Wildlife Handling and Chemical Immobilization Workshop

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Grand Mound, Washington

Strengthen your comfort and confidence with wildlife chemical immobilization. Learn the latest drug combinations. Fine-tune your experience and field protocols. Global Wildlife Resources is teaching a 2-day workshop on Wildlife Handling and Chemical Immobilization held in association with the February 2019 joint annual meeting (Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society, Society for Northwestern Vertebrate Biology, and Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation). The workshop is a slightly condensed version of the 3-day courses that GWR teaches across the U.S. and Canada. Dr. Mark Johnson is a dynamic instructor who teaches practical, field-based training to maximize human safety, field success, animal care, and professionalism that is the most current and extensive course content in North America. This 2-day course is authorized to provide 12 hours of credit for the TWS Certified Wildlife Biologist Renewal/Professional Development Certificate Program. This workshop can also be applied toward any state or federal certification program. Dr. Johnson has taught this class for the Washington Chapter before and we received tremendous feedback from previous participants.

The 2 days will include lecture, discussion, videos, and a hands-on lab each day. A dart-gun lab provides opportunity for participants to practice a variety of drug-delivery systems. A needle and syringe lab teaches basic skills and improves old skills for working with syringes and needles, syringe poles, and performing IV injections for blood collection. The needle and syringe lab builds good habits to maximize human safety, animal care, and successful chemical immobilization. This course emphasizes care, respect, and compassion for every animal.

This workshop is limited to 30 participants so early registration is encouraged. The registration fee will be $200 per person but will include lunch the first day, as well as coffee and snacks on both days.


If you have questions, please contact Bill Vogel at bill_vogel@fws.gov or (360) 753-4367.