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Training day subjects

Each day includes around 5 – 6 hours of lectures with up to one hour of practical. 20 minutes for tea breaks and 1 hour for lunch are included in the day. The training day usually runs from 9 – 5pm. Topics are listed below, but new subjects or changes to topics to cater for local situations can be made. Outlines of the content of each course are available on request.

General courses:

It is recommended that these courses are performed prior to other training in species or advanced first aid.

- Husbandry and Diseases of Injured Native Birds
- Husbandry and Diseases of Injured Marsupials
- Husbandry and Diseases of Injured Reptiles & Frogs

Species-specific courses

These courses have been designed to cover just one type of animal on the day, with a greater focus on the disease, handrearing and handling.

- Husbandry & Disease of Possums
- Husbandry & Disease of Macropods
- Husbandry & Diseases of Orphaned Native Birds
- Husbandry & Disease of Flying foxes and microbats

Advanced first aid courses

These courses cover first aid presentations, correcting dehydration with fluids, giving injections, bandaging wings and legs. 1-2 hours is spent gaining practical experience in these techniques.

- Advanced first aid of Birds
- Advanced first aid of Marsupials

Specific interest courses

- Assessment and Treatment of Burnt wildlife.
This course covers assessment of patients, burns, treating burns, supportive care and rehabilitation.
- Medical care of injured wildlife: lectures from the National Wildlife Carer Conferences.
This covers treatment of shock, fluid therapy, open wound management, recognition of pain.

Courses under development, ready for 2009

- The how, what, why and when of wildlife rehabilitation
- Husbandry & Disease of Seabirds
- Assessment and Treatment of Oiled Birds

Putting it all together

Below are some suggestions for organizing the training day itself. These are guidelines only – some carer groups are very experienced in providing training days, and others are new to this.

Venue requirements

1. Powerpoint projector is required. I will bring my own laptop. However, a backup laptop on site is recommended!
2. A room that is able to be darkened is recommended to improve the visuals.
3. Urn for hot water for tea breaks
4. Toilet facilities for both sexes.
5. I recommend name badges so that it is easier for attendees to network during the breaks.

Training day notes

I can provide one of the three options for notes:

1. I email your group a copy of the notes between 10 – 14 days before the training
2. I can print the notes for your group. This attracts a fee (around \$6 - \$10 per notes)
3. I can provide a CD with the notes for that training day and other resources on it at \$5 a copy for the group as a discounted rate. Although this is more economical (other notes and forms are on the CD), the experience so far is that attendees do prefer a hard copy of the notes that is available on the day.
4. I will usually bring copies of the various CD's for sale on the day. The CD's for the other courses will be available at \$10 each.
5. I can also provide certificates of attendance if required.

Practicals

For training days with practical experiences where dead animals may be brought to be used for handling practice, the following items are necessary:

- Plastic or garbage bags to line the tables to prevent contamination of surfaces.
- Disposable gloves (packs of 100 from supermarkets)
- Disposable masks are recommended for bird practical days. Contact hospitals or vets for masks.
- Frozen animals, one per 1 -2 people, defrosted the night before.

Cost per day

1. Costs are kept to a minimum to encourage sharing of information for the benefit of our wildlife - so please contact me to discuss. I am also happy to talk to groups in adjacent areas to minimize

the cost for each group. I recommend that attendees are charged \$20 - \$30 for the day. (for similar training to vets or other groups, attendees would pay up to \$300 for one day). If you do not put a value on the training, attendance will be poor. After all, in people's minds, how good can the training be if it is free? Even a nominal fee gives it value.

2. Payment for airfare and parking from major airports to the destination is required. The cheapest airfare will be purchased.
3. If the location is within driving distance (up to 4 hours drive), payment of petrol to and from the venue is required.
4. Accommodation: I am happy to sleep in spare rooms! Motel accommodation is suitable as well.
5. I take cheque, cash, money order or direct debit to my account. I am happy to provide a quote ahead of time and a tax invoice at the completion of the training.

Booking a training day

Email contact is best to contact me, but you can also leave a message on my mobile. I try to book up to 6 – 12 months ahead, but this may be limited by my advance knowledge of my weekend roster.

If you have a particular weekend in mind, I will do my best to cater for that. I have found that carers are too busy to attend courses between December and the beginning of February.

Please confirm that you still want the course 4 – 8 weeks ahead and confirm the venue and requirements.

Please request notes 2 – 3 weeks ahead of time. And, please hassle me if you have not heard from me! I can end up out of email or phone contact for up to 10 days at a time at various conferences!

And remember, it all comes together quite easily in the end!

Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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