



Ireland's Wildlife Rehabilitators Association (IWRA)

CODE OF CONDUCT

IWRA aims to provide direct support to wildlife rehabilitators in Ireland via

- Educational opportunities and up to date educational/research material via multimedia, open access links to new research, highlighting opportunities to attend various wildlife conferences and educational opportunities in Ireland and further afield.
- Promote IWRA and its members in the media and to provide the public with access to licenced experienced rehabilitators.
- Work directly with individuals and independent organisations looking to maintain the highest standards of care in wildlife rehabilitation.

1. Members shall be of good character.
2. Members shall at all times act within the laws of the Republic of Ireland.
3. Any applicant that has been found guilty of cruelty and/or neglect to animals by a court of law will not be permitted to apply for membership.
4. Any applicant that has been convicted of a serious criminal offence will not be permitted to apply for membership.
5. Existing members of IWRA convicted of animal abuse, convicted of a serious criminal offence, convicted of cruelty or neglect under the relevant legislation in any jurisdiction will immediately have his/her membership terminated.
6. Members shall not deal with fosterers/volunteers who have been deemed physically or psychologically unfit to do so by a medical professional.
7. Where necessary, members must recognise the limits of their qualifications and experience when dealing with patients.
8. Members must understand that the prescribing or administering of prescription medication and/or diagnosing suspected medical conditions are all in the realm of the Veterinary Practitioner as is set forth in the laws of the Republic of Ireland.
9. Members shall never act in such a way as to bring into disrepute, or to undermine public confidence in IWRA and its members.
10. Members may not misrepresent their activities or make unrealistic claims. They may not make assertions that are not justified by evidence, and it must be made clear whenever they are expressing personal opinion or speculating beyond available evidence.
11. Members shall not act as spokesperson for IWRA without express written permission from IWRA.
12. Any member acting consistently in a manner that contravenes this code or general ethics of IWRA will have their membership dissolved after a reasonable mediation.
13. Members are required to adhere to this Code of Practice and to supply IWRA with a signed statement to that effect.



14. Members should continue their own professional development and education by attending pertinent wildlife related seminars, conferences, workshops and pursuing other educational opportunities.
15. Members should be professional, respecting the privacy of members of the public at all times, and hold any information provided in confidence, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1988 and Data Protection (Amendment) Act 2003.
16. Members must be respectful of other wildlife rehabilitators, their volunteers and Veterinary professionals and not falsely condemn their character or professional acts.
17. Members must not bring IWRA into disrepute, or undermine public confidence in the organisation or other volunteers within the organisation.

I agree to this Code of Conduct and this is my commitment to Ireland's Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, my fellow members, their volunteers and the members of the public who ask for our help.

I agree to adhere to this Code of Conduct as long as I am a member of IWRA and I understand that any infringement on the above code may result in termination of my membership.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Printed Full Name: _____

Name of affiliated Wildlife Organisation: _____