



# NYSWRC Conference Announcement & Registration Form

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## Seminar 2008

**NEW YORK STATE WILDLIFE REHABILITATION COUNCIL  
28th ANNUAL SEMINAR  
Specialty Workshops, Labs, NYS DEC Exams, General Lectures**

**October 23-26, 2008  
Grand Island Holiday Inn & Conference Center  
Grand Island (Niagara Falls), NY**

**Early Bird Registration by:  
September 25, 2008**



**Attendees: Wildlife Rehabilitators, Nuisance Wildlife Control Officers, Veterinary Technicians,  
and those who want to become more involved with wildlife care**

**About NYSWRC:**

The New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation Council is a not-for-profit statewide membership-based organization. Our primary goal is to promote professionalism in the field of wildlife rehabilitation and to provide wildlife rehabilitators with educational and technical support. NYSWRC encourages a strong network within New York and across the country. NYSWRC is the oldest statewide organization in the United States and has gained national recognition for its many accomplishments. NYSWRC also serves as a liaison to government agencies working with wildlife and publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Release*. We welcome you as members. Conference attendees will automatically become members. Or, you can join as well; simply fill out the membership form inside on p. 6.

**About the Speakers:**

The 28th Annual Seminar will feature many wildlife professionals, veterinarians and rehabilitators who are experts in their topics. It will be an exciting and educational program!

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### Conference Location:

Offered in the Western part of NYS, the conference takes place at the **Holiday Inn Grand Island Resort and Conference Ctr.** in Grand Island, NY (on the Niagara River) Indoor Pool, Fitness Ctr. Restaurants, Gift Shop, and Golf Course

### Airport Services:

The nearest airport is Buffalo-Niagara International which is serviced by many airlines.

Taxi service from the airport may be arranged with Ed's Taxi at (716) 628-3989 for a cost of \$45. each way.

**Vendors/NYSWRC store:** Shopping opportunities abound.

**Field Trip:** Hawk Creek Wildlife Center's Open House, Friday PM

**Network:** Meet colleagues, friends, and specialists.

**Questions: (518) 582-3655** or email: Nisseq@aol.com

**Early Bird Registration** Saves \$\$ . Late Fee of \$15. applies after Sept. 25 or if registering at the door.

**NYSWRC website: <http://www.NYSWRC.org>**

## The Program:

**NYSWRC is proud to bring you the very best instructors presenting timely topics that have been requested by our members.** General sessions take place Friday through Sunday. Your registration fee allows attendance at any of the course lectures offered in any track during these concurrent sessions. Specialty workshops or labs require pre-registration and have additional fees. Learn the most up-to-date techniques from our highly qualified speakers.

**Our speakers** are affiliated with many organizations located throughout the country, including: NYSWRC; NY State & Federal Government, Fox Wood Wildlife Rescue, NY; Recovery Wing, CT; National Opossum Society, Baier Veterinary Services, CO; ACES, CO; Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research, DE; Erie Co SPCA, NY; Southern Tier Wildlife, NY; Field of Dreams, NY; Turtle Rescue of NJ, NJ; Ohio Wildlife Center, OH; Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, NY; Piedmont Wildlife Center Clinic, NC; Wildlife Alive, NY; Canisius College, NY; Mercer County Wildlife Center, NJ; Messinger Woods Wildlife Care & Education Center, NY; Bless the Beasts Wildlife Center, NY; Buffalo Audubon Society & Buffalo Ornithological Society, NY; Kindred Kingdoms Wildlife Rehabilitation, NY; Orchard Park Veterinary Medical Center, NY; Seneca Animal Hospital, NY; Broadway Animal Hospital, NY; World Conservation Society, NY

Please be aware that some workshops will include lab work handling dead animals so that you may gain valuable hands-on experience while under the supervision of experts. As in all rehabilitation, there are inherent risks involved with handling wildlife, dead or alive. NYSWRC will provide latex gloves and surgical masks, but if you feel the need you may provide your own additional safety equipment during the seminar. Anyone with latex allergies should provide their own gloves.

**Numerous General Sessions:** These are open to all, no special signup, no additional fee, just walk in and enjoy. Your general registration fee is your ticket to these terrific educational experiences.

