

Homework Assignment for class #1
Introduction to Wildlife Rehabilitation

1. Caring for an injured/orphaned animal is one the things done by a wildlife rehabilitator. Name 2 other activities that are an important part of rehabilitating wildlife.

Determining if an animal needs rehabilitation
Administering first aid
Taking the animal to a veterinarian
Administering medication
Caring for the animal (diet, feeding, housing needs)
Cleaning, cleaning, cleaning and more cleaning
Monitoring health and growth
Preparing the animal for release
Releasing the animal (selecting site, time)
Arranging placement or euthanasia if not releasable
Educating the public
Resolving human-wildlife conflicts
Acquiring/Building and repairing cages

2. Why is wildlife rehabilitation not an activity for children? Stress to the animal, risks to the child (zoonoses, weaker immune system)

3. Name 3 species of birds that are not federally protected. Starlings, English Sparrows, Pigeons

4. What agency issues wildlife rehabilitation permits in North Carolina? North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

5. Complete the following definition of wildlife rehabilitation:

Rescuing, caring for, and arranging for veterinary care of orphaned, sick, displaced or injured wild animals with a goal of releasing them in a way that they will survive in their natural habitats

Answer True or False for each of the following:

6. Wild animals should be treated like pets. **F**
7. It is legal in North Carolina to rehabilitate rabies vector species if you possess a wildlife rehabilitation permit. **F**
8. A state permit is the only permit that is required to rehabilitate migratory birds. **F**
9. Without a federal permit it is illegal to collect bird eggs. **T**
10. Freezing is a humane method of euthanizing an animal. **F**