Irish wildlife Rehabilitation Conference 2012

Saturday 29th September
Open Attendance

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Veterinary Professionals CPD
7.5 to 9.5 credits

The Pillo Hotel (Formerly the Marriott)
Ashbourne
Co Meath, Ireland

Guest Speakers:
Tiffany Blackett
David Couper
Adam Grogan
Emma Keeble
Sinead Kelly
Lynn Miller
Pat Morris
Liz Mullineaux
Ciaran O’Keeffe

Topics (basic & advanced):
First Aid & Triage
Rescue & Handling
Conditions & Treatment
Wildlife Crime
Badgers & TB
Post Release Monitoring
Hedgehogs
Squirrels
Wildlife Nutrition

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The Irish Wildlife Rehabilitation Trust is delighted to invite you all to the Irish Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference 2012

This year we’re giving you plenty of warning so you can plan your holidays accordingly!

Dates for your diary:
September 29th - Open attendance & 30th - Veterinary practitioners

In order to continue to entice our ‘regular’ delegates and also attract new faces, we’re again providing two ‘streams’ of talks and practical sessions in order to offer both basic and advanced training.

This year we have another line-up of new engaging, professional, national and international speakers from Ireland, the UK and Canada, and due to popular demand will be offering even longer practical sessions with even smaller groups.

The conference will again consist of two days of presentations and practical session tailored to two different audiences.
Saturday the 29th of September will be the ‘open attendance’ conference where we look forward to welcoming representatives from a wide variety of diverse organisations.

Sunday the 30th will be the Veterinary Practitioner’s conference, which is a continuing professional development event that is registered for 7.5 to 9.5 CVE credits.

In order to give you ample opportunity to catch up with friends and do some networking, we are again providing evening talks.

This year we’ve an interesting variety of new stalls for you to peruse, and again superb raffle prizes!

We look forward to seeing you there!
Conference Information

Registration
Registration can be made either online at www.iwrt.ie/conference by emailing the Registration Form to: office@iwrt.ie

OR

By post by printing off and filling in the two page Registration Form below. (Please ensure you fill in the forms which apply to the date you wish to attend). Post Forms to: IWRC 2012, 10 High Meadows, Duleek, Co Meath, Ireland.

Places on the practical sessions will be limited so early registration is advised.

Fees
Keeping our conferences affordable - we know money is tight for everyone these days so we're repeating the €40 fee as a flat rate (no earlybird option) for Saturday delegates.
With our expanded conference this year, even more credits are now available to veterinary professionals and prices have had to increase slightly to cover our costs. Please bear in mind the IWRT is a non-profit charitable organisation.

Prices:
€40 for Saturday Delegates

Sunday Early-bird fees before 31st August:
€60 for Veterinary Nurses
€120 for Veterinary Surgeons (MVB)

Fees after 31st August:
€75 for Veterinary Nurses
€150 for Veterinary Surgeons (MVB)

Location
The Conference will be held in the The Pillo Hotel (Formerly the Marriott Hotel), Ashbourne, Co Meath. Directions and map can be found at www.iwrt.ie/conference

Accommodation
The The Pillo Hotel (Formerly the Marriott Hotel) is providing discounted hotel room rates for conference delegates so make sure you let them know you are attending the conference if you are booking a room in the hotel. Contact: 01 835 0800 within Ireland, or from outside Ireland: 00 353 1 835 0800
Our website www.iwrt.ie/conference also has a list of alternative local accommodation suggestions.

Irish Wildlife Rehabilitation Trust Raffle
Don’t forget to buy your raffle tickets during the day if you want to be in with a chance to win some superb prizes. Prizes include a weekend break, a selection of books and a selection of stunning framed wildlife photographs.
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### Coffee
- **15.10 - 15.30**

### Evening Session
- **19.00** “From Bears to Bullfinches”


**Guest Speakers**

- **David Couper**

I have been the wildlife veterinary officer at the RSPCA's West Hatch Wildlife Centre in Somerset for the past 7 years, where I mainly work with native wildlife. I also work with companion animals in the Domestic Centre which deals with Inspectorate-generated animals - cruelty cases, abandonments etc.

Prior to that I worked in mixed practice for about 5 years, and did an MSc in Wild Animal Health at the Royal Veterinary College / Institute of Zoology.

