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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Thank you for persevering during our switch to electronic newsletters. We will still be Xeroxing the newsletter in black and white for those who do not have an Internet address but a Xerox copy will not be as pretty as the online color version will be.

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I hope you enjoy reading the Mail Pouch and From the Pouch articles published in each newsletter. I choose a fraction of the email questions we receive and respond to and they are ones that I feel the membership will be particularly interested in because of their educational value to both the opossum rehabilitators and the opossum lovers.

Anybody that has pertinent articles about opossums in their state, please feel free to forward them as member and Chairperson Louise Tinz did in this issue about opossums in her state.

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**Just one of me eats up to 5,000 ticks a year, yet I don't contract or carry Lyme disease!**

**95% of my kind are naturally immune to rabies!**

**I also eat insects, snails, small rodents, and dead stuff! I'm nature's pest control & cleanup crew.**

**If you see me, kindly ignore me. I mean you no harm.**

**I may be ugly, but I'm more scared than scary**

**I'm North America's only Marsupial!**

**HELLO, MY NAME IS POSSUM!**

I hope all of you can take a deep breath after this April baby season and be ready for round 2 in June.

Leslie Bale





# LOVETT: 'UNDERDOG' POSSUM BENEFICIAL TO ARKANSAS

By John Lovett / Arkansas Times Record / [jlovett@swtimes.com](mailto:jlovett@swtimes.com)

The homely possum, lumbering and awkward in many ways, has a surprising number of beneficial attributes that elevate its status among Arkansas wildlife.

Perhaps the highest among those unique attributes is its penchant for dining on ticks. Pushing this sole North American marsupial even higher on the likability chart is its resistance to snake venom, except the coral snake, and hankering for eating said venomous snakes.



"If people knew how beneficial they are they wouldn't shoot them," said Patty Pyle of Booneville. "They get such a bad rap."

Pyle, who happens to be my aunt, is really into animal rescue. She has a high number of rescue cats and built a house for them. She found a possum in the "cat house" once, after she realized the poop on the floor wasn't coming from the cats. The possum had been sleeping under a recliner. (Cats need recliners.)

She ushered it out with a broom.

"They'll hiss at you but they're not aggressive. They're very docile," Aunt Patty said. "We like to have them around even if it's just because they eat ticks. Between the snakes and ticks, I'd rather have the possum."

Much to my surprise, these possums are not the rabies carrying varmint my narrow mind had previously considered them to be.

Louis Tinz, who is formerly licensed in wildlife rehabilitation and lives near Dover,

said by phone Friday it is believed that the possum's body temperature keeps them from serving as hosts to the rabies virus. This is however, unless they get an infection that raises their body temp, she noted. They aren't completely immune to rabies, she explained. They're just less likely to get it than other mammals that tromp around in the wild.

Aunt Patty also likes possums because they eat mice, rats, slugs, snails, and dead animals on the side of the road. The poor possums are pretty much nature's clean-up crew. That could be why they get hit on the road so much. They're eating roadkill.

Although country singer George Jones may have identified with it, the possum has had slim luck in obtaining a fan club. And it's too bad, because they don't even live that long — on average, just two years.

Tinz is a fan though, and she wishes some more possums were around her place to eat snakes. A baby copperhead bit her foot the other day and sent her to the hospital.

All of my mother, Judy's, sisters — Donna, Barbara, Mary, Tanya and Patty — love animals. Aunt Mary used to have a pet skunk and a bearded dragon lizard. Aunt Barbara Clare, who has a cattle ranch and hostel outside of Magazine with her husband, Eddie, and some dogs and cats, has undoubtedly surpassed all of the six sisters with animal stories recently.

About a week ago, Aunt Barbara saved five possums from certain death. The momma possum had been hit by a car and lay dead in the middle of Highway 10 east of Magazine. She stopped and found two baby possums clinging to the mother's back. She reached inside the marsupial's pouch and extracted three more baby possums.

So now there were eight possums: Five from the road and three from the garage.

Just the day before, Aunt Barbara shooed a possum out of her garage and three baby possums were left behind.

"Momma possums don't come back for the babies like cats do," Aunt Patty explained.

They're great for eating ticks and snakes, but possums, they are apparently not Green Berets.

With the eighth possum in hand, she called Aunt Patty, whose animal rescue credentials have earned her an honored spot among the region's fabled animal rescue network. Aunt Barbara wasn't quite sure what to do with them. She just knew she must save them thanks to Aunt Patty's advice to "always stop and check for baby possums" if a dead possum is seen on the road.

Erin Cooksey, a local veterinarian assistant who is licensed in animal rehabilitation, said she gets a lot of calls about possums.

"Possums are the underdog, and they need some positive light," Cooksey said by phone from Davenport Veterinarian Hospital on Towson Avenue in Fort Smith. "They are misunderstood."

People with horses often do not like possums because of the creature's one apparent drawback: EPM (Equine protozoal myeloencephalitis.) Possums host the disease, passing the parasite through feces. Horses contract EPM from contaminated feed or water. Cooksey and Tinz both noted that horse owners who recognize the benefits of possums take care to keep grain, hay and water out of a possum's reach.

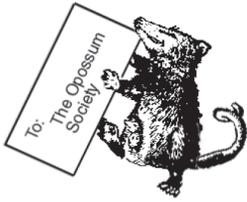
"If you see a possum it's usually just passing through, unless there's a food source," Cooksey said.

Although she specializes in rehabilitating raccoons, Cooksey said she is part of the Western Arkansas Wild Rescue Alliance and can promptly refer someone who needs help with an injured possum or abandoned baby possums. If possible, the animals will be released back into the wild. As Aunt Patty points out, the goal is to not make them into a pet.

The fastest way to reach Cooksey is through the Western Arkansas Rescue Alliance Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ArkansasCritterConnection>. For those without internet, her number is (479) 806-6246.



# Mail Pouch



**Q** I volunteer at a wildlife rehab facility. We just took in 3 Opossums (adults) from a woman who raised them in her home basically as pets. She has been transferred to Hawaii and she is not allowed to bring them, so she brought them to us. We now have a divided camp....we have those who say we can re-wild them and those who are saying no way! They have no fear of humans at all and are used to having food brought to them. 2 males, 1 female, born in early March 2016. We want to do what is right for these 3. Thank you!

**A** It depends. Opossums have been successfully "wilded up" up to eighteen months of age.

What have they been feeding them? (If the opossum has a fat tail or crossed eyes, it is obese and could take months to get it to a weight where it can be released). It needs to be able to haul its body up a tree and/or fences.

If its nails have never been trimmed, they need to be. Too long of nails make them ineffective at gripping and climbing. Human toe nail clippers should suffice and have some Kwik Stop Styptic Powder for dogs on hand to dip their fingertips