

CCWR Forum: Rules of Engagement

Purpose

The purpose of this forum is to allow easy information sharing between active members of the California Council for Wildlife Rehabilitators. It is designed to promote the professional care of injured and orphaned wildlife by properly licensed individuals (this includes volunteers and satellites of licensed individuals) with the goal of releasing healthy and fully functioning animals back into the wild.

Disclaimer: This forum will be moderated by the CCWR Board of Directors, if your posts follow the rules of engagement it will be posted within 24 hours. If it does not get posted, it was not appropriate.

Guidelines for Use

It can be used:

- to advertise upcoming wildlife education or training classes.
- promote products for sale for use in wildlife rehabilitation or to solicit or locate wildlife supplies or surpluses to be shared or traded.
- share information on how to best care for a species.
- share information on the best wildlife rehabilitation/treatment techniques.
- share methods that have been successful or unsuccessful, for other rehabilitators to consider. Posts can be an exchange of ideas, interesting rehabilitation stories, good ideas, problems or questions.
- To share information about upcoming laws that will affect wildlife and/or the environment.

It cannot be used:

- as a social media chat list.
- for debating politics or religious/spiritual beliefs.
- to assist organizations with fund-raising, unless it involves disaster relief for a California wildlife organization.
- to promote specific party politics or candidates.
- to air differences between individuals or groups.
- as a platform to complain, disrespect, or publicly shame any other person or organization.
- To advertise non-releasable wildlife. Please instead go through the website and submit an [Animal Placement Form](#). Once approved it can be viewed on the CCWR website for 90 days and can be resubmitted if needed at the end of that time period. Board will place one advertisement on the forum directing people to the website, where more information on the animal can be found.

List of Rules

1. Make sure that you include your identification to your post including:
 - a. First and last name
 - b. Location (city, county)
2. Always treat everyone with respect and professionalism. Posts containing inappropriate language or could be considered abusive, sarcastic, slanderous, libelous, or berating will not be posted. There are many different rehabilitation techniques and opinions and you may not agree with some. If you have a serious concern for the welfare of an animal, please write to the originator respectfully and privately.
3. Personal bickering will not be tolerated and will not be posted
4. Remember to watch the subject headings and make them appropriate to these guidelines and representative of your post content.
5. Please remember your comments will go to everybody so please
 - a. Keep all posts short and to the point.
 - b. Do not send personal messages (such as "Happy Birthday") or comments such as "I agree" or "me too".
 - c. Do not send jokes or cute stories through the list.
6. Some members may "incite" list members knowingly or unknowingly. Please be aware of this and do not respond to them on the list. Remember that in any group there will be some discord, especially during stressful times and it is best to let these posts come and go without any response. Those posts will be deleted and the individual(s) will likely become moderated.
7. Please do not forward or distribute emails from this list to other lists or individuals without the written permission of the list owner.

The forum owner (CCWR Board of Directors) reserves the right to moderate or remove any member from the forum if any deviation from these rules is deemed severe enough by the CCWR Board consent.

By using the list, you, as a voluntary participant, agree not to hold liable any list member or list owner for damages resulting from your participation on the list.

Questions and concerns about the list's functionality should be sent directly to the list owner (info@ccwr.org).