**Specialty Courses & Workshops:** (Pre-Registration and extra fee required.) Chemical Immobilization & Capture, Rabies Vector Species, Animal Basic Care, Mammal & Avian Necropsy, Songbird Splinting, Leg Splints for Deer, Field Trip to Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Wound Management, Mammal Fracture Repair, Fluid Therapy, Turtle Rehabilitation, Emergency Response for Oil Spill Training.

**NYS DEC Exams:** Pre-Registration Required with both NYSWRC and DEC

### Halloween Costume Party:

Come as you are, or dress in your favorite animal costume. Enjoy musical entertainment and games.

### Auction/Raffles:

The auction and raffles will be bigger and better than ever. You can help. Participate by donating items to the event. Anything and everything is welcome: T-shirts, mugs, artwork, medical supplies, animal equipment, crates, cages, etc. We use it all. Prepare for bargains--prepare for fun.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers are needed to act as room monitors. You will keep track of attendance, introduce speakers, watch the time and be a general assistant. Check the box on the registration form if you'd like to help us.

### Scholarships:

See Summer 2008 NYSWRC member newsletter, *Release*. Questions regarding scholarships can be addressed to Steven Freiman, PO Box 62, Newcomb, NY 12852 or you may call Steve at (518) 582-3655.

## Tentative Program Schedule

A comprehensive Seminar 2008 Program, including all course descriptions and speaker bios, will be provided at the seminar. Classes are taught by veterinarians and experienced rehabilitators. This partial listing is provided to pique your interest.

\*Workshops & Labs require pre-registration and an additional fee.  
All lectures are open to everyone, and are covered by the general registration fee.

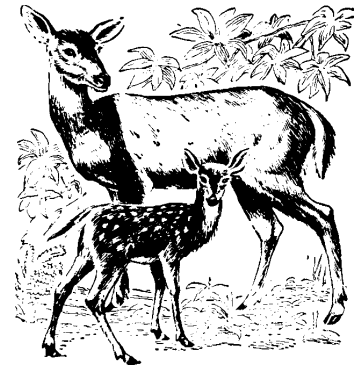
### Thursday:

\*Chemical Capture, a full day workshop led by Jeff Baier, DVM representing ACES. *See p. 5*

### Friday:

\*Rabies Vector Species Training - full day class, prerequisite to RVS license - NYSWRC & DEC  
\*Animal Basic Care - full day course for beginning rehabilitators - NYSWRC

AM Emergency Care of Large Mammals - Patrice Ferguson  
Fawns from Birth to Release - Tabitha Fierro  
Adult Whitetail Deer - Patrice Ferguson  
\*Turtle Rehabilitation Workshop - Harriet Forrester,  
Dr. Jeff Baier, Dr. Karen Moran  
\*Songbird Splinting - Dr. Erica Miller, Diane Nickerson



PM \*Leg Splints for Deer - Patrice Ferguson, Tabitha Fierro  
Medical Management of Tree Squirrels - Lisa Fosco  
Clinical Implications of Reptile Physiology - Dr. Jeff Baier  
General Loon (*Gavia* sp.) Rehabilitation - Sarah Tegtmeier  
Release Readiment - Dr. Erica Miller, Diane Nickerson, Harriet Forrester  
Avian & Mammal Necropsy Lecture - Dr. Jeff Baier  
\*Hawk Creek Field Trip - Loretta Jones, Matt Zymanek

Owl Prowl - Chuck Rosenburg

Dinner & Costume Party  
with music by *Gregg Juke and the Mighty No-Stars Blues Band*



### Saturday:

AM Keynote Lecture: Wildlife Rehabilitation; The Next Generation - John Satta  
Wound Management Lecture - Dr. Laura Wade  
Wildlife Gadgets - Jean Soprano  
Parasitology for Wildlife - Dr. Erica Miller  
Eastern Coyote; Friend or Foe? - Elise Able  
Captive Rearing of Eastern Cottontail Rabbits - Lisa Fosco  
Introduction to the Rehabilitation of the Family Mustelidae - Elise Able  
A Virtual Tour of Messinger Woods - Mike Olek  
Digital Photography for Wildlife Rehabilitators and Wildlife Watchers - Wendi Pencille  
\*Mammal Necropsy Lab - Dr. Jeff Baier, Patty Walsh  
\*Songbird Splinting - Dr. Cheryl Hoggard, Diane Nickerson

