

Abstract

Wildpro "Wildlife: Oil Spill Response" - A Resource for All Oiled Wildlife Rehabilitators

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Wildpro "Wildlife: Oil Spill Response" is a comprehensive Electronic Encyclopaedia volume providing information on every aspect of oiled wildlife response from assessment of the oil spill situation and prevention of oiling of wildlife through to post-release monitoring. It includes a flowchart leading to section on Search and Collection, Triage and Euthanasia, Species Identification & Special Considerations, Admission and Stabilisation, Cleaning, Preparation for Release, Records, Release and Post-spill Monitoring. There are additional sections on Contingency Planning, Facility and Staffing, Teamwork & Command Structure (with information on the ICS system), Public Education and Human Health and Zoonoses. Additionally, Oiling, petroleum and other oils, and secondary diseases of importance in oiled birds are considered. Two further sections consider the River Thames in London: its habitat types and wildlife species. These are not only provide information on this specific area but also can act as a template to assist in developing plans for other areas - considering which habitat types and therefore specific areas need special protection, either because they are very vulnerable to oil and difficult to clean, and/or because of their importance to wildlife. The information in the Encyclopaedia is closely referenced and peer reviewed. It is backed up by a large Electronic Library of documents on oiled wildlife response, oil in the environment, and more general oil spill response, from a wide variety of sources. This resource has been Open Access in the developing world since 2007 and is scheduled to become freely available worldwide on the WIN website (www.wildlifeinformation.org) from summer 2009, as well as being available for purchase on CD-ROM for off-line use. This resource is a living document. It is intended that more pictures and appropriate video will be added, and data included will be updated.