose of this presentation is to provide basic tools for making good decisions about reuniting birds and mammals of many different species, and above all to encourage wildlife rehabilitators to make reuniting a top priority.

Anne Miller, amiller_1@bellsouth.net

Infectious Disease Management in Raccoon Rehabilitation (*Rockfish*

Gap/Afton Room)

Infectious diseases are among the greatest challenges facing rehabilitators. Management requires a multifaceted approach to reduce morbidity and mortality. Topics that will be discussed include the pathophysiology of parvovirus and canine distemper, current theory in vaccination protocol, and the treatment of patients with parvovirus.

Karen Bailey_

LUNCH AND NETWORKING 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM – SESSION 4

When Putty Tats Attack: An Update on Free-ranging Cats vs Wildlife (*Rockfish Gap/Afton Room*)

In the last several years, there have been a lot of new studies and articles published on the impact of free-ranging domestic cats on wildlife. This talk will summarize the information important for wildlife rehabilitators and also discuss the results of an 11-year retrospective study on cat-associated wildlife patient admissions to the Wildlife Center of Virginia.

Dr. Dave McRuer, dmcruer@wildlifecenter.org

B. Life History and Ecology of Virginia's Turtles (*Blue Ridge Ballroom*)
This session will focus on general ecological information on the freshwater and terrestrial turtles that inhabit Virginia.

John (J.D.) Kleopfer, john.kleopfer@dgif.virginia.gov

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM – SESSION 5

A. GIVING VOICE: LEARNING TO SPEAK FOR WILDLIFE THROUGH POETRY (*ROCKFISH*

GAP/AFTON ROOM)

THIS INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP WILL EXPLORE POETRY AS A MEDIUM FOR FINDING YOUR 'AUTHENTIC VOICE' AND USING IT TO INSPIRE SUPPORT FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION. YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT POETRY AS AN APPROACH TO SHIFTING PEOPLE'S BELIEFS AND BEHAVIORS – I.E., CREATING PERSONAL AND CULTURAL CHANGE. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE VARIOUS TECHNIQUES FOR FINDING YOUR 'PERSONAL MESSAGE' WITHIN, AND SHARING IT WITH THE WORLD. NOTE: PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE SIGNED COPIES OF "WILD LIFE: NEW AND SELECTED POEMS" FROM JAMIE K. REASER, THE AUTHOR/INSTRUCTOR (\$2/BOOK WILL BE DONATED TO THE WCV). ALTERNATELY, YOU CAN BUY COPIES OF ANY OF JAMIE'S BOOKS IN ADVANCE OF THE WORKSHOP AND BRING THEM WITH YOU TO HAVE THEM SIGNED. SEE:

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DR. JAMIE K. REASER, ECOS@NELSONCABLE.COM

WHAT I KNOW NOW THAT I DIDN'T KNOW THEN: A DISCUSSION ON MEDICATION USE IN WILDLIFE (*BLUE RIDGE BALLROOM*)

THIS INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION WILL FOCUS ON ANTIBIOTICS, PAIN MEDICATIONS, AND FLUID THERAPY IN WILDLIFE. THERE IS SOMETHING NEW FOR EVERYONE IN THIS TALK, WHETHER YOU ARE A NOVICE, OR A SEASONED WILDLIFE REHABILITATOR.

DR. MIRANDA SADAR, MIRANDA.SADAR@GMAIL.COM

SPEAKERS

KAREN BAILEY , FOUNDER OF KENTUCKY WILDLIFE CENTER, INC., RECEIVED HER MASTERS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) FROM VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY. SHE IS A LICENSED WILDLIFE REHABILITATOR WITH THE KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND A CERTIFIED WILDLIFE REHABILITATOR (CWR) WITH THE INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REHABILITATION COUNCIL.

SHE IS ALSO CERTIFIED IN THE EDUCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS, *PROJECT WILD* AND *FLYING WILD*.

