

## NWRA Symposium 2010

# Preserving the Wild in Wildlife

Join fellow wildlife rehabilitators, veterinarians, and educators  
for an outstanding educational event!

March 9 – 13, 2010, in Bellevue, Washington

The NWRA National Symposium Committee is working closely with our Host Committee at PAWS Wildlife Center to produce another high-caliber event with all those special things that achieve the desired NWRA *Quality of Excellence*. We encourage you to take full advantage of this opportunity! Combine an outstanding educational and training symposium with a well deserved get-away in the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

This year is a challenge for all of us. NWRA recognizes you are facing rising costs and a tight economy. In light of this, NWRA found a beautiful hotel with eating options and transit nearby, vigorously negotiated for low room rates, and chose the verdant and soothing Pacific Northwest location!

**You really *can* have a vacation *and* continue learning! We look forward to seeing YOU there!**

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### *Designed BY Wildlife Rehabilitators FOR Wildlife Rehabilitators*

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Feedback from attendees is enthusiastic and full of praise for the unique training and networking opportunities available each year. Join us in 2010 to:

- **Learn** new techniques and **ask questions** of knowledgeable veterinarians who treat wildlife.
- **Participate** in hands-on skills workshops.
- **Hear** numerous qualified and experienced speakers on mammals, birds, reptiles, rehabilitation techniques, medical treatments, diets and nutrition, housing, release conditioning, volunteerism, public education, and fundraising, to name just a few.
- **Enjoy** five days of friendship and fun.
- **Join** an atmosphere of cooperation, sharing, and opportunity.
- **Return** home refreshed and rejuvenated.

The NWRA Symposium presents information and opportunities in several different formats to offer attendees the most useful choices:

- **Seminars** of various lengths with in-depth focus on specific topics or approaches
- **Roundtable and Panel Discussions** promote interactive sharing to examine current issues
- **Hands-on Skills Workshops** for individual participation, most taught by wildlife veterinarians
- Many **Speaker Presentations** on pertinent topics, species care, and emerging concerns
- **Field trips** to wildlife facilities, zoos, or other places of interest
- **Fun** with your friends and peers!.... and
- **Banquet** evening of celebration, camaraderie, and competitive bidding in the **Silent Auction**

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Are you considering going to your first symposium?  
Don't worry! Don't be shy!  
Fellow attendees are kindred spirits, and friendly, too.  
Attend the *Meet & Greet* orientation  
about NWRA and the Symposium,  
and always feel free to ask questions!

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## *Invitation from Our Hosts*

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Come for the incredible speakers and workshops! Stay a few extra days for the stunning scenery and amazing attractions!

NWRA Symposium 2010, hosted by the **PAWS Wildlife Center**, will be in Bellevue, French for *beautiful view*. From humble beginnings as a farming town over 130 years ago, Bellevue has become one of Washington's richest and most successful cities. The Hyatt Regency, located within The Bellevue Collection, is a premier urban streetscape with over 250 shops, 22 restaurants and lounges, landmark cinema, contemporary billiards and comedy club, day-spas, and Lucky Strike Lanes—all connected by sky-bridges. Bellevue Town Square Mall is across the street from the hotel and the Metro bus system provides inexpensive access to nature trails, tourist sites, and downtown Seattle.

**PAWS Wildlife Center** was founded in 1981 by Curt Clumpner and initially functioned in the garage area of PAWS Companion Animal Shelter. The current wildlife hospital was built in 1989. Since inception, the **PAWS Wildlife Center** has admitted over 100,000 animals encompassing 270 species. Eleven full-time staff members are supplemented by six spring and summer staff with nearly 200 wildlife volunteers each week providing animal care. Recent improvements include seven raptor mews, four aquatic animal pools designed to filter and recycle water, and closed-circuit cameras for the large carnivore cages.

The **PAWS Wildlife Center** staff and 2010 Host Committee are thrilled to introduce you to the many wonders of the Pacific Northwest and offer a special tour of the **PAWS Wildlife Center**. We invite you to join us in the incredible educational and networking opportunities of the NWRA Symposium. See you in March!

### **To Do List**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Mark calendar now</li><li>✓ Anticipate a great experience</li><li>✓ Start planning time off</li><li>✓ Start saving and budgeting money</li><li>✓ Apply for a scholarship</li><li>✓ Start planning for animal care while gone</li><li>✓ Consider donating to the raffle or auction</li><li>✓ Work toward it and make it happen</li></ul> |
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## *Advance Planning Information*

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More details will be available online and in the registration brochure (November 2009), but start planning **NOW!** You'll be glad you did!