PM Basic Songbird Care - Jayne Amico  
Washing a Bird? How to Get that Stuff Off the First Time - Sarah Tegtmeier  
Virginia Opossum: Orphan Care and Beyond - P. Arms, J. Hughlett, P. Wallace  
Natural History & Care of Woodchucks - Lisa Fosco  
Mammal Fracture Repair Lecture - Dr. Cheryl Hoggard  
\*Wound Management Lab - Dr. Laura Wade, Mike Olek  
Medical Math (limited class size, bring calculator) - Diane Nickerson  
Cage Enrichment - Judy Seiler  
Cedar Waxwing Rehabilitation - Jayne Amico



## Tentative Program Schedule

\* Pre-registration required

### Saturday, continued:

PM General Pharmacology for Wildlife Rehabilitators - Lisa Fosco  
Recognizing Common Diseases of the Virginia Opossum - Paula Arms, J. Hughlett, P. Wallace  
\*Avian Necropsy Lab - Dr. Jeff Baier, Patty Walsh  
\*Mammal Fracture Workshop - Dr. Cheryl Hoggard, Dr. Karen Moran  
Bear Rehabilitation - Jean Soprano  
Physiotherapy for Wildlife - Denise Testa  
Reptile Session - Kathy Michell

Annual Dinner, Veterinarian of the Year Award,  
Annual Meeting and Silent Auction & Raffle



### Sunday

AM Morning Address - Barbara Carr, Director SPCA Serving Erie County  
Communication in Birds; Songs, Calls, and Non-vocal Sounds - Sara Morris  
Barn Swallow Rehabilitation - Jayne Amico  
The Mystery of Bird Migration - Sara Morris  
Antibiotic Use in Wildlife; What Little We Know - Dr. Carl Tomaschke  
Steroidal and Non Steroidal Treatments for Trauma - Dr. Cheryl Hoggard  
Vaccinations for Wildlife; Yes, No, Maybe? - Dr. Carl Tomaschke  
Understanding Raptor Behavior - Lisa Fosco  
Emaciation Protocols - Dr. Laura Wade  
Great Horned Owls; Natural History and Rehabilitation Considerations - Lisa Fosco  
Fluid Therapy Lecture - Dr. Jeff Baier  
\*Fluid Therapy Lab - Dr. Jeff Baier, Diane Nickerson  
DEC Exams

all day: \*Oil Spill Workshop - Tri State Bird Rescue & Research staff (held at nearby Erie Co. SPCA)



### NYS DEC Exams & RVS Course Details

You must register with DEC by calling the numbers below.  
Time will be allowed for you to take multiple exams.

**The NYS Nuisance Wildlife Control Officer Exam** will be offered on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 9:00 AM. There is no cost to take the exam. You may order the study material (\$25.), or it is also available on line at (<http://nwco.net>) at no cost. If you pass the exam, you will be sent a certificate and an application to apply for a Nuisance Wildlife Control License, fee \$50. For more information or to order the study books, contact Paul Stringer at NYS DEC Special Licenses at (518) 402-8982.

**The NYS Wildlife Rehabilitation Exam** will also be given on Sunday at 9:00 AM. This exam requires the applicant to submit an application, with two written character references attached, to register by calling DEC at (518) 402-8985 Study materials are available and cost \$15; request them from DEC.

### Rabies Vector Species Training - Friday, 8:30-5:00

This all day course is offered by NYS DEC and NYSWRC. It is required for anyone considering working with RVS animals. You must be registered and are expected to attend the entire class. You will be asked to sign in and out. This course is a prerequisite to obtaining your RVS license. Instructors will also explain the vaccination and inspection process. Instructors: NYS DEC, NYS Dept. of Health, NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets, and NYSWRC Cost: Free if attending full conference, or \$40. if this is all you are taking.

### **Chemical Immobilization & Capture - Thursday**

Dr. Jeff Baier represents Animal Care, Equipment & Services, Inc. (ACES), Boulder, CO.

This eight hour course is an excellent beginning for **rehabilitators, humane workers and animal control officers** who are interested in becoming skilled at chemical capture. Course lecture is supplemented by a manual, instructional videotapes of real-life captures, and by field practice with equipment and targeting.

Cost: \$149., includes lunch.

#### **Choosing Chemical Capture**

Learn the correct method for each situation, equipment, training protocols, legal liability issues

#### **Preparing for the Capture**

Animal behavior, assessing environmental conditions, evaluating site options, analyzing dart impact, practicing the commandments of chemical immobilization, completing the report forms

#### **Understanding Pharmacology**

How to mix "cocktails," determine correct dosages, estimate an animal's weight, etc.