DR. KRISTIN BRITTON IS ORIGINALLY FROM BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA. SHE RECEIVED HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MARINE SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, HILO IN 2003 WHERE SHE STUDIED HAWAIIAN GREEN SEA TURTLES. AFTER FIVE YEARS OF WORKING WITH ANIMALS AND VETERINARIANS IN HAWAII AND GEORGIA, DR. KRISTIN ATTENDED ROSS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE WHERE SHE RECEIVED HER DEGREE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE. WHILE AT ROSS UNIVERSITY SHE ALSO WORKED WITH THE ST. KITTS SEA TURTLE MONITORING NETWORK, STUDYING LEATHERBACK SEA TURTLES AND OTHER NATIVE SEA TURTLE SPECIES. DURING HER SCHOOLING DR. KRISTIN WAS FORTUNATE TO HAVE EXPERIENCES AT THE ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER, GEORGIA SEA TURTLE CENTER, SEA WORLD, AND THE DENVER ZOO. AFTER VETERINARY SCHOOL DR. KRISTIN COMPLETED A SMALL-ANIMAL ROTATING INTERNSHIP AT THE ANIMAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL CENTER IN TORRANCE, CA. DR. KRISTIN JOINED THE WILDLIFE CENTER TEAM IN JULY 2013 FOR A ONE-YEAR VETERINARY INTERNSHIP. HER ROLE AT THE WILDLIFE CENTER OF VIRGINIA INCLUDES CLINICAL VETERINARY CARE OF SICK AND INJURED WILDLIFE AS WELL AS HELPING EDUCATE VETERINARY STUDENTS AND TECHNICIANS ABOUT WILDLIFE MEDICINE. SHE PLANS TO CONTINUE HER TRAINING IN MARINE AND WILDLIFE MEDICINE BY PURSUING A RESIDENCY IN ZOOLOGICAL AND WILDLIFE MEDICINE.

GAIL BUHL HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH WILDLIFE REHABILITATION AND TRAINING WILDLIFE FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS IN MINNESOTA. SHE RECEIVED FORMAL AND INFORMAL TRAINING IN OPERANT CONDITIONING AT THE MINNESOTA ZOO WORLD OF BIRDS SHOW OVER THE COURSE OF EIGHT YEARS. CURRENTLY, GAIL IS THE EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER AT THE RAPTOR CENTER (TRC) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA. TRC HAS A COLLECTION OF 32 RAPTORS THAT WORK IN APPROXIMATELY 1,000 PROGRAMS PER YEAR.

Amber Dedrick grew up in small-town Minnesota and attended the University of Minnesota. She graduated in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in fisheries, wildlife, and conservation biology. Amber began her wildlife rehabilitation career at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota before briefly working at The Raptor Center. Other past experience includes working with non-human primates, working as a naturalist educator, and studying tigers in Thailand. In early 2011, Amber began working at the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center in Boyce, and then joined the Wildlife Center of Virginia staff in October 2011. As a wildlife rehabilitator at the Wildlife Center, Amber oversees the animal care program. She trains students on rehabilitation techniques, ensures patients receive proper nutrition and housing, provides care to staff-only animals, and generally moves patients through the rehabilitation process and ensures that they are ready for release. In 2013, Amber became a Certified Wildlife Rehabilitator after passing the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council's certification program. As of 2013, there are fewer than 100 certified wildlife rehabilitators in the world.

John (J.D.) Kleopfer was born and raised in Newport News, Virginia. He attended Christopher Newport University where he received a B.S. in biology and M.S. in environmental science. As a graduate student, he investigated the effects of the non-native red-eared slider and the resulting intergradation with the native yellow-bellied slider. From 1990-2000, J.D. was employed as the curator of aquariums and herpetology for the Virginia Living Museum. In 2000, he moved to Grand Junction, Colorado to work for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 2005, J.D. returned to Virginia as a herpetologist for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Dr. Kelli Knight is a native Virginian from Newport News. She graduated from Virginia Tech cum laude with a B.S. in biochemistry in 1992 and from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine (VMRCVM) with a D.V.M. in 1996. During her senior year of vet school, Kelli rotated through the Wildlife Center of Virginia as a veterinary extern and loved working with wildlife. After graduation she took a job as a small-animal veterinarian and over the years practiced in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland. Needing a new challenge, Kelli had a mid-life career crisis and returned to the Wildlife Center for an animal care preceptorship (externship) in 2011. She found her calling in wildlife rehabilitation and continued her training by completing a six-month rehabilitation internship at the Wildlife Center in 2012. When a staff wildlife rehabilitator position became available, Kelli jumped at the chance to work in this field. Every day at the Center, she enjoys helping orphaned and injured wildlife prepare for their release back to the wild. Whether she is tube-feeding cottontails, exercising screech-owls or restraining an eagle, she is thankful for the opportunity to work with such amazing animals. In 2013, Kelli became a Certified Wildlife Rehabilitator after passing the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council's certification program.

