Student Chapter Progress Report

Chapter Name: Texas A&M University Student Chapter of WDA

Established in (if known): unknown

Mission:

Number of chapter members: 45

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Other Officers (e.g. treasurer, secretary etc.)
- Daniel Olson (Treasurer)
- Katy Ortiz (2VM rep)
- Skye Sneed (1VM rep)
- Bailee Ethridge (graduate student rep)

How frequently does your chapter hold elections? annually

Description of Chapter Activities

PR & Fundraising

PR:
Online presence:
- Chapter facebook page (if applicable): TAMU Student Chapter of the Wildlife Disease Association
- Does your chapter have a newsletter? No

Member recruitment & Club outreach
- How does your chapter announce and advertises your events? Announcements are put on our facebook page and emailed out to the students. We are present at orientation for new students and we participate in Open House.

Collaboration:
- Which other groups does your chapter collaborate with? Zoo, Exotics and Wildlife Club, Green Vets Club.
- If your chapter collaborates, what does the chapter do together with the other organization? Joint meetings, events, wetlabs.

Fundraising:
- Does your chapter have a membership fee, if so what are the fees? $12 per semester, $20 per year
- Did your chapter host a fundraiser (i.e. cookie sale, gear sale)? Annual hat sale, including sales at events such as Open House and The TVMA conference.
- Did your chapter apply for grants and awards (i.e. WDA student chapter grants, university support)? Yes. (SCAVMA Club Awards, TVMA Event Awards)
- Any other way the chapter’s financially health is maintained (i.e. sponsorships)? We have organizations sponsor events when applicable.
Meetings, events, wetlabs:

Fall Summary:
- Meetings: 3
- Events: 3

September
  - Lunch meeting: 100 attendees
    o WDA Intro meeting
  - Evening event: 10 attendees
    o Special event at Rudder Auditorium: tickets to “Wild Texas Film Tour”
      (September 28th)

October
  - Evening meeting: 70 attendees
    o WDA/ZEW Joint meeting
      (October 23rd)
    o Dr. Julie Swenson - Fossil Rim Vet
  - Weekend event: 15 attendees
    o Field Sampling Party
      (Saturday early morning October 29th)
    o Netting, PE, and Banding of birds for ongoing monitoring projects

November
  - Lunch meeting: 30 attendees
    o Bison Conservation
      (November 6th)
    o Dr. James Derr – TAMU (not CVM)
  - Evening event: 20 attendees
    o Chronic Wasting Disease Certification Course
      (November 16th)

Spring Summary:
- Meetings: 2
- Events: 3

February
  - Lunch Meeting: 25 attendees
    o Topic: Disease Interaction Between Wildlife and Domestic Species
      (February 7th)
    o Dr. Terry Hensley of TVMDL

March
  - Weekend Wetlab: 20 attendees
    o Raptor Handling, PE, and Necropsy with emphasis on raptor rehab medicine
      (March 3rd)
    o Last Chance Forever, The Bird of Prey Conservancy in San Antonio sponsored
  - Lunch Meeting: 20 attendees
    o WDA Elections Meeting
      (March 27th)
    o Andrew Golnar (TAMU, not CVM)

April
  - Weekend Event: 10 attendees
- Field Trip: 12 attendees
  - Fossil Rim Wildlife Center behind-the-scenes and veterinary facilities tour

- Field Sampling Party
  - (Saturday early morning October 29th)
  - Netting, PE, and Banding of birds for ongoing monitoring projects