



Student Chapter Progress Report – Guidelines

Complete this form and email to the Student Representative on Council, Marianthi Ioannidis (ioannidis.marianthi@gmail.com), before May 1st 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.



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Chapter Name: University of Saskatchewan Wildlife Disease Association Student Chapter

Established in (if known): 2014

Mission: The University of Saskatchewan Wildlife Disease Association Student Chapter works to provide students from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine opportunities to learn about wildlife health, disease, and medicine through the use of panel discussions, workshops, and seminars with specialists in the field. In addition, we work to give students opportunities to experience the outdoors through various group outdoor excursions such as camping, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, and dogsledding.

Number of chapter members: 77

Number of chapter members that are WDA members: 1



WDA Club Members 2019-2020

Name
Kiran Fong
Alyssa Froese
Azy Behnam
Caleigh Gerow
Delaney Schofer
Erin Carlson
Glory Leung
Julia Domke
Kate Green
Madison Logan
Melanie Fetterly
Natalia Wycislak
Robin Owskiacki
Ajay Kahlon
Alexa Dixon
Alisha Triff
Amy Taylor
Andrew Crookes
Angela Cheng
Anna Wilkins
Ashish Suri
Ashley L'hirondelle
Ashley Milne
Breanna Patton

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Carley Lodge
Chantel Dunlop
Cheryl Linaksita
Christopher Rampersad
Ciara Zarn
Courtney Orsen
Dani Schlehahn
Devyn Liz
Ellie Duncan
Emma Derocher
Evan Aukema
Gabrielle Achtymichuk
hannah vesper
Jessica Jackson
Jessica Seaford
Jude Morton
Kaitlyn Denroche
Kaitlyn Wurzer
Kate McEwen
Kendra McGougan
Kendra Tod
Kimberly Williams
Kylie Cousins
Lianne Price

Lucas Grist
Maddy Knodel
Meara Munn-Patterson
Melanie Roulin
Michelle Streeter
Morgan Kelley
Natasha Tripp
Olivia rad
Rebecca Walder
Reina Fennell
Sarah Thomas
Sheriton Smith
Sophie Jones
Svetlana Ponsin
Taylor Davies
Teagan Jarrett
Tiffany Lin
Tory Yont
Willow Burnes
Olivia Ciccozzi
Hayley Down
Isabell Stamm
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President:

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Name: Caleigh Gerow; Email address: cmg252@usask.ca

Vice President

Name: Delaney Schofer

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Secretary:

Kate Green klg714@usask.ca

Treasurers:

Senior – Erin Carlson enc325@usask.ca

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Robin Owskiacki rho759@usask.ca

How frequently does your chapter hold elections? Elections are held yearly at the end of March/early April for the incoming executive committee. During the fall general meeting, positions that were not filled are offered again.

Board members 2020-2021

President:

Name: Delaney Schofer
Email address: des258@mail.usask.ca

Other Officers

Secretary:

Name: Kate Green; Email address: klg714@usask.ca

Treasurer (Senior):

Name: Kiran Fong; Email address: kef073@mail.usask.ca

Social:

Name: Kate Green; Email address: klg714@usask.ca
Name: Natalia Wycislak, Email address: nrw425@mail.usask.ca



To be filled at Fall General Meeting:

1. Vice President
2. Junior Treasurer
3. Public Relations
4. Workshop/Seminar Committee
5. Fundraising
6. 1st year rep
7. 2nd year rep

Description of Chapter Activities

PR & Fundraising

PR:

Online presence:

- Chapter website (if applicable): NA
- Chapter Facebook page (if applicable): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/473760406056244/>
- Other chapter online or social media presence (i.e. youtube, twitter): NA
- Does your chapter have a newsletter? No

Member recruitment & Club outreach

- We use both our Facebook page and the members-only email list to advertise our events.
- The college's yearly 'Clubs Day' is our main method of recruiting new members.

Collaboration:

We have collaborated with the Western College of Veterinary Medicine's Production Animal Club and Wildlife and Exotic Animal Medicine Society to host various talks and workshops. In addition, we try to share opportunities and encourage attendance to events and talks offered by various other related organizations such as: University of Saskatchewan 'WildEcol Seminar Series', Saskatoon Nature Society, Saskatchewan Breeding Bird Atlas project of Bird Studies Canada, Saskatchewan Wildlife Art Association, and more!

WDA-representation:

At meetings and AGMs, we always describe the WDA mission and how to become a member. During the college's 'Clubs Day' we are able to talk to students and describe in detail what the club represents and answer any questions potential members may have.



Fundraising:

Our annual membership fee is \$5. Our club hosts two main fundraisers per year, the Wild Karaoke Night and the WDA Member Appreciation BBQ. This year we also applied for and received funding from the WCVSA Clubs Incentives award, and we are planning to apply for the WDA Student Chapter Seed Grant later this year. We also seek grants from external supporters to for our dogsledding trip – most years we receive funding from the SaskOutdoors.

EVENTS

- Wilderness walk at Beaver Creek
- 'Wild About Karaoke' Night
- WDA Member's Appreciation BBQ
- Dog Sledding
- Saw-whet owl banding
- Chemical Immobilization workshop
- Bird Identification Lunch Talk
- "Guardians of the Grasslands" documentary showing

(Bi)Annual events (if applicable):

Dog Sledding:

Our annual dogsledding trip with Sundogs Excursions in Waskesiu (northern Saskatchewan) took place on February 1, 2020. 12 WDA members had the opportunity to attend and enjoy a day of dogsledding and a winter wilderness walk with a local naturalist. In the past, the event was partially funded by SaskOutdoors, a local outdoors enthusiast organization. However, this year we used funds from the WCVSA Clubs Incentives award to help subsidize the cost to participants. The excursion was led by a biologist, dog sled expert, and long-time resident of the area. The day began with an orientation by the tour operators regarding safety with dogs and wildlife. Then students went on both a snowshoe tour to learn about the surrounding ecosystem and a dog sled trip out into the forest where they were able to experience the thrill of riding with dogs. Having the opportunity to get outside, learn about ecosystems, and see wildlife is a highlight for many club members. In addition, this trip increases club membership significantly and many of these students plan to carry on with the club in future years.



New Members Hike

Every year, the WDA president(s) organize a hike for both new and returning members. Past locations have included Duck Lake the sand dunes at Douglas Provincial Park. During the fall term of 2019, we planned a wilderness walk at Beaver Creek. This conservation area that includes an interpretative centre, nature trails in a river valley, and many opportunities for bird watching.

Northern Saw-whet Owl Banding:

For the past four years, our club has participated in two evenings of Northern saw-whet owl banding with a longtime local bander in Martensville, Saskatchewan. Students have the chance to learn about the process and purpose of banding, learn about saw-whet owl biology, and practice their bird-handling skills. This year, the event took place on October 4th, 2019. Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions, the second evening was postponed and eventually cancelled.





Weekly or monthly events (if applicable):

N/A

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?

- Impact of wildlife-human interactions on human health

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

- Linking climate change with parasite/disease transmission
- Advantages and pitfalls of chemical immobilization on wildlife
- Urban wildlife and how to live with them