



## Student Chapter Progress Report – Guidelines

Complete this form and email to the Student Representative on Council, Marianthi Ioannidis (ioannidis.marianthi@gmail.com), before May 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. This report will be made available on the WDA website, thus it is also your chapter's business card.

- 1) Complete your report according to the guidelines below
- 2) Make sure to list the current officers and their details in this report.
- 3) If possible, please attach a group shot of the current chapter officers for 2020 to be added to the website.
- 4) Chapter that are not sending back a progress report will not be considered active anymore.



## Student Chapter Progress Report

**Chapter Name:** Colorado State University Student Chapter

**Established in (if known):** 2009

**Mission:**

*Our mission, as the CSU Student Chapter of the Wildlife Disease Association, is to increase student participation and opportunities in the field of wildlife health and disease ecology through education, communication, and collaboration with local and global research and education communities.*

**Number of chapter members:** 60

**Number of chapter members that are WDA members:** 60

**Faculty Advisor**

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**Current board members**

Please include country of the officers when your chapter represents multiple countries. Also, please include country representatives here (this only applies to regional, not university- based chapters).

**President:**

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**Vice President**

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**Other Officers (e.g. treasurer, secretary etc.)**

**Treasurer**

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**Event Coordinators**

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**Graduate Representative**

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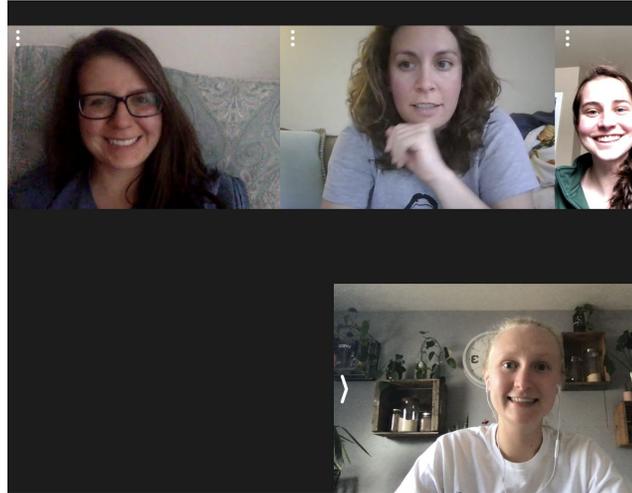
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How frequently does your chapter hold elections? Yearly at the end of the fall semester.

**Board members 2020-2021**

If nothing changes, please report this. If changes are scheduled for later in 2020, please provide the planned time frame for board and/or country representative changes. **Always make sure to update the Student Representative on Officer changes!**

**Our elections take place in the fall, so the next elections will be in Fall 2020.**



## Description of Chapter Activities

### PR & Fundraising

#### PR:

Online presence:

- Chapter website (if applicable): N/A
- Chapter facebook page (if applicable):  
<https://www.facebook.com/CSU-Student-Chapter-of-the-Wildlife-Disease-Association-156335477781040/>
- Other chapter online or social media presence (i.e. youtube, twitter): No
- Does your chapter have a newsletter?: No

#### Member recruitment & Club outreach

- How does your chapter announce and advertise your events?  
We send out an email to all members as well as to the email lists of the four veterinary classes advertising events.



#### Collaboration:

- Which other groups does your chapter collaborate with?:
  - Colorado State University American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP)
- If your chapter collaborates, what does the chapter do together with the other organization?
  - Combined dinner lectures: this year specifically was working through interesting wildlife pathology cases with Dr. Karen Fox of Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

#### WDA-representation:

- How did your chapter promote the WDA? (i.e. hand-out WDA flyers, announced at meetings what WDA mission is and how to become a member, coordinated travel to the WDA conference)
  - Flyers with WDA website are given to new members when sign up
  - The mission of the WDA is announced at meetings

#### Fundraising:

- Does your chapter have a membership fee, if so what are the fees?
  - Yes, the membership fee is \$15
- Did your chapter host a fundraiser (i.e. cookie sale, gear sale)?
  - We sell club T shirts, stickers, and bamboo utensils.
- Did your chapter apply for grants and awards (i.e. WDA student chapter grants, university support)? We did not apply for a grant last year.
- Any other way the chapter's financial health is maintained (i.e. sponsorships)? We get most of our funding from student dues and selling T-shirts/merchandise.

