

PAST COURSES 2004 - 2008

2004 Advanced Bat Rehabilitation

WAIF held a highly successful seminar on Advanced Bat Rehabilitation. Presentations were given from vets, researchers and leading rehabilitators. This was the first time WAIF ran the, now highly regarded, autopsy sessions. People from all over NSW attended.

2005 Surviving Summer Disasters

Summer heat causes major problems in the form of heat stress and bushfires. WAIF's emergency project has often been called on to assist rehabilitator groups to cope with major disasters. As a result of requests for training we held a seminar covering common techniques and protocols: rehydration, bushfire response and burns treatments. Presentations were given by leaders in the field.

2008 Pain and Stress Management Seminar

This workshop covered managing pain and stress in injured wildlife. Two aspects of care which are vital to animal welfare and healing but often overlooked, even by those most involved. This seminar attracted a lot of interest from the veterinary and rehabilitation fields.

2008 Genetics and Wildlife Release

Wildlife release is a highly debatable topic among rehabilitators and wildlife managers and generally the issues are poorly understood. This seminar reviewed the real genetic issues (as opposed to the myths) and discussed the impact of release and relocation on population dynamics.

Technique Workshops

WAIF runs a series of workshops to teach rehabilitators advanced techniques such as post mortems and voucher specimen collection, rehydration techniques, etc.

Presentations

WAIF has presented at the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Conference on various topics including genetics and treatment myths.



Surviving Summer Disasters

Bushfire Recovery

NATF are presenting their tried and tested protocol on mopping up after a bushfire wildlife wise:

• Triage • Treatments • Equipment • Protocol

They will also be displaying their emergency rescue trailer.

Dehydration First-aid Training

Dr Teri Bellamy

We all know that intraperitoneal fluids are faster and more effective than sub-cutaneous, but doing it is another matter. This workshop is designed to let you practice on your chosen animal (dead body of course) and check your results.

Dr Howard Ralph, well known burns expert, will be presenting on treating the wildlife victims of fire.

Special Burns Care

WAIF's Disaster Recovery Program

WAIF has set-up a network of carers and helpers to come to the assistance of carer groups faced with a population disaster, such as a bushfire, or heat stressed flying fox colony. A single call to WAIF can bring assistance from across the state. Details for joining or enacting will

Heat Stress in Flying Fox Colonies

Over the last few years we have had too many Heat Stress Instances and we will have more.

Judi Wood is coming down especially to present a protocol for handling these events, developed from bitter experience and professional consultation.

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Advanced Bat Rehabilitation Seminars

All the bat carers know Dr Teri Bellamy who has examined, operated on and saved the lives of thousands of our bats. A very experienced wildlife veterinarian Teri will be presenting lectures and workshops on:

- **Triage**
- **Treatments & advanced techniques**
- **Autopsies**
- **Advanced first aid**

Can it be done? Is it worth trying? Come and listen to Kathy Davis who has done it, repeatedly, and learn her secrets.

How well do pregnant females cope? Do they need special care? Dr Kerryn Parry-Jones will present on the care of pregnant females – both wild and permanent care – and on birth in captivity.

Watch rare footage of a successful flying fox breach birth, courtesy of Geraldine Hawkins.

Participate in a discussion on advanced baby care, speak with, and question, people who have successfully treated and raised special needs babies such as premature babies, broken bones, and so on.

How well do hand reared young compare with mother reared young? How much variation is there in growth rates of normal young.

Should you panic when your flying fox is 2 mm smaller than the 'chart says'?

Dr Kerryn Parry-Jones has been researching this issue for several years. She has fascinating data from hand reared and mother reared young and will be presenting her findings. A must hear for all dedicated carers.