



# *Oiled Wildlife Response Workshop*

A non-profit network  
of volunteers caring  
for injured and  
orphaned wildlife

*Wildlife Rehab & Education*, sponsored by a grant from the *Texas General Land Office Oil Spill Prevention and Response Division*, is providing an oiled wildlife response-training workshop on **Friday, February 22, 2008** from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The workshop will be held in the *Gladys Porter Zoo* Museum Building, which is to the immediate right of the main gate (500 Ringgold Street, Brownsville, Texas 78520, <http://www.gpz.org/maps.html>). Please call Dr. Tom deMaar, zoo veterinarian at 956-546-0044 for more information. Since 1997, oiled wildlife response training workshops have been presented quarterly along the Texas coast and this is the second workshop for the year 2008.

The Gulf Coast supports large concentrations of wintering waterfowl and is an area for an abundance of nesting waterfowl, shorebirds, and water birds. An oil spill in this area could affect large numbers of protected migratory birds requiring many trained responders.

WR&E is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to care for injured and orphaned wildlife through rehabilitation and public education. WR&E personnel have been actively involved in oiled wildlife response for many years. They are HAZWOPER certified and ICS trained. Responses include the following:

- A coastal spill in Port Fourchon, Louisiana in January, 1998
- An inland spill south of Cotulla, Texas in February, 1998
- An oil spill in Galveston, Texas involving endangered brown pelicans in February, 1999
- An inland spill in Mississippi in 2000
- A spill in the Houston Ship Channel in September, 2001
- A pipeline spill near Lafitte, Louisiana in April 2002
- A pipeline spill in the barrier islands south of Cocodrie, Louisiana in February 2003
- A pipeline spill in the Natchez, Mississippi area in October 2003
- A pipeline spill in Grand Isle, Louisiana in November 2003
- Pipeline spills in Venice, Louisiana after Hurricane Ivan in September 2004
- A spill affecting nesting brown pelicans due to a tropical storm in Louisiana in June 2005
- Several spills in Louisiana due to Hurricane Katrina in September 2005
- Largest oil spill in Southwest Louisiana history in the Calcasieu River/Ship Channel in 2006
- Two spills in Louisiana in 2007.

The purpose of the workshop is to certify and train personnel that would be interested in assisting the *WR&E Oiled Wildlife Response Team* during a spill or anyone who may participate in any role during an oiled wildlife response. The certification and training are required. The workshop will cover topics such as the effects of oil on wildlife, initial intake and exam of oiled wildlife, an introduction to OSHA training, wildlife rehabilitation role in ICS and actual hands on cleaning of oiled feathers. We would like for all permitted wildlife rehabilitators and trainees, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state wildlife officials, industry environmental personnel, animal control officers as well as local veterinarians and technicians to participate.

There is **no cost** for the workshop but space is limited. Please register early by calling Sharon 281-332-8319 or 281-731-8826 or via email at [SharonSchmalz@WRandE.org](mailto:SharonSchmalz@WRandE.org).

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# *Oiled Wildlife Response Workshop Agenda*

- 9:00 - 9:15 Welcome – *Thomas W. deMaar, DVM Senior Veterinarian, Gladys Porter Zoo*  
*Sharon Schmalz, Executive Director, Wildlife Rehab & Education*
- 9:15 - 9:40 Wildlife Laws – USFWS Law Enforcement
- 9:40 - 10:10 Wildlife Rehabilitation Role in Incident Command System (ICS) –  
The O’Brien’s Group
- 10:10 - 10:30 US Coast Guard Role in Oil Spill Response – Matthew Tilimon,  
Marine Science Technician, Federal On-Scene Coordinator
- 10:30 - 10:45 BREAK
- 10:45 - 11:00 WR&E Wildlife Center for Oiled Wildlife Response – Sharon Schmalz, Exec.  
Director
- 11:00 - 11:20 Effects of Oil on Wildlife - Debbie Mitchell, WR&E
- 11:20 - 11:45 Effects of Oil on Humans - OSHA Requirements - Sharon Schmalz, WR&E
- 11:45 - 12:15 LUNCH- Thanks to sponsors *All Star Metals, LLC, Mo-Vac  
Environmental, & RTW Terminals*
- 12:15 - 12:35 Capture & Restraint of Wildlife – Judy Phipps, WR&E
- 12:35 - 12:55 Zoonoses – Margaret Pickell, WR&E
- 12:55 - 1:15 Oiled Wildlife Rehabilitation - Sharon Schmalz, WR&E
- 1:15 - 1:30 Triage/Washing Demo - Margaret Pickell & Debbie Mitchell, WR&E
- 1:30 - 1:45 PPE Demo - Leesa Young & Sherry Brinkley, WR&E
- 1:45 - 2:00 BREAK
- 2:00 - 3:30 Donning PPE  
Hands-on Washing  
Doffing PPE
- 3:30 - 3:45 Aftercare & Release  
Questions & Answers, Certificates

*Special thanks to Oil Mop, LLC for providing the Tyvek suits and gloves  
for the hands on demonstration.*