### **Dates to Mark on Your 2010 Calendar**

#### **Tuesday, March 9th**

- Attend a full day pre-conference seminar or join a fun field trip.
- Pick up your attendee information packet and program book at the registration table.
- New members and first time attendees are invited to the *Meet & Greet* to get acquainted.
- Workshop sign-up opens for those not pre-registered by mail.
- See old friends and make new ones during the evening Icebreaker Social. Kick back and relax after busy preparation and travel time. Get a sneak peek at Silent Auction and Raffle items. Have fun!

#### **Wednesday through Saturday, March 10th – 13th**

- Sessions, papers, discussion groups, and hands-on skills workshops are all day Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and until 4:00pm on Saturday.
- Concurrent sessions provide abundant choices.
- Some roundtables may be scheduled in evenings.
- The Banquet is Friday evening.

### **Registration**

The Symposium registration brochure with details and registration form is available in November. The registration fee covers the full four days of sessions. Pre-conference seminars, field trips, workshops, and the Banquet have separate fees paid by those who choose to attend each. NWRA members receive a registration discount. One- or two-day and discounted student registration also is available. Save even more by registering before the early deadline.

**Thanks to sponsors, donors, and volunteers, NWRA continues to keep fees affordable.**

### **Transportation**

The Hyatt Regency Bellevue is easy to find. Share the ride and cut your costs in half or less. To explore travel options, check the Internet or ask a travel agent for alternative travel methods and schedules. For those flying into the Seattle/Tacoma airport (SEA), shuttle service to the hotel is estimated to cost approximately \$22 one-way. Make every dollar count—stay a couple of extra days to see the beautiful Pacific Northwest!

## Lodging

The four-diamond Hyatt Regency Bellevue near Seattle offers a special Symposium room rate of \$109/night (plus tax) for one or two people, or \$129 for three or \$149 for four people per room. Share a room and cut your cost considerably. NWRA also offers a roommate match-up service option on the registration form.

## Concerned About Costs?

### Practice Your Networking and Resourcefulness

- Save money by sharing costs. Locate colleagues through NWRA's active member network, your local group or state association, and plan to travel, room, and dine together.
- Bring a cooler for food and beverages to stretch your dollars.
- A variety of restaurants (including fast food) are located within a couple blocks of the Hyatt.
- Apply for a scholarship through NWRA or one of several state rehabilitation associations or regional groups offering educational scholarships.
- Start asking now for donations and sponsorships specifically to fund your expenses for attending this outstanding event.
- Advance planning and creative purchasing can be fun and satisfying as well as frugal.

Can **YOU** help NWRA keep registration fees at a reasonable level for those who are dedicated to helping wildlife? Be a **Symposium Sponsor**—many financial levels are available. Contact the NWRA office or see the website. ***Sponsorships are tax-deductible charitable contributions.***

## Plan to Learn a Lot!

- NWRA provides a professional symposium program in a friendly and positive environment.
- NWRA strives to promote the continued learning, exploring, practicing, and networking essential to keeping abreast in this ever-changing profession.
- Networking, sharing ideas, discussing problems and solutions, and talking to people with similar interests and concerns are part of a great Symposium experience.
- After the Symposium, keep learning through your valuable contacts and connections.

Don't miss the **October 1, 2009, deadline**  
for

**Scholarship Applications,**  
**Award Nominations, and**  
**Grant Applications**  
(See pages 5 and 6.)

# *Benefits of Attending*

## Something for Everyone in the Program

Five full days with concurrent sessions adds up to over 150 hours of valuable educational choices for you. Already planned are **many presentations** within these general topic areas:

**Mammals**                      **Waterbirds**  
**Raptors**                      **Wildlife Medicine**  
**Songbirds**                    **Reptiles & Amphibians**  
**Fundraising**                **Public Education**  
**Administration**          **and more!**

You select what to attend according to your needs and interests, whether you are experienced or new to the field, work with many species or a few, thousands of animals or smaller numbers. More specific topics and speakers are announced in the registration brochure, in NWRA member emails, and posted on the website.

Share YOUR knowledge.  
Be a presenter. See page 7.

## Hands-on Skills Workshops

Learn by doing—the best way! Small informative hands-on classes are taught by wildlife veterinarians and qualified professionals.

**Infant Mammal Critical Care**    **Fluid Therapy**  
**Infant Avian Critical Care**    **Aquatic Birds**  
**Adult Avian Critical Care**      **and more!**

If you register for the Symposium before the early deadline date, the workshop schedule, topics, and sign-up instructions are sent to you. A small fee of about \$10 each covers materials and equipment. Plan to register early—workshop sizes are limited!