I have been to Canada a couple of times to do voluntary work on a Swift Fox reintroduction program.

- **Adam Grogan**

Since 2000 Adam Grogan BSc (Hons) MIEEM, has been working for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) as their Wildlife Rehabilitation Co-ordinator. In this capacity he advises on policy with regards to casualty wildlife and facilitates research into methods of rehabilitating wild animals and how these methods can be improved to aid survival of these casualties. The RSPCA has conducted a number of studies on the survival of such animals using methods such as radio-tracking and ringing to monitor the animals after release.

He has a strong research background and has undertaken projects covering a range of species. These include a critique of available methods for monitoring rabbit populations and investigating the effectiveness of mitigation used to prevent otter (Lutra lutra), and other mammalian, road casualties. He has experience in surveying and radio-tracking a number of mammal species, including badgers (Meles meles) polecats (Mustela putorius), mink (Neovison vison) and water voles (Arvicola terrestris).

Adam’s background therefore is based in mammals and his favourite mammals are otters. Adam joined the Board of Directors of the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council in 2011, is Vice Chair of The Mammal Society for Britain and Ireland having previously served as Honorary Secretary and also sits on the Executive Committee of the British Council for Wildlife Rehabilitation (BWRC).

- **Emma Keeble**

Emma graduated from the University of Bristol in 1994 and gained initial experience in a mixed veterinary practice, before becoming a wildlife veterinarian for the RSPCA and then operating a small animal exotic referral service.

In 1999 she joined the University of Edinburgh Exotic Animal and Wildlife Service as a Resident in Zoo and Wildlife Medicine and obtained the RCVS certificate in Zoological Medicine. She then gained the post of Lecturer within the Service teaching veterinary students and lecturing in exotic animal, zoo and wildlife medicine. She gained her RCVS Diploma in Zoological Medicine (Mammalian) in 2006 and achieved specialist status in 2007, one of only a handful of UK vets to hold these qualifications.

She lectures to veterinary professionals nationally and internationally on exotic pet, zoo and wildlife medicine. She is published widely in veterinary books on exotic pets, wildlife casualties, reptile neurology and rabbit neurology, and has edited books on rabbit, ferret and rodent medicine and surgery and wildlife casualties. She is responsible for the Wildlife Emergency Clinic at Edinburgh Vet school, which takes in wildlife casualties and emergencies brought in by the public. This is the first such clinic in the UK and provides a unique teaching opportunity for students, nursing staff and veterinary residents as well as providing triage and first aid to British Wildlife.
Conor Kelleher

Conor has specialised in the study of bats since the mid-1980s and is currently licensed to catch these animals for educational and scientific purposes. He was a Bat Warden for English Nature (now Natural England) in the UK from 1989 to 1999 and has published many articles and papers on these animals and presented papers on bat ecology at international conferences and symposia. He is a part-time lecturer on bat ecology at University College Cork and provides tutoring and courses in bat ecology, survey methods, identification and detection to interested parties which have included National Parks and Wildlife Service personnel, environmental consultants, Zoology students etc.

Conor has undertaken research on bats in Ireland and the UK such as capture and marking, radio-telemetry and distribution studies including research-based projects on the lesser horseshoe bat for the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Vincent Wildlife Trust and he compiled the National Lesser Horseshoe Bat Database for the NPWS in 2003. He was involved in drafting the National Roads Authority’s Guidelines on Bat Conservation during the Planning and Construction of Road Schemes and recently co-authored the Bat Mitigation Guidelines for Ireland for the Irish Government.

Since 2001, he has been self-employed as an ecological consultant undertaking terrestrial mammal and bird surveys and habitat mapping, specialising in assessment of bats for constraint studies, road route selection, pre-construction, Environmental Impact Assessment and mitigation. To date, he has been involved in over 400 ecological surveys for various developments such as road, quarry, landfill and residential and commercial projects. Conor is past Secretary and Trustee of the UK Bat Conservation Trust (1998-2003) and is the current Chairman of Bat Conservation Ireland and the Cork County Bat Group. He is also past Chairman of the Irish Wildlife Trust (2003-2008). As part of such voluntary positions, he has organised and participated in several national bat conferences and national and international bat workshops in both the UK and Ireland.