#### EVENTS

Please share the activities your chapter organized or co-organized between April 30th 2019 and May 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. It is ok to overlap if you mentioned some of the events above. In addition, if you have exciting end of semester / summer plans please share those too. We love to know how you keep members engaged when school is not in session.

**October 18th, 2019, National Parks Service Lunch Lecture:** Dr. Karen Fox of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and Dr. Michelle Verant of the National Park Service presented some of their past and current research projects.



**October 26, 2019, W.O.L.F Sanctuary Volunteering:** The sanctuary was moving to a new location for more space and we helped prep their new location for building as well as helped to plant trees.

**November 15, 2019, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Facilities Tour:** Interactive tour of CPW's facilities given by one of the staff veterinarians. Students got a chance to see various animal species on site and ask questions about current research as well as career opportunities.

**November 19, 2019, ZooPharm Dinner Lecture:** Steve Kirschner, the VP of Clinical Research and Development at ZooPharm (Wildlife Pharmaceuticals) discussed the development of today's most effective drug formulations and combinations for anesthesia. The focus was on practical knowledge, case reports, and efficacy/safety studies

**December 4, 2019, Marine and Wildlife Parasite Wet Lab:** Dr. Ashely McGrew, who runs the parasitology lab at CSU's Diagnostic Medicine Center, showed interested students some of her research in marine parasites. Students got a change to look at gross specimens, slides, and ran some tests on scat samples from seals, wolves, and other species.

**January 24, 2020, Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust Lunch Lecture:** "Conserving Wildlife in Southern African through Rescue and Rehabilitation, Wildlife Research and Management, Disease Diagnostics and Forensics, and Community Outreach" with Jessica Dawson, CEO and founder of VFWT, and Dr. Mary Wright, wildlife veterinarian and instructor in the Africa wildlife course.

**February 20, 2020, Wildlife Histology Cases Dinner Lecture:** Dr. Karen Fox from Colorado Parks and Wildlife lead students through interesting wildlife pathology cases. Co-organized with CSU's student chapter of ACVP (American College of Veterinary Pathologists).

**Note:** While our officer's had plans for more exciting events for this current semester, including a wildlife immobilization clinic with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the current coronavirus situation has put a hold on all events. We look forward to resuming planning and scheduling once social restrictions are lifted!



**(Bi)Annual events (if applicable):**

Please provide a brief description of the activity, include at least the date(s), speaker/host/goal and approximate attendance. If you have pictures, please include them.

We typically hold an annual wildlife immobilization clinic through Colorado Parks and Wildlife every April, with Dr. Lisa Wolfe, however due to coronavirus restrictions, that event had to be canceled. Typically this event allows 20 people to attend and involves both lecture and practical components. Lecture topics include different methods of immobilization, different anesthetic protocols and discussion of ongoing research of anesthesia at the facility. Practical experience includes dart gun target practice, and actual immobilization of a Rocky Mountain Elk who needed routine medical care including hoof trimming and teeth floating.

**Weekly or monthly events (if applicable):**

Please provide a brief description of the activity, include at least the date(s), speaker/host/goal and approximate attendance. If you have pictures, please include them.

We have monthly officer meetings.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please share anything else you would like to share about your chapter.

**!!!Regarding the WDA conference in 2021, Wisconsin**

In order to organize the next student event prior the annual meeting we decided to ask the student chapter officers:

What would you like to have as a main topic/red line? We would love to see climate change or emerging diseases as a main topic.

What would you like to see during this event in terms of lectures, workshops,...?

We would like to see lectures related to the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease, emerging diseases, and different ways that they arise, specifically relating to **COVID-19**.