#### **Using Appropriate Equipment**

Equipment options, including poles, syringes, blowpipes, and power projectors

#### **Field Practice**

Handle each type of equipment, practice with blowpipes and gun-type projectors, load syringes

An attendance certificate will be issued at the completion of the course.

### **Animal Basic Care - Friday**

Animal Basic Care is designed for beginning rehabilitators and those who feel the need for more hands-on experience. The full day course includes lectures, hands-on with animal carcasses, an extensive NWRA manual, and a starter medical kit. *Instructors:* NYSWRC rehabilitators

Cost: \$95. which includes the NWRA manual, kit and NYSWRC attendance certificate.

### **Rabies Vector Species Training - Friday (See p. 4)**

### **Emergency Response for Oil Spills Workshop - Sunday**

This hands-on certificate course will take place at the nearby Erie Co. SPCA and includes lectures, medical lab and washing lab. Waterfowl carcasses will be handled.

NY rehabilitators can be placed on the NYS DEC listing as oil spill trained after completing this course. Our instructors come from the world's finest, Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research in DE. They include Dr. Erica Miller, Sarah Tegtmeier, Katie Battaglia and Diane Nickerson. Box lunch is included in your fee of \$65.



Flyer Artwork by Arlene Santonas

### **Policies:**

You do not have to register for the entire conference to participate in the RVS training, Chemical Capture or the DEC exams, but you will need to pre-register and pay any relevant workshop fees.

**Conference registration** is required for all other workshops and to participate in the general sessions. Fill out the form on page 7 and send it in with your fee. You will be notified prior to the conference if you are accepted into your requested speciality workshops, via a confirmation letter and hotel directions. A late fee of \$15. will be charged after Sept. 25 and for registration at the door.

Workshop fees will be refunded at the conference only if you are not accepted due to lack of workshop space.

**Refund requests** must be received prior to Oct. 16, 2008. After Oct. 16, all requests for cancellation refunds must be submitted in writing and will be reviewed for consideration. A \$15. processing fee will be charged.

A \$30. service charge will be levied for any returned checks or credit cards that do not clear your bank.

Notice: Many workshops include the handling of dead animals as a part of the training. Latex gloves and masks will be provided; you may bring your own if you prefer. You will be asked to sign a general liability release form at registration. All participants must be at least 18 yrs. old or file parental permission forms. Alcohol will be available for purchase on premises. NY law and age restrictions apply.

## Hotel Reservation Information (716) 773-1111

The 28th Annual Seminar is being held at the beautiful **Holiday Inn Grand Island Resort and Conference Center**. The facility is modern and works well for us. The rooms are spacious and nicely decorated. The food has always been great. The pool, lounges, classrooms, etc. are clean and well cared for. So come and enjoy this wonderful facility.

**Best of all, the hotel has given us special conference rates** which include our group's meals during the weekend (Friday lunch through Sunday breakfast.) Rates are listed below **Please call the Holiday Inn at (716) 773-1111 to make your reservations.** Be sure to mention that you want the NYSWRC conference rates. (If you are part of a tax exempt organization that will be paying your bill, mention that too, and be aware that you will have to pay with a check from that organization as well as have a tax exempt form.) Make any roommate arrangements in advance so you can tell the hotel at the time you book your room. They will need the names of all those staying in each room. Call on or before September 17, please.

**Conference Package Rates -- Per Person:** Rates include meals and meal tips, but bill is subject to a 13.75% tax. An extra \$10. per night will be charged for Riverview rooms. (They do have a view.)

**Two Day Package:** Friday & Saturday, for two nights and six meals:

Single: \$268.  
Double: \$179. (Give roommate's name, please.)

Room rate for Wed., Thurs. or Sunday is \$89. per night plus tax, and meal costs are on your own.

Commuter meal tickets will be available for sale Fri. & Sat. in the morning at the NYSWRC registration desk.

**Reservations must be in by: September 17, 2008**

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**Use this form to become a member only if you are not registering for the seminar.**

This will allow you to receive our quarterly newsletter, *Release*,  
and to join and to support your statewide organization.

