



Wildlife Rehabilitation Rules



Background

- 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)

Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Requirements and Conditions, 044-0210

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..
- <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/rehabilitation/index.asp>

CEC Opportunity	Details
State, Regional, or National Conferences sponsored by IWRC, NWRA or the Department	ODFW Wildlife Rehabilitator Bi-annual conference; California Council For Wildlife Rehabilitators conferences; NWRA Annual Symposium; IWRC Annual Conference; Wildlife Center of Virginia Call of the Wild Conference
Workshop	IWRC _ Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation; Oiled Wildlife Care; Medical Techniques; animal care, etc.
Work under a licensed OR rehabber	Licensed Oregon Rehabilitator providing the mentoring opportunity must have an active case load and be on an approved list by the ODFW Wildlife Rehabilitators Working Group
Journals	Approved journals: Journal of Wildlife Diseases, Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine, NWRA Symposium proceedings, etc.
Classes	Approved course involving rehabilitation related topics.
Webinars	Various programs offered. If specific wildlife rehabilitation CE is not provided contact ODFW for approval
College Courses	Approved college course related to rehabilitation (e.g., wildlife biology & ecology, animal physiology, veterinary medical care and techniques, etc.)
CEU Special Requests	Approved in advance by ODFW or ODFW Wildlife Rehabilitator Working Group

Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Requirements and Conditions, 044-0210 cont.

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

Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Requirements and Conditions, 044-0210 cont.

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**



- <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/rehabilitation/index.asp>

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 approved 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

- Minimum Standards set by The International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council/National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, 2000 (2012)
 - Food
 - Shelter
 - Space
 - Sanitation
- Separate enclosure away from human or domestic animal activity
- Limited restraining methods

Facilities Subject to Inspection, 044-0300

- 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)

Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements, 044-0305, cont.

- 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**
- **<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/rehabilitation/index.asp>**

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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