

Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Council – Position Description

Position Title

Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Council Member

Function of the Position

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Council (WRAC) makes recommendations to, advises and cooperates with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on wildlife rehabilitation program development, regulations, research, and education, as well as captive wildlife topics. The Council represents licensed wildlife rehabilitators in Wisconsin.

Composition of the Council

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Council consists of voting and non-voting members appointed by the DNR Secretary for three year terms, to represent statewide distribution based on Wildlife Management Districts. Members are either actively engaged in wildlife rehabilitation, experts in a topic related to rehabilitation, or are associated with a related state or federal agency. All council members must be familiar with wildlife rehabilitation and captive wildlife topics and concepts.

Responsibilities

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Council member will be responsible for attending not less than two meetings per year. Members will remain on the Council for three-year terms, or as appointed by the Secretary. Duties and responsibilities include working with other Council members to address issues important to wildlife rehabilitation. Some travel is required to attend meetings and assist with wildlife rehabilitation facility inspections.

Specific duties may include:

- Advise the DNR on revisions to wildlife rehabilitation regulations
- Participate in wildlife rehabilitation facility inspections
- Discuss issues concerning licensed wildlife rehabilitators
- Develop an Advanced level wildlife rehabilitation exam
- Update wildlife rehabilitation exams
- Prepare future editions of the wildlife rehabilitation study guide
- Evaluate the Council performance in achieving its mission (mission to be recommended by the council)
- Participate in public education on wildlife rehabilitation
- Assist with development of continuing education, standards, and requirements
- Encourage networking
- Be a source of information and support new licensees
- Prepare a yearly report for the Secretary
- Develop, support, or encourage research projects

- Perform other responsibilities assigned by the Council chairperson
- Respond to public comments and questions
- Develop structure to wildlife rehabilitation sponsorships
- Provide guidance to determine compliance with rehabilitation and captive wildlife regulations
- Update wildlife rehabilitation forms
- Promote resource and habitat protection

Qualifications

Members must be involved in, familiar with, or knowledgeable about wildlife rehabilitation or captive wildlife related topics, and be a resident of the State of Wisconsin. Members must demonstrate a positive attitude and willingness to work cooperatively toward achieving the mission of the Council. Members must be willing to travel to meetings and facility inspections. Members should actively participate in discussions and deliberations and have the ability to communicate clearly and professionally with Council members, the rehabilitation community, members of the public, and other professionals in related fields.

Compensation

Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Council members donate their time on the Council, but are eligible for reimbursement of meals and travel-related expenses to and from meetings and facility inspections (within state guidelines).

To Apply

To see what positions are currently vacant, contact the Wildlife Health Section Chief:

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