Wildlife Rehabilitation Rules
Wildlife Rehabilitation Rules first adopted in 1983

External working group convened in 2000

Reinitiated in Spring 2010

Advisory Group

- 13 Licensed wildlife rehabilitators
- 7 Department staff (field, HQ, Vets)
Who May Have a Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit?

- Reside in Oregon
- 18 years old
- Submits a completed written application
- Oregon DVM or a letter from a Oregon DVM
- Passed rehabilitation examine with $\geq 80\%$
- Approved by the local Biologist
- Must have a approved rehabilitation facility
Cancellation or Non Renewal of Permit, 044-0210 cont.

How Do You Keep Your Permit?

- Receive and rehabilitate wildlife >180 days
  - Based on two reports per year due on:
    - July 31
    - January 31
- Show continuing education
- Work under another permit holder
- No violation of wildlife laws, rules, rehab permit, etc..

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What is a Subpermittee?

- Person listed on WRP, authorized to perform wildlife rehab activities
  - Name
  - Address
  - Phone number
- Approved by the local Biologist
- Reside in Oregon
- WRP is responsible for the subpermittee
What is the WRP responsibility to the subpermittee?

- Inspection of subpermittee facilities
- Provide written information for care of wildlife
  - If requested provide information to local Biologist
- Ultimately responsible for all activities of the subpermittee
Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Requirements and Conditions, 044-0210 cont.

What can a Subpermittee Do?

- Perform wildlife rehabilitation
- Must follow the written and approved information (protocol)
- Cannot accept any wildlife except from WRP
- Home care only for neonate birds or;
  - Other species approved in writing by local Biologist
Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Requirements and Conditions, 044-0210 cont.

- Does not exempt from other state, federal, county or city laws and regulation.

- Does not allow practice of veterinary medicine to domestic animals

- WRP must be carried or displayed when rehabbing.
Restricted Species, 44-0240

- Prohibited or Noncontrolled (OAR 56)
  - Not rehabilitated or released
  - Other options, contact ODFW

- Coyote
  - Not rehabilitated or released
  - Contact local Biologist

- Cougar and Bear
  - Contact local Biologist
Restricted Species, 44-0240 cont.

- Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bighorn Sheep, Mt. Goat:
  - Notify Local Biologist (within 24 hrs)
  - Department approved facilities
Restricted Species, 44-0240 cont.

- Raccoon
  - Release at original location of capture
  - Alternative release location in writing from local Biologist
  - Humanely euthanized
Department Notification, 44-0245

- Endangered, Threatened or Sensitive species
  - Contact Biologist within 24 hrs
- Wildlife Crimes – Oregon State Police
- Disease Issue – ODFW Veterinarian
  - Colin Gillin
  - Julia Burco

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Wildlife Importation for Rehabilitation Purpose, 44-0250

- Migratory Bird Species
  - ODA rules for importation apply
  - Contact ODA before bringing into state
  - Import number
  - For release, work with local Biologist
Disposition of Wildlife, 44-0255

- Property of State
- Cannot be sold, traded, bartered, transferred, loaned or exchanged
  - Authorized in writing by the local Biologist
- Minimize human contact
  - Habituated to humans or treated as pets
  - Placed in public view
  - Facility separate from human and domestic activity.
Disposition of Wildlife, 44-0255 cont.

- Visual barriers in outdoor facility
- Imprinted or habituated animal
  - Direction from ODFW
  - Relocated to a different approve facility

- Must release rehabilitated wildlife
  - Appropriate Physical Maturity
  - Healthy and Functional
  - Recovered from injury or illness
  - Proper time of year
  - Suitable habitat close to point of origin or approval by local Biologist
Disposition of Wildlife, 44-0255 cont.

- Unless authorized by local Biologist
  - Cannot hold longer than 180 days
  - If incapable of survival on its own
    - Humanely euthanized; or
    - AZA or educational institution

- Following medical attention if it is not healthy or capable of survival
  - Humanely euthanized
Facility Requirements, 44-0280

  - Food
  - Shelter
  - Space
  - Sanitation

- Separate enclosure away from human or domestic animal activity

- Limited restraining methods
Permittee and subpermittee facilities can be inspected by:

- ODFW Biologist
- Oregon State Police

Inspection conducted during regular and usual business hours

- Includes weekends
Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements, 044-0305

- WRP and subpermittees
  - Records kept three years
  - Information collected
    - Name
    - Address
    - Wildlife type
    - Species (common name, genus and species)
    - Age (if known)
    - Gender (if known)
Reason (injury, sickness, or other)
Wildlife Collection or Origin Location
Date
Subpermittee
Final Disposition

Individual Permittee must
- Submit rehabilitation records by:
  - **July 31**
  - **January 31**

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Cancellation or Non Renewal of Permit, 044-0310

- Revoke or decline renew of WRP or subpermittee for:
  - Violation of any requirement of WRP rules
  - Fail to
    - Receive and rehabilitate wildlife >180 days
    - Minimum continuing education
    - Work under another licensed WR
- Extenuating circumstance
  - Case by case
Cancellation or Non Renewal of Permit, 044-0310 cont.

- Convicted of, or admits to violation
  - Wildlife laws
  - Rule
  - Order
  - Permit
Cancellation or Non Renewal of Permit, 044-0310 cont.

How do you get your WRP back?

- Comply with 635-044-0210
  - Including retake test
  - Facility inspection

- Appeal through contested case hearing
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