

WORK EXPERIENCE AT HESSILHEAD

The aims of Hessilhead Wildlife Rescue Trust are to rescue, repair, rehabilitate and return to the wild injured and orphaned wild birds and animals.

During your stay at Hessilhead we hope to give you some experience of the following topics. The detail covered will depend on the length of your visit, patients in care and time available. We will aim to have a short tutorial every day, covering some aspect of wildlife care or of behaviour in the wild and its relevance to the care and treatment of our patients. You are welcome to suggest topics for these tutorials.

Rescue

Methods of capture, when and why

- Onland
- Onwater
- Equipmentavailable.
- Useofequipment
- Thelaw
- Safetyofpersonneland public

Transporting The Casualty

- Carryingboxes, prosandcons
- Swanbags
- Preventingfurther injuryorstress



Admitting The Casualty

- Name, addressandphone numberoffinder
- Asmuchhistoryofcasualty aspossible
- Accurate details oflocation forterritorial species
- Legalrequirementsfor protectedspecies.

Examination and Handling Of Casualty

- Smallbird
- Largebird
- Smallmammal
- Hedgehog
- Large mammal

First Aid

- Woundcleaning
- Externalparasitecontrol
- Internalparasitecontrol
- Weighing
- Splintforinjuredwing
- Splintforinjuredleg
- Stressmanagement.

Medication

- Antibiotics
- Anti-inflammatory
- Homeopathic treatment
- Fluidtherapy.
- Painrelief
- Wounddressing

Microscope Work

Identification of parasites and bacteria from faecal samples

Hand Rearing

- Birds
- Mammals
- Imprinting
- Socialinteraction

Housing The Wildlife Casualty

- Hospitalcageforpigeons
- Hospitalcageforfinches, thrushesetc
- Hospitalcageforwadere
- Hospitalcageforgulls.
- Heatedcagesfororphaned birdsandmammals
- Swanhospital
- Aviaries
- Large mammalenclosures.

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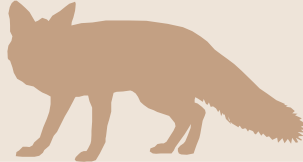
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Management Of The Casualty

- Natural foods
- Substitute foods
- Water
- Perches
- Dishes
- Cleaning



Assessing The Casualty

- Examination/weighing
- Observation
- Flying on line



Rehabilitation

- Why
- Where
- How



Hygiene

- Transmission of disease between patients
- Transmission of disease from patient to carer
- Disinfectants and hand washes, etc
- Protective clothing labelling

Release

- Where
- When
- How
- Post release monitoring
- Record keeping



Euthanasia

- Why
- When
- How
- Post mortem examination

Helping The Public

- Telephone enquiries
- Admitting a patient

Fund Raising

- Membership scheme
- Newsletter
- Sponsor-a-patient scheme
- Fetes/events

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