## Speakers are Accessible

Many speakers are available throughout the day of their presentation or the entire symposium to talk with you or answer specific questions in more detail. NWRA thanks our speakers for this fantastic attendee opportunity!

## A Wise Investment

When you consider the cost-to-benefit ratio, Symposium 2010 is the BEST way to invest in your passion and yourself—increase your knowledge and understanding, improve your skills, find new ideas and techniques, and make connections that prove valuable long afterward. You gain tangible results, current information, references and resources, skills, contacts, satisfaction, confidence, and renewed energy.

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## ***More Benefits of Attending***

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### **Improve Your Effectiveness**

It's a fact! Taking time for relaxation, learning, and networking improves your effectiveness in animal care. Symposium 2010 in March is the perfect opportunity to combine an outstanding educational event with a few days of well-deserved rejuvenation and inspiration.

### **Meet Continuing Education Requirements**

NWRA symposium lectures, seminars, and hands-on skills workshops meet rehabilitation permit application and renewal requirements nationwide! Veterinary sessions and hands-on workshops may qualify for CEUs for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

### **Exhibits**

Vendors display a variety of products including rehabilitation supplies, milk formulas, feeding tools, squirrel sacks, books, species identification materials, clothing, wildlife art, gift items, and more. Examine products at your convenience. Ask questions. Purchase what you need for the coming season!

### **Speaker Handouts**

Many presenters now provide their handouts and/or presentations for posting on the NWRA website. Symposium attendees may access ALL handouts with a password issued by NWRA upon registration. For Symposium 2009, about 95 were posted!

### **Certificates of Attendance**

Certificates suitable for framing are available for both individual hands-on skills workshop and Symposium attendance. Demonstrate your continuing education to permitting agencies, donors, community leaders, colleagues, volunteers, and visitors.

### **Banquet Evening**

Have FUN Friday night at the banquet festivities. Enjoy good food, great company, silent auction competition, dozens of raffle drawings, entertainment, and on a serious note, join us in recognizing deserving achievement award, grant, and scholarship recipients. Cost for the entire evening is approximately \$38.

#### **You can lend valuable assistance by:**

- ✓ sponsoring (cash donation) a session or workshop,
- ✓ donating supplies (specific workshop materials),
- ✓ donating items to the raffle and Silent Auction, or
- ✓ any other way you believe may help.

Contact the NWRA Office for referral to the right person.

***Donations are tax-deductible charitable contributions.***

### **Field Trips**

Join friends for an NWRA-organized field trip to see a rehabilitation center or area wildlife attraction. See new things, learn new ideas, and have fun! A small fee covers transportation and other costs.

### **Raffle and Silent Auction Fundraiser for NWRA**

The fun of winning during the Friday night Banquet is stimulating and contagious! Generous members and other donors supply useful, unique, and desirable items. Try your luck-of-the-draw by purchasing raffle tickets—more than 50 winners! Sharpen your wits and plan your bidding strategy for silent auction pieces—outstanding items for wildlife rehabilitators!

**Contribute to the FUN! Donate items.**

### **Annual NWRA Membership Meeting**

Take advantage of this meeting to personally hear how your organization is doing. Meet NWRA board members and learn about publications and exciting new programs coming your way. Bring your questions, concerns, and suggestions.

### **Meet Like-Minded Individuals**

Opportunities abound to make new friends and find ongoing sources of information:

<i>Meet &amp; Greet</i> event	Icebreaker Social
Discussion groups	Meal breaks
Workshop lab partner	Roommates
Traveling companions	Banquet
Membership meeting	Lobby conversations

### **Visit the NWRA Tables**

- Meet our friendly and fun staff—those who answer the phone when you call the office and respond to your emails and book orders.
- Examine the many rehabilitation, medical, and educational references and resources available through NWRA—see for yourself what is in all the books and manuals—build your library and increase the information at your fingertips.
- Shop for gifts for special people back home—volunteers, colleagues, critter-sitters, veterinarians, and family members—it is never too early to buy for birthdays and holidays!
- Pick up YOUR 2010 Membership Directory.
- Always some great deals!

#### **Questions?**

Visit NWRA at <[www.nwrawildlife.org](http://www.nwrawildlife.org)>, click on Symposium, then on Symposium FAQs.

# Scholarships Available in 2010 – Thanks to Member Donors!

## Scholarships for Symposium 2010

**\$500 James J. Wolf CARE for Wildlife Education Scholarship**, funded by Linda Wolf, DVM, in memory of her father and to enhance the education of wildlife rehabilitators.

