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RESUME

Employment

8/2018 - present

Global Wildlife Resources, Inc. (GWR). Freeland, Washington. Wildlife veterinarian and president of progressive business offering the same field assistance and quality field-based training that I have for over 25 years. A new life here in the Puget Sound and a new energy and vibrancy to my training. I continue to gather field-based tools and technique from my field work and from professionals attending my courses to produce the most current and extensive training in chemical capture while emphasizing the importance of care, respect, and compassion for every animal we handle in wildlife research and management.

3/00 - 8/2018

dba **Global Wildlife Resources** (GWR, Inc.), Hamilton, Montana Wildlife veterinarian and president of progressive business supporting wildlife professionals and improving animal handling of free-ranging and captive wildlife and humane dog capture and handling for the animal welfare world. We teach the most extensive, field-based chemical immobilization courses in North America. GWR also teaching comprehensive courses in humane dog capture and handling for shelters, spay/neuter programs, disaster responders, animal control officers, and rescue organizations. Introducing the "Y" pole which is a brand new humane tool for compassionately working with fearful dogs.

11/88 - 3/91

10/95 - 3/00

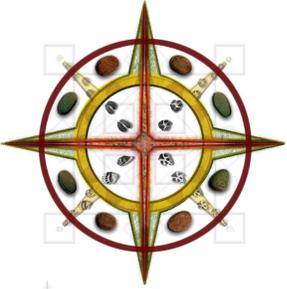
**Wildlife Veterinary Resources, Inc.**, Bozeman, Montana Wildlife Veterinarian Dedicated to supporting wildlife professionals and strengthening animal welfare in research and management. Providing field assistance, educational opportunities, and professional resources for wildlife professionals and universities. Founder and executive director.

2001

USDA Wildlife Services. Contracted to write first training manual for USDA Wildlife Services titled: *Field Operations Manual for the Use of Immobilization and Euthanasia Drugs*.

2009-2010,  
2017-2019

National Training Academy. Instructor for USDA/APHIS/ Wildlife Service's chemical immobilization training courses.



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Field Projects & Courses:

**State wildlife agencies** - principle instructor for Michigan DNR and recently taught Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

**USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services** – 2001. Wrote first agency training manual for wildlife chemical immobilization. 2008. Conducted WS Safety Review in several states. Principle instructor for the National Training Academy training WS personnel.

**Washington DFW** - Co-led field bighorn sheep field captures in MT for transport to Washington. Ground darting of sheep with BAM.

**Puerto Rico Dept. of Natural Resources** – Taught wildlife chemical immobilization course for Dept. of Natural Resources to help them establish a national chemical immobilization program.

**Glacier National Park** – Taught annual courses in grizzly/black bear capture and handling for bear management personnel.

**Yosemite National Park** – Instructed bear handling courses in 1999 and 2000.

**Isle Royale National Park** – providing field assistance for wolf research including trapping, radio collaring, and other wolf handling techniques since 1994.

**NM Dept. Game & Fish** – Project veterinarian for desert & Rocky Mountain net gunning bighorn sheep captures.

**USFWS Management Assistance** – Assisted with antelope translocation and elk vaginal implant field operations (capture by net gunning) for Montana tribal wildlife programs.

**USFWS, National Conservation Training Center** – Teaching chemical immobilization courses for the US Fish and Wildlife Service 2000-2003.

**Bear Handling Courses** – co-instructed courses on capture and handling of grizzly and black bears for research and management for the MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks and Yellowstone NP.

**Wolf Field Techniques Workshops** – Gathered professionals from North America to speak on state-of-the-art techniques and equipment for wolf research and management.

**Humane Society of the United States.** Co-instructed course for animal control officers at several native American reservations. Assisted with capture of feral dogs and cats after Hurricane Katrina. Assisted with logistics and animal care for several large dog confiscations.

**Tokyo University** – Presented lectures to several Japanese wildlife and veterinary programs. Subjects included wolf translocation, wildlife capture and handling, animal welfare issues.

**Turks and Caicos SPCA** - pioneered multi-faceted feral dog project involving public education in animal stewardship, development of unique capture pens and handling methods, and capture of 400 free-ranging dogs for spaying and neutering or euthanasia. 2001 and 2004.

**Fort Belknap Cougar Project, Fort, Belknap, MT** – advising veterinarian for mountain lion research involving capture and handling.



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**Vets Beyond Borders and India Animal Welfare Board** - Completed 4 trips to India with training in humane dog capture and handling. Courses gave government certification for Humane Animal Handlers after completing course. Co-produced training videos now used by spay/neuter programs across India.

**Koror State Government, Paula** - Taught extensive course in humane dog capture and handling for state animal control officers and state animal shelter staff.

Faculty Positions

1990 - present

**University of Montana**, Missoula, MT – Affiliate Faculty of Wildlife Biology, School of Forestry. Annually instructing WILD 472 “Wildlife Handling and Chemical Immobilization for Wildlife Professionals” for wildlife students. Course is listed in university catalog. Taught every year since 1997.

1997 – 2006

**University of Minnesota**, St. Paul, MN – Adjunct Assistant Professor for Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife. Annually instructed field techniques courses for wildlife and veterinary students.

Former Employment

3/91 – 4/96

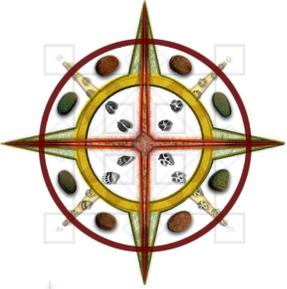
**Yellowstone National Park**, Mammoth, WY  
Wildlife Veterinarian – Developed and coordinated capture & handling, acclimation pens, and husbandry for Yellowstone wolf recovery program; conducted research on hantavirus prevalence supporting Centers for Disease Control investigations; assisted with netgunning deer and antelope, elk chemical immobilizations for management, winter elk radio-collaring, and abdominal implants.

3/91 – 4/96

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**, Helena, MT  
Project Veterinarian – developed and coordinated veterinary program for translocating gray wolves into central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park under cooperative agreement with National Park Service. Wrote peer-reviewed protocols for addressing disease issues and wolf handling and processing. Assembled team of veterinarians for field operations in Canada. Escorted all wolves transported into the United States.

11/90 – 3/91

**Lion Ecology Project; Wildlife Research Institute**  
Biological Technician – Team leader for mountain lion capture team in Yellowstone National Park; also conducted



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- extensive tracking and radio telemetry monitoring;  
contributed veterinary techniques and perspectives.
- 3/90 – 4/90  
3/89 – 4/89
- South Fork Grizzly Project; MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Bear Trapper** – intensive trapping of black and grizzly bears for marking and radio-collaring in population study; erected remote camera systems and monitored with radio-telemetry; instructed training courses at beginning of each field season.
- 7/87 – 11/90
- Veterinary Practitioner** – practiced as Associate Veterinarian in Clackamas, Oregon (Sunnyside Veterinary Hospital) and Laurel, Montana (Laurel East Veterinary Services); practiced as Relief Veterinarian in 14 veterinary clinics throughout Montana while interspersing veterinary practice with wildlife opportunities.
- Volunteer Employment  
Feb. and March, 2009
- Project Vet Train, Faridabad, India.** Taught feral dog capture and handling as part of a collaboration between Vets Beyond Border and the India government Animal Welfare Board. Second trip was an employed engagement.
- June, 2008
- Ladakhi Animal Care Society, Leh India.** Taught feral dog capture and handling workshop for 4 spay/neuter programs and consulted on facilities and procedures for spay/neuter program run by the Ladakhi Animal Care Society and Vets Beyond Borders.
- Fall, 2005
- Assisted the **Humane Society of the United States** with post-hurricane animal rescues in the New Orleans area on three separate trips. Duties included coordinating emergency captures of dogs in areas with receding waters, coordinating three teams to capture dogs and cats in the Gulfport, MS area, and training of personnel in the humane use of box traps and animal handling.
- 1995 – 2002
- Veterinary Specialist Group of the Species Survival Commission, IUCN, Wiltshire, England**  
Member – contributing wildlife veterinary expertise and support to international issues to support species conservation and biodiversity.



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12/84, 1/85

**Game & Fish Research Station: Wyoming Game & Fish Department**, Laramie, WY

Volunteer – Helped trap bighorn sheep, worked with dropnets, collected blood and other samples.

Winters '84, '85, '87

**Colorado Division of Wildlife**, Ft. Collins, CO

Handler and veterinary technician – helped trap bighorn sheep on sporadic trapping sessions, collected blood and other samples to monitor disease and stress.

7/83 – 6/84

**Raptor Rehabilitation Clinic, Colorado Veterinary Teaching Hospital**, Ft. Collins, CO

Freshman Representative – organized and coordinated freshman veterinary students within the raptor rehabilitation clinic.

7/75 – 6/80

**Gallatin Raptor Rehabilitation Center**, Bozeman, MT

Raptor Rehabilitator – initiated and maintained facilities for treating orphaned or injured raptors for release; veterinary assistant for surgery and taking radiographs; worked directly with raptors such as handling, exercising, feeding and treating.

Education

8/83 – 5/87

**College of Vet. Med., Colorado State Univ.**, Ft. Collins, CO  
Degree: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

8/80 – 9/83

**University of Saskatchewan**, Saskatoon, Canada  
Degree: M.S. in Veterinary Science (Anatomy)

10/75 – 6/80

**Montana State University**, Bozeman, MT  
Degree: B.S. in Zoology

Publications

Research Editor for *Yellowstone Science* (quarterly), 1993-1995, Yellowstone Association, Yellowstone National Park, WY.

Associate Editor for Ninth International Conference on Bear Research and Management. 1994. International Association for Bear Research and Management. 587pp.

Associate Editor for *Ursus* 13 (2002) and 14 (2003). An Official Publication of the International Association for Bear Research and Management.



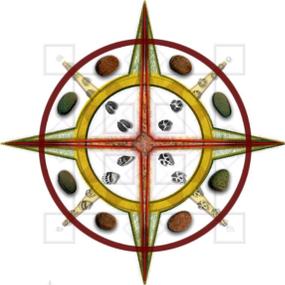
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**Internet Websites**

Website: [www.WildlifeCaptureandCare.com](http://www.WildlifeCaptureandCare.com)

YouTube Channel: [GWRFeralDogs](#)

Facebook: [Wildlife Handling](#)

Personal

Born April 20, 1956

Residing in Freeland, Washington

Licenses:

Veterinary medical practice: Montana and Washington

Awards:

2014 - Award for care, honor, and respect for every animal from Wolf Haven International

1980 – Teaching award for performance as teaching assistant to veterinary students. Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

1995 – National Park Service Performance Award for hantavirus study in Yellowstone National Park, WY.

1996 – National Park Services Performance Award for involvement in the Gray Wolf Restoration Program. Yellowstone National Park, WY.

Personal Interests:

Hiking, gardening, fishing, canoeing, sustainable communities, yoga, conscious living

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