**NEW YORK STATE WILDLIFE REHABILITATION COUNCIL, INC.  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

\_\_\_\_NEW \_\_\_\_\_RENEWAL

Complete all information below and make check payable to: NYS Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, Inc. Please print clearly.

\_\_\_\_GENERAL: \$25.00      \_\_\_\_HOUSEHOLD: \$40.00      \_\_\_\_ORGANIZATION: \$50.00

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Species handled: \_\_\_\_\_

Knowledge and skills willing to share: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return form to: Jean Alden, NYSWRC Membership, 1850 N. Forest Rd, Williamsville, NY 14221**

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**Return form to:** Amy Freiman, NYSWRC Registrar, PO Box 62, Newcomb, NY 12852

**Questions:** Call Amy or Steve at (518) 582.3655, or email Nisseq@aol.com

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ I am at least 18 Yrs. old \_\_\_yes  
 What days will you be attending the seminar? \_\_\_Thur. \_\_\_Fri. \_\_\_Sat. \_\_\_Sun.  
 Do you require vegetarian meals? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
 Would you like to volunteer as a room monitor? \_\_\_Yes      Reminder: Raffle items are welcome!

**GENERAL REGISTRATION FEE**

Does NOT Include Room & Board      NYSWRC Membership is required.  
 This fee covers all general sessions from Friday through Sunday, but not workshop fees.  
 Avian, Mammal and Reptile general sessions will be offered throughout the conference.

\_\_\_ **Full Conference** (Fri., Sat., Sun.) \_\_\_\$70. Current Member, or \_\_\_\$ 95. which includes Membership  
 \_\_\_ **One Day Only** (Sat.) \_\_\_\$50. Current Member, or \_\_\_\$ 75. which includes Membership  
 (The above fees are not required if taking only the NYS DEC Exams, Chemical Capture, RVS)

**Pre-registration and an additional fee is required for these workshops:**

Check your choice(s)      **Limited Space--First Come, First Served!**

Workshop	Date	Time	Additional fees
___ Chemical Immobilization & Capture Class	Thurs.	8:30-5:00	\$149.
___ Rabies Vector Species Training	Friday	8:30-5:00	___Free, or ___\$40.
___ Animal Basic Care	Friday	9:00-5:00	\$ 95.
___ Turtle Rehabilitation Workshop	Friday	8:30-12:30	\$ 5.
___ Leg Splints for Deer Workshop	Friday	1:30-5:30	\$25.
___ Hawk Creek Bus & Field Trip	Friday	2:00-6:00	\$10.
___ Songbird Splinting	___Fri. 10:00-12:00 or ___Sat.	3:30-5:30	\$ 5.
___ Avian Necropsy Lab (also lecture, Sat. 9:15)	Sat.	10:15-12:15	\$ 5.
___ Mammal Fracture Lab (also lecture Sat. 9:15)	Sat.	10:15-12:15	\$10.
___ Mammal Necropsy Lab (also lecture, Sat. 9:15)	Sat.	1:15-3:15	\$ 5.
___ Fluid Therapy (also lecture Fri. 5:00)	Sat.	3:30-5:30	\$ 5.
___ Wound Management Lab (also lecture Sun. 9:30)	Sun.	10:45-12:45	\$10.
___ Oil Spill Training	Sun.	8:30-5:00	\$65.

(lectures are open to everyone, but attendance is a mandatory prerequisite for attending limited space labs)

**Workshop Fee Subtotal:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I plan to take DEC exams Sunday morning and will call DEC to register: Call (518) 402-8985 or 8982

**General Conference Registration Fee** \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshop Fees** \_\_\_\_\_

**Commuter Meal Reservation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Fee (after Sept. 25) \$15.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Commuter Meal Prices**

\$13. \_\_\_Lunch Fri.    \$13. \_\_\_Lunch Sat.

\$23. \_\_\_Dinner Fri.    \$23. \_\_\_Dinner Sat.

**Commuter Meal Subtotal:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (only needed if not staying at hotel)

If paying by credit card: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa or \_\_\_Master Card  
 Please give us the exact name on the account: *signature* \_\_\_\_\_  
 the account number: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorization # (3 digit, on back) \_\_\_\_\_  
 the expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_, or you may use a Government Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this entire page, completed with credit information, check or money order (in US dollars only)  
 made out to: NYSWRC 2008 c/o Amy Freiman, PO Box 62, Newcomb, NY 12852  
 Canadian checks must be drawn on US banks.**

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