Conor is a member of the Heritage Council’s Bat Specialist Panel and the Ecologist Panel of the National Parks and Wildlife Service. He is an Associate Member of both the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management and the Chartered Quality Institute. In 2009, he co-produced an interactive DVD on Irish bats entitled ‘Knowing, Studying and Conserving the Bats of Ireland’ and is currently writing an accompanying book entitled: ‘The Bats of Ireland - Natural History, Ecology and Conservation’.

Andrew Kelly

Andrew has combined his lifelong passion for wildlife and conservation, with his photography to promote knowledge and understanding about the world we live in. He does voluntary work with several wildlife and conservation groups in Ireland. In 2010 he was awarded Photographer of the year by Magazines Ireland, for his work in the Irish Wildlife Trust magazine. You can see his photography at www.akellyphoto.com

Sinead Kelly

Sinead Kelly MVB MRCVS, Cert Vet Radiology, graduated from University College Dublin in 1992 and spent a total of 18 years working in the UK. Initially she did a small animal internship at Glasgow University Veterinary School for two years, where she learned the fundamental basics of referral medicine. While working there she studied for and gained her Certificate in Veterinary Radiology. She then worked in Small Animal Practice in Glasgow for four years before joining the RSPCA in Cheshire at their Stapeley Grange Wildlife Hospital and Rehoming Cattery between 1998 and 2002. She returned to the field of Small Animal Practice in Leeds and subsequently Glasgow, before joining Vets Now and working in their Emergency Out of Hours Hospitals in Glasgow and Stoke for a total of seven years. She moved back to Ireland in 2010 and has thoroughly enjoyed working at AllPets Veterinary Hospital since then. Her special areas of veterinary interest are Emergency Medicine, Critical Care and Radiology.
• Lynn Miller

Lynn Miller B.Sc.Ag., Dipl. Ecotox., PhD (pending), CWR is president of the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, based in Oregon, USA, and is also the founder of “Le Nichoir” Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center in Quebec, Canada. Lynn began life in New Zealand surrounded by animals; cats, dogs, chickens, horses, budgies, etc. But it was her passion for wildlife and conservation that lead to Summer School at Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust and a stint at London Zoo.

A rather lovely holiday in France led to meeting a gorgeous French Canadian chap and a new life in Quebec. While attending McGill University’s MacDonald College, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, near Montreal, she began working with birds of prey at the Macdonald Raptor Research Centre. Of course, although the fact that raptors were the specialty did not deter the many people who bought in ducklings, song birds, herons and pigeons. The mistake was to take these birds to her home, or was it? That was 25 years ago.

Since then, Lynn has continued her education with a PhD in Environmental Toxicology due for completion in May 2011. Her rehabbing has also been central to her life, with the founding of Le Nichoir in 1994, becoming an International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (IWRC) instructor some 7 years ago, joining the IWRC board, and now in 2011, becoming president of IWRC.

This year is a busy one with continued research into the impact of oil in birds, especially the northern gannets that migrate south to Florida and the Gulf of Mexico through her research position in the Chemistry department at Concordia University. She is also under contract to the Humane Society of the United States working with their wildlife rehabilitation programs. Add to this her teaching duties with IWRC and the responsibilities as president, 2011 is shaping up to be an interesting one.

• Pat Morris

Dr Pat Morris was Senior Lecturer in Zoology at Royal Holloway, University of London, now retired. He taught many students who work in wildlife conservation. He is best known for his studies on mammal ecology (hedgehogs, water voles, bats, red squirrels) and major research and conservation projects on dormice. He is a past Chairman of the Mammal Society and holder of its Silver Medal. He is a Council member of the National Trust and was Chairman of its Nature Conservation Advisory Panel for 11 years. He was a Vice President of the London Wildlife Trust and a member of several other Natural History and conservation organisations. For three years he was a co-Director of the International Summer School on the Breeding and Conservation of Endangered species, based at the Durrell Zoo in Jersey.

He has published over 80 scientific papers, mostly about mammals and also written books on bats, dormice, taxidermy and the natural history of lakes. His popular book on hedgehogs has remained in print through various editions since 1983. He was a consultant to several major publishers and to the BBC, for whom he has contributed to many radio and TV programmes. He has travelled widely in 30 countries, including five expeditions to Ethiopia and 18 visits to the USA.