Dr. Dave McRuer is from the small rural community of East Gore, Nova Scotia Canada. He obtained a B.Sc. in biology at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick (1999), and then a M.Sc. in ecology and evolutionary biology from Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario (2001). From 2001-2005, Dr. Dave attended the Atlantic Veterinary College and acquired his veterinary degree. After graduating, he went west to conduct an internship in zoological medicine, exotics, and wildlife at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (2005-2006). Dr. Dave then traveled east (August 2006) to become the veterinary resident in preventative medicine at the Wildlife Center of Virginia. Dr. Dave became a Diplomat in the American College of Veterinary Preventative Medicine in August 2009. Since 2008, Dr. Dave has served as the Center's director of veterinary services, where he trains veterinarians and veterinary students in wildlife and conservation medicine. He is responsible for overseeing the teaching hospital, supervising the creation of an innovative software program designed to monitor trends in wildlife health (WILD-ONE), and treats and supervises treatment on native wildlife. Dr. Dave is also an adjunct faculty member at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

Anne Miller founded Alabama's first wildlife rehabilitation program in 1977 as an all-volunteer, home-based organization. During her 30 years of leadership, the organization grew to become the Alabama Wildlife Center at Oak Mountain State Park, near Birmingham, Alabama, caring for more than 2,500 animals of more than 100 species annually. Anne retired as executive director in 2008, and is currently leading a campaign to establish national standards and protocols for reuniting wildlife. Her publications include *Calls of the Wild: Using Recorded Calls and Other Tools to Reunite Juvenile and Adult Raptors*.

Dr. Erica Miller received a B.S. in zoology and DVM from Oklahoma State University. Her teaching experience includes a staff position teaching clinical surgery at Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine, and adjunct faculty positions in wildlife medicine at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine and The University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. As a wildlife rehabilitator, Dr. Miller was staff veterinarian at Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Illinois, director of rehabilitation at the Outer Banks Wildlife Shelter in North Carolina, locum veterinarian for PAWS Wildlife Center in Lynnwood, WA, and the staff veterinarian at Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research, Inc. (TSBRR) in Newark, Delaware for 19 years. She is presently a consulting vet for TSBRR, Mercer County Wildlife Center, and the Brandywine Zoo, and

works part-time for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Fish & Wildlife Office of Wildlife Health & Forensics. She serves on the Endangered and Non-game Species Advisory Committee and the Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Committee for the state of New Jersey, and the Scientific Advisory Committee for the Oiled Wildlife Care Network of California. Dr. Miller served on the Board of Directors for NWRA for 16 years. She lives in both Delaware and Pennsylvania with her husband (the infamous folk singer John Frink) and Ben the wonderdog.

In 2001, **Ben Montgomery** took a summer job at The Raptor Trust. At the time, all he wanted was to be outdoors doing physical work, but Ben soon found himself totally tuned into all aspects of animal care, non-profit work, and community involvement. Ben volunteered for the Trust while interning at the Philadelphia Zoo in 2002, earning a BA in ecology at Wheaton College in 2004, and working at an environmental remediation firm. In 2006, and appropriately, on Thanksgiving, the Trust offered a full-time opportunity, and Ben eagerly accepted a 40 percent pay cut and a 100-percent workload increase. Since then, he has been responsible for many of the Trust's non-medical operations, including building and maintaining the aviaries, managing food and non-medical supplies, providing site tours, and conducting off-site raptor rescues. In 2010, Ben earned a master's degree in science education from Farleigh Dickinson University (NJ) and has since added public outreach and raptor education presentations to his bag of tricks. Ben has attended a number of national and state conferences in the past two years and has enjoyed the privilege of speaking at several of them. Ben is looking forward to participating in future events and being involved in the wildlife rehabilitation community.

After **Diane Nickerson** graduated from Temple University in Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing and management, she spent the next ten years in the insurance industry. Diane became the director of the Mercer County Wildlife Center in New Jersey in 1994. The Mercer County Wildlife Center handles approximately 2,300 patients, 12,000 incoming telephone calls, and 200 community outreach education programs each year. In addition to work at MCWC, Diane currently serves as the secretary of the board of directors for the New Jersey Association of Wildlife Rehabilitators. She also serves on the legislative affairs and conference committees for NJAWR. Diane is a past member of the board of directors for National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, a former vice-president of that organization, and chair of the Education Committee and serves as a member of the Conference, Nominating, Planning and Publications Committees.