**\$525 Eric Sticht Memorial Scholarship**, funded by Dave Weeshoff in memory of Eric Sticht, a friend of aquatic birds and enthusiastic volunteer at the International Bird Rescue Research Center, San Pedro, California.

**\$750 Alma Natura Trust Scholarship (North American Region)**, funded by two NWRA members who wish to support rehabilitator education and training and to nurture interactions with Nature.

**\$1,750 Alma Natura Trust International Scholarship**, funded by two NWRA members who wish to support education and training of rehabilitators from abroad.

## Scholarship for educational materials

The **Eric Orendorff Memorial Scholarship**, established by Bea and Gary Orendorff in loving memory of their son, is a **\$250 certificate** to purchase books and other published wildlife educational materials from NWRA. Preference is given to beginning rehabilitators.

## NEW – Scholarship for cage building

**NEW in 2010, NWRA Cage Building Scholarship**, funded by two generous NWRA members to benefit members and home-based licensed rehabilitators through a cash scholarship for building, repairing, or renovating caging used exclusively for rehabilitating wildlife—**up to \$2,000 available**.

## Application

**NWRA members and other rehabilitators are encouraged to apply.** Complete the form provided, including your involvement in wildlife rehabilitation, brief description of how you would benefit from the scholarship, explanation of financial need, and other requested information. Instructions are on the application form.

## Application Deadline: October 1, 2009

Application forms and details are available on the NWRA website <[www.nwrawildlife.org](http://www.nwrawildlife.org)>, click on Financial Support, or from the NWRA office 320-230-9920. Applications are reviewed and selection is made through the NWRA Scholarship Committee. Recipients are notified by January 1, 2010. Scholarship checks are presented at the Symposium banquet.

## Attention Veterinary Students

**\$500 ED HIESTAND MEMORIAL VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**, funded by individual donations in memory of Ed Hiestand, long-time NWRA member, wildlife rehabilitator, and dedicated educator.

**The 16th annual competition for student papers is now open to all veterinary students.**

**SUBJECT:** The paper may cover any topic related to a veterinary aspect of wildlife rehabilitation and may consist of a literature review, a personal case experience, or a research project. Titles of previous winning papers may be viewed at: <[www.nwrawildlife.org/documents/Competition\\_Winners.pdf](http://www.nwrawildlife.org/documents/Competition_Winners.pdf)>. Details about the scholarship can be found at: <[www.nwrawildlife.org/page.asp?ID=67](http://www.nwrawildlife.org/page.asp?ID=67)>. Interested students should submit a 100-250 word abstract **by 15 December 2009**, and the completed paper **by 15 January 2010**.

**PRESENTATION:** The material should be suitable for a 25-minute PowerPoint presentation, as the winning student is asked to present the paper at Symposium 2010. The first-place paper is eligible for publication in the Symposium proceedings. Author guidelines may be obtained at: <[www.nwrawildlife.org/documents/Competition\\_author\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.nwrawildlife.org/documents/Competition_author_guidelines.pdf)>.

**AWARD:** The author of the winning paper is awarded free registration to the Symposium, free attendance to the awards banquet, and a stipend of \$500 toward expenses for travel and lodging.

Since 1993, NWRA has awarded more than \$25,000 in scholarships to more than 76 individuals. A list of previous recipients for each scholarship can be viewed at <[www.nwrawildlife.org](http://www.nwrawildlife.org)>

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## NWRA National Awards

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Recognizing special people who contribute to the growth and improvement of our field is one of the most important things NWRA does. **Each person makes a difference** in some manner, and those who stand out deserve to be honored nationally for their excellence and achievements. NWRA seeks nominations from our members for three prestigious awards to recognize and honor outstanding colleagues in the field of wildlife rehabilitation, medicine, and/or education.

### Lifetime Achievement Award

Nominate a person whose primary identification is with the field of wildlife rehabilitation and who has made significant contributions to the field for many years.

### Significant Achievement Award

Nominate a person who has made a major contribution to the field of wildlife rehabilitation within the last two years, such as presenting a research finding, organizing a program, or developing a new technique.

A list of past award recipients may be viewed at [www.nwrawildlife.org](http://www.nwrawildlife.org), click on Awards.

### Marlys J. Bulander

#### Working Together for Wildlife Award

Created in memory of Marlys Bulander, US Fish & Wildlife Service Region 3 Permit Officer and dear friend of wildlife and wildlife rehabilitators. Nominate a person or group who has brought together individuals, organizations, rehabilitation facilities, agencies, industries, businesses, and/or academia in a cooperative effort to make a difference for wildlife.

