



Wildlife Rehab Inc. NETWORK

January 2017

Happy New Year!

Wildlife Rehab Inc.'s annual members meeting was held on Tuesday, November 29th at the River Ridge Tap House in Clemmons. The 2017 Board of Directors was elected as follows:

Officers:

Jayne Warbinton – President
Michele Poe – VP Administration
Susan Epperson – Secretary / Treasurer
Paul Spedding – VP Education

Directors:

Melisse Hopping
Michael Poe
Nancy Porter
Brittany Varner
Carla Johnson
Susie Jolie
Jerry Hopping

Annual Appreciation Awards presented by Jerry Hopping, President, to Susan Epperson, Jean Chamberlain, and Paul Spedding. Pictures by Michele Poe





From 2017 President, Jayne Warbinton:

Let's plan to have a member meeting in late Feb, or early March (time and place to be announced) to **plan for the coming rehabilitation / education season.**

Everyone - rehabbers, educators, volunteers - think of activities and schedules for the year.

Let's make our calendar for 2017.

What will you need in support and supplies?

Who can mentor new folks?

How can we support our education programs?

Let's do field trips this year: maybe the Raptor Center, Rescue Ranch, Asheboro Zoo, or others?

We have a wide WRI network. Attend the next members meeting and stay in touch! Contact Jayne with your needs and ideas at wildtiggy@yahoo.com

Some 2017 Reminders...

The 15th Annual Wildlife Rehabilitators of North Carolina Symposium January 21 - 22!

Details can be found at

<http://www.ncwildliferehab.org/conference/conf2017/conf2017.html>

Spring Wildlife Rehabilitation course at Forsyth Tech:

Let your friends and neighbors know the course runs Thursdays, 6 to 9 PM, **March 2d through May 11th**. The course number is 110503

January is annual **membership renewal** time! **Print page 4 for the form.**

Keep your membership, species list, and contact information up to date.



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2017 Membership Request

Type of Membership (check one)

Individual \$12

Family \$15

Patron \$25

Sponsor \$50

Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Email _____

Make checks payable to WRI



Hot Line Phone: Volunteers Always Needed. Can you help? Contact Sharon at SCIHAK@myguilford.com In 2016, WRI reports answering *511 calls*. Calls received included reports or information requests about:

73 squirrels, 82 bunnies, 26 deer calls (65 taken in), 36 raptors, 99 songbirds, 2 snakes, 10 turtles, and other varieties of wildlife. A big **thank you** to all Hot Line volunteers and Rehabilitators!

*Remember when you take a call, it is **1, 2, 3:**

1. Go to the Member section of the WRI website and log the call.
<http://www.wildliferehabinc.org/WRI/Members.html> (You will need a password to get there. If you do not have one yet, Jean Chamberlain will assign one to you.)
2. Select *Log Calls*
3. Fill in the blanks, and select *Add* **That's it!**

What Do You Think?

Many of us interested in wildlife often lay out easily accessible food, and enjoy seeing our local animals emerge or flutter in for a supplemental meal.

But is this a good practice? Will animals become dependent on humans for food, and less able to forage for itself? What do you think?

For a good article on this subject see

Effects of Feeding Wildlife...Food for Thought

by **Halley D Buckanoff** in the Fall issue of the Wildlife Rehabilitators of North Carolina newsletter at:

<http://www.ncwildliferehab.org/newsletter/WRNC%20Sep2016.pdf>

Send items or comments for Wildlife Rehab Inc. newsletter to Paul at spedding@bellsouth.net