Dr. Jamie K. Reaser began volunteering for the Wildlife Center of Virginia thirty years ago, when she was just fifteen. She is a conservation ecologist and ecopsychologist with a doctorate in biology (Stanford University), B.S. in field biology (College of William and Mary), and trainer and master practitioner certified in the field of psychology known as Neuro-linguistic Programming (NLP). Jamie directs an environmental consulting company (www.jamiekreaserconsulting.blogspot.com) and also has a life coaching practice known as Transformational Counseling (www.jamiekreaser.com). She is the author of more than 100 publications (her books can be found at www.hiraethpress.com) and serves on numerous organizational boards and committees, including as the chair of the Wildlife Center of Virginia's Scientific Advisory Committee. Jamie makes her home on an 85-acre farm in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. The workshop she is instructing this year will focus on using poetry as a medium for speaking on behalf of wildlife. Her poetry can be found at the Talking Waters blog (<http://www.talkingwaters-poetry.blogspot.com>) and on Facebook at 'Talking Waters.'

Dr. Miranda Sadar completed her veterinary training at Colorado State University. After graduation, she picked up everything she owned, including her cat, and moved to Saskatchewan, Canada for an internship in Exotics/Wildlife/Zoo. After freezing her butt off for a year, she moved across the country to Virginia for the fellowship position at the Wildlife Center of Virginia. After two years of high humidity, she moved across the country (again, her poor cat) for a residency in zoological medicine in California. Her residency focuses on companion zoological animals (birds, reptiles, rabbits, rodents, etc.), but she still works with wildlife and zoo animals as well.

Dr. Rich Sim was raised in Wisconsin. He obtained a B.A. in biology at Cornell University in 2001. From 2001-2004, field work in behavioral and conservation research with wildlife, primarily passerines and raptors, took him to Costa Rica, Hawaii, New Mexico, and Colorado. Dr. Rich worked at a small-animal veterinary clinic in Bethesda, Maryland for one year and then attended the University of Wisconsin's School of Veterinary Medicine from 2005-2009. After graduating, he began a small-animal rotating internship in the Chicago area from 2010-2011. From 2011-2012, he was the veterinary intern at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. In July 2012, Dr. Rich became the veterinary fellow at the Wildlife Center in Virginia. His two-year position at Wildlife Center focuses on evaluating native wildlife's health and making decisions about whether they can ultimately be released.

Dr. Rich uses many of the skills that he learned previously at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore to take care of these animals, but his position at the Wildlife Center also requires a heavy emphasis on teaching other veterinarians, students, and rehabilitators about the care of the animals. In this way, the mission of the Wildlife Center of Virginia extends past its doors and reaches out throughout Virginia - and beyond.

Laura Simon currently works as the wildlife ecologist for the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). She ran a wildlife hotline for 18 years and has conducted dozens of training workshops to help individuals, businesses and communities resolve a variety of wildlife issues. Laura is also the president of the Connecticut Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, and in this role helped her state create and implement a model rabies-vector species rehabilitation program. Her special expertise in resolving skunk issues led to a guest appearance on the Ellen Degeneres show and was the basis for the popular children's book, *One Smart Skunk*. Laura also serves on the board of Reunite Wildlife, Inc and is very involved in promoting best practices in reuniting and wild-fostering.

Lisa Stewart has been a wildlife rehabilitator for more than 20 years. She holds wildlife rehabilitation and education permits from the state of Tennessee and has conducted educational outreach programs extensively. Lisa has cared for thousands of orphaned mammals (squirrels, opossums, bunnies, chipmunks, foxes, flying squirrels, etc.) over the decades. She dedicated nine years specifically to black bear rehabilitation; she was the sole caretaker of 133 orphaned and/or injured black bear cubs from seven southeastern states. Lisa is currently the VP/executive director of Black Bear Solar Institute, where her educational outreach on environmental and wildlife issues continues from a public center in Townsend, Tennessee. She has a legal background that has proved useful in her representation on City boards; she was formerly a City Planning Commissioner for Townsend and currently serves on the Board of Zoning Appeals. She lives with her husband Mike and their "furry" children in Townsend.

Nicci Wright was born in Ndola, Zambia where she had an idyllic African bush childhood. She was surrounded by animals and exposed to wildlife from an early age, which led to her later volunteering at veterinary clinics and wildlife organisations. Her formal rehabilitation work began in 1998 at FreeMe where Nicci is now senior animal manager, overseeing all aspects of the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of the indigenous mammals, birds, and reptiles admitted. Other work includes assisting in compiling the South African Wildlife Rehabilitation Standards, serving as a director of the African Pangolin Working Group board (International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) -Species Survival Commission Pangolin Specialist Group), and as a member of the IUCN-SSC Otter Specialist Group.

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