

Chemical Immobilization and Humane Handling Course
For Wildlife Caretakers
November 6-9, 2017
Wolf Haven International, Tenino, Washington



Are you a caretaker working with captive exotic or indigenous wildlife? Do you rescue and rehabilitate wildlife or work in a setting where veterinary care is performed? Are you interested in learning how to safely and humanely chemically immobilize the animals you care for? Do you want to provide wildlife care in a respectful and compassionate manner and learn best practices? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then **Chemical Immobilization and Humane Handling** is for you.

In the first of a series of courses focusing on compassionate wildlife care, Mark R. Johnson, DVM of Global Wildlife Resources (GWR), Wolf Haven International, The Wildcat Sanctuary, and the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), are offering a unique 4-day course that will focus on compassionate chemical immobilization and humane handling of wildlife living in sanctuaries and other animal facilities. This course will focus on wild and exotic species from the **canid** and **felid** families; however, professionals working with all species are welcome and encouraged to register. **You will gain practical skills and knowledge that you can immediately apply in your own facility.**

This course will offer comprehensive chemical immobilization training instructed by **Mark R. Johnson, DVM** of *Global Wildlife Resources*. Dr. Johnson, former veterinarian of Yellowstone National Park, has participated worldwide in a wide range of wildlife handling field operations. He teaches animal care professionals, wildlife professionals, and students around the world. Dr. Johnson's students come from a wide variety of organizations, including several animal sanctuaries, universities and national parks, as well as many state and federal agencies. This is one of the most extensive chemical immobilization courses in North America and includes a course notebook and daily labs, culminating in a hands-on lab with captive wolves. Participants will also receive a **Certificate of Chemical Immobilization Training** upon course completion.

In addition to chemical immobilization training, this course will offer species specific round-table discussions and exercises to promote best practices for captive canids and felids. We are always striving to improve the lives of the animals in our care and this course will provide a rare chance to share information and ideas, as well as opportunities to discuss with peers any challenges or concerns that you, as caretakers may have. We will explore such topics as safe handling practices, husbandry practices, behavioral training, stress recognition and mitigation, and anything that you bring to the table.

DATES: November 6, 7, 8, & 9, 2017.

FEES: \$650 (\$675 after October 1, 2017)

WHO IS RECOMMENDED FOR THIS CLASS? Caretakers of captive exotic and indigenous wildlife, especially those who may be responsible for or participate in chemical immobilization of the animals at their facility. This class is also beneficial for veterinarians, or other trained staff members and graduates seeking to work directly with captive wild animals. It is also highly recommended as part of an emergency preparedness or disaster plan for facilities that house wild and exotic animals. An organization does not have to be GFAS accredited or verified to attend, however a certificate of completion of this course would be considered proof of adherence to the GFAS requirement for staff training in chemical immobilization.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Please select one of the following methods:

- Email registration forms to wendy@wolfhaven.org
- Fax to 360. 264.4639
- Print the registration form and mail to:
Wolf Haven International
3111 Offut Lake Rd
Tenino, WA 98589

Questions? Email [Wendy Spencer](mailto:Wendy.Spencer@wolfhaven.org), Sanctuary Director or call her at 360. 264.4695 x218.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 15, 2017.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation Policy: 50% refund if cancellation after October 1, 2017. **No refunds for cancellation after October 20, 2017.** All refunds will be sent within 30 days of cancellation date. The minimum class size needed is 20 students.

ABOUT GLOBAL WILDLIFE RESOURCES

wildliferesources.com

GWR is a progressive company founded by Dr. Mark Johnson that specializes in humane and respectful capture and handling of wild and feral animals. Dr. Johnson is dedicated to teaching and advising wildlife and animal welfare professionals of all kinds and to bringing care, honor, and respect to animals whether they are free-ranging, captive, or feral animals.

GWR's work and instruction is based on the most practical and effective field-oriented methods and equipment and explores conscious ways of working with the animals. In effect, we study not only ways of doing but also ways of being as we handle animals. With this conscious approach, we observe ourselves, choose how we respond to the excitement of capture and handling, and strive

to learn from each animal so we can become a better person with each experience.

ABOUT WOLF HAVEN INTERNATIONAL

wolfhaven.org

Wolf Haven International is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization known for its contributions to wolf recovery through public outreach and education, support for research, and assistance with programs locally and nationally. In addition, Wolf Haven has provided lifetime sanctuary for more than 200 captive-born wolves from private owners, roadside attractions, animal collectors, and other facilities. As one of only three government-appointed pre-release facilities for the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program, Wolf Haven plays a vital role in restoring the Mexican gray wolf to the Southwest. Wolf Haven is also a cooperator in the Red Wolf Recovery Program.

ABOUT THE WILDCAT SANCTUARY

wildcatsanctuary.org

The Wildcat Sanctuary (TWS) is a 501(c)3 non-profit, big cat rescue home to over 100 wild cats. TWS provides a natural sanctuary to wild cats in need and inspires change to end the captive wildlife crisis. TWS combines natural and spacious habitats with a life free of exhibition, allowing all residents to live wild at heart. The Wildcat Sanctuary is accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries and is a member of Tigers in America. As acting placement officer, TWS participates in on the ground rescues and relocation of bobcats, servals, cougars, tigers and other big cats across the United States. TWS combines behavioral training, enrichment programs and other techniques to decrease stress and increase voluntary participation of rescued animals for daily husbandry and veterinary procedures while striving to provide individualized care for all residents.

ABOUT GLOBAL FEDERATION OF ANIMAL SANCTUARIES

sanctuaryfederation.org

Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the sole purpose of strengthening and supporting the work of animal sanctuaries, rescues, and rehabilitation centers worldwide. The goal of GFAS in working with and assisting these animal care facilities is to ensure they are supported, honored, recognized, and rewarded for meeting important criteria in providing care to the animals in residence. GFAS was founded in 2007 by animal protection leaders from a number of different organizations in response to virtually unchecked and often hidden exploitation of animals for human entertainment and financial profit. The GFAS Board of Directors guides the organization's work in a collaborative manner. While the board includes those in top leadership at Born Free USA, The Humane Society of the United States, International Fund for Animal Welfare, the ASPCA, and American Anti-Vivisection Society, all board members serve as individuals dedicated to animal sanctuaries.