In his spare time he has pursued a longstanding interest in the history of taxidermy and has published papers on this topic (with 7 books published 2003-2010). On the recommendation of the Guild of Taxidermists, he is one of the Government’s taxidermy inspectors for the purpose of assessing age and authenticity of antique taxidermy in connection with CITES controls.

• Elizabeth Mullineaux

Liz Mullineaux BVM&S, DVM&S, CertSHP, MRCVS, has worked for over twenty years in first opinion veterinary practice, most recently as a director of a small animal veterinary hospital in Somerset. During this time she developed an interest in British wildlife medicine and in 2011 completed a clinical doctorate looking at ‘The factors affecting the rehabilitation and release of adult badger casualties’.
Liz has contributed to several veterinary texts and journals, and spoken at national and international conferences on the subjects of wildlife veterinary care, badgers and tuberculosis. For many years Liz has worked closely with Secret World Wildlife Rescue and is currently employed as Scientific Advisor to this charity.

- **Ciaran O'Keefe**

Ciaran O'Keefe is a Director of The National Parks and Wildlife Service and oversees Science, Species and Biodiversity issues.
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Website: www.pillohotelashbourne.com

Location:

From Dublin Airport:
From the airport follow signs for the M1 (Southbound) and the M50 (Southbound). Merge onto the M1 and stay in the left hand lane. After approximately 2km, take the slip road for the M50 (Southbound). Stay on the motorway for 2 junctions, following signs for the N2, Ashbourne & Derry. Once you are on the N2/M2, after approximately 14km you will come to another roundabout where the hotel will be situated just off the 2nd exit.

From the M1 (Drogheda South junction):
Take the Drogheda / Duleek exit off the motorway and got through the toll booth on the slip road. At the roundabout at the top of the slip road take the 2nd exit signposted for Duleek. At the next roundabout take the 3rd exit towards Duleek / Ashbourne.
Go under the motorway and take the 2nd exit at the next roundabout, again signposted for Duleek / Ashbourne. Continue for 16km until you reach the junction with the N2. Turn left towards Ashbourne and travel along the N2 for approximately 8km until you reach a roundabout. At the roundabout take the first exit into the hotel.
From Dublin Airport:

Public transport - Bus Éireann number 109A

Taxi to Dublin airport roughly €40 (each way)

Courtesy bus can be booked from Dublin Airport to Marriott Hotel for hotel guests. €3 for return trip.

ACCOMMODATION

Conference Rates at: The Pillo Hotel (Formerly the Ashbourne Marriott Hotel)

Single occupancy Bed & Breakfast €70.00
Double occupancy Bed & Breakfast €80.00

For these special accommodation rates please call the hotel on the number below and let them know you are attending the Irish Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference. Early booking is advisable.

Tel: 01 835 0800 within Ireland
From outside Ireland: 00 353 1 835 0800

Alternative local accommodation details:

Aisling Guest House,
Dublin Road,
Baltrasna,
Ashbourne,
Co. Meath
Email: info@aislingguesthouse.ie
Tel: Rob / Kate on 01 835 0359 - will facilitate transport to Marriott Hotel
Website: www.aislingguesthouse.ie

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| **Attendance at evening talk** | **YES/NO:** |

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**Fees**: Registration fees are €150 for veterinary surgeons (MVB), €75 for registered veterinary nurses and €40 for all other delegates

**Early bird registration**: registration **before 31st August** 2012 will be charged at a special reduced rate of €120 for veterinary surgeons and €60 for registered veterinary nurses

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**SESSON & STREAM SELECTION – IRISH WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CONFERENCE 2012**

**SUNDAY 30th SEPTEMBER**

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- National Parks and Wildlife Service’s role in rehabilitation
- Mammal first aid and common conditions
  - **Emma Keeble**
- Wildlife care in the vet clinic
  - **Liz Mullineaux**

**Session Two**
- Handling and veterinary care of bats
  - **David Couper**
- Bird rescue and basic care
  - **Lynn Miller**
- Squirrel common conditions and treatment
  - **Tiffany Blackett**

**Session Three**
- Post release monitoring of wildlife casualties
  - **Adam Grogan**
- Practical: Mammals, Bats & Birds
  - **Emma Keeble**
- Hedgehog common conditions
  - **Pat Morris**
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  - **Pat Morris**
- Badger rescue, conditions, treatment and TB
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