**Awards Nomination Deadline: October 1, 2009**

Application forms and specific information on the awards are available at [www.nwrawildlife.org](http://www.nwrawildlife.org), click on Awards, or from the NWRA office 320-230-9920. Applications are reviewed and selection is made through the NWRA Awards and Grants Committee. Awards are announced and presented at the Symposium banquet.

Since 1983, NWRA is proud to have honored more than 50 people who made major advances in our field for the benefit of many rehabilitators and countless wild animals.

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## *\$6,000 NWRA Grant Money Available in 2010*

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NWRA grants are available to NWRA members, individual rehabilitators, centers, clinics, universities, statewide and provincial organizations, regional networks, and others striving to improve wildlife care. Grant proposals must show a well thought out plan and budget for a project that is important and useful to the field of wildlife rehabilitation.

NWRA grants are available to fund studies to improve any aspect of wildlife rehabilitation, including medicine and education. A single project may be funded up to \$6,000, or NWRA may fund several smaller projects for a total of \$6,000.

Proposals require completion of the application form including résumés of personnel involved, explanation of objectives, how the project will be carried out, brief literature review, itemized budget, project timeline, and demonstrated financial need. Proposals are evaluated on the basis of importance and usefulness to the field, likelihood of success, and originality.

**See complete information and instructions with the application form.**

Recipients are required to present the results of their project through an NWRA publication and/or at an NWRA Symposium within two years of grant receipt. Annual progress reports also are required.

**Grant Application Deadline: October 1, 2009**

Application forms and a list of previous recipients and projects are posted at [www.nwrawildlife.org](http://www.nwrawildlife.org), click on Financial Support, then on NWRA Grants, or contact the NWRA office 320-230-9920. Applications are reviewed through the NWRA Awards and Grants Committee. Recipients are notified and announced at the Symposium.

Since 1984, NWRA has granted more than \$82,000 to support studies and research to improve wildlife rehabilitation, medicine, and education. A list may be viewed at [www.nwrawildlife.org](http://www.nwrawildlife.org)

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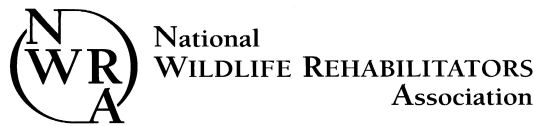
# NWRA Invites YOU to Present at Symposium 2010

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Are you an experienced rehabilitator with knowledge to share? Are you working in wildlife medicine or wildlife education? Do you supervise or manage a wildlife rehabilitation operation, no matter the size? You work every day to figure out what works and what doesn't. **Share your successes and help others avoid mistakes by participating as a presenter during Symposium 2010.**

Member participation is essential to an excellent program. The Program Coordinator is waiting to hear from you.

**NWRA welcomes your expertise in any area of wildlife rehabilitation, including medicine and education:** mammals large to small, all species of birds, reptiles and amphibians, administration, fundraising, training, business management, public relations, etc. Use the form below to submit your topic. If you have a great idea but aren't sure how best to present it, if you have a little case of nervousness, or just need some encouragement, please contact Pam. Email [preger24@sbcglobal.net](mailto:preger24@sbcglobal.net) or call 630-530-1067.



## SYMPOSIUM 2010 PRESENTATION APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to Contact \_\_\_\_\_

**Types of Presentations:**

**Time Requested: Circle time requested  
Please include Q&A time in your request**

Lecture (paper presentation).....	25 minutes	55 minutes
Roundtable Discussion.....	90 minutes	120 minutes

**Presentation Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary/Abstract: 100 words or less. Please Attach.**

**Submission Deadline: September 30, 2009**

- Submit this completed form by September 30, 2009, via email to [preger24@sbcglobal.net](mailto:preger24@sbcglobal.net) or via the postal system addressed to Pam Reger, NWRA Program Coordinator, 331 S. Addison Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181.
- All abstracts are reviewed for acceptance; upon acceptance, primary presenters are given complimentary Symposium registration.
- One presentation per form, copy the form if more are needed.
- If you have any questions please contact Pam at 630-530-1067 (Central Time zone) or [preger24@sbcglobal.net](mailto:preger24@sbcglobal.net).
- This form also can be downloaded from the NWRA website <[www.nwrawildlife.org](http://www.nwrawildlife.org)> or emailed from the office.



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***Advance Planning Information Enclosed***  
**Watch for more details in the**  
**Registration Brochure**  
**November 2009**

***Dated Material Inside—Deadlines***  
**September 30—Speakers**  
**October 1—Grants**  
**October 1—Scholarships, Awards**