

## **WDA Student Chapter Guidelines**

**OBJECTIVES** – The objectives of the WDA Student Chapters include the mission of WDA, “*Our mission is to acquire, disseminate, and apply knowledge of the health and diseases of wild animals in relation to their biology, conservation, and interactions with human and domestic animals.*”, and more specifically aim to:

- Educate students interested in wildlife health and disease about
  - The profession and career opportunities
  - Job qualifications and education
  - Externships, volunteer, and research opportunities
- Enhance the skills of students interested in wildlife health and disease through
  - Lectures
  - Workshops
  - Conferences
  - Field trips
- Connect students interested in wildlife health and disease to mentors in WDA through the faculty advisor and guest lecturers

**FACULTY ADVISOR** – each chapter must have a faculty advisor who is a current member of WDA

**OFFICERS** – officers are to be selected by members of the chapter and must be Student Members of WDA

**MEMBERSHIP** – student chapters are composed of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students interested in the field of wildlife diseases. WDA membership is not a prerequisite for membership in a WDA Student Chapter.

**DUES** – the dues structure of each student chapter is to be determined by that chapter. Revenue from dues is to be spent by the chapter in keeping with the Student Chapters of WDA Objectives

**REPORTS TO WDA** – report templates are available on the student section of the WDA website and are to be filled in and emailed to the Executive Manager of WDA

- Creation of a Student Chapter of WDA and Leader Information Update Form – Due Sept 30 of each year; updated contact information of the faculty advisor and officers of the student chapter (please send to the Executive manager and Student on council)
- Student Chapter Progress Report – Due April 30 of each year; each chapter must send a progress report to the Executive manager and Student on council to maintain status as an official student chapter of WDA. These reports may be posted on the WDA website or in the JWD supplement.

**CREATION OF A STUDENT CHAPTER OF WDA and  
LEADER INFORMATION UPDATE FORM**



**Chapter Name**

**Chapter Mission Statement (to be determined by each chapter)**

**Number of members**

**Faculty Advisor**

Name

Degrees

Position, Research interests

Address

Telephone

Email

Website

**Officers:**

**President**

Name

Address

Telephone

Email

**Vice President**

Name

Address

Telephone

Email

**(Secretary and Treasurer if filled)**

Please complete this form and email to both the WDA Executive Manager and Student on Council before September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

## STUDENT CHAPTER PROGRESS REPORT



**Chapter Name**  
**Faculty Advisor**

**Please list in detail the activities of this student chapter over the past year. Include specifically how this chapter worked towards the WDA Student Chapter objectives:**

*1. Educate wildlife disease students about the profession and career opportunities, job qualifications and education, and externships, volunteer, and research opportunities. 2. Enhance the skills of wildlife disease students through lectures, workshops, conferences, field trips. 3. Connect wildlife disease students to mentors in WDA through the faculty advisor and guest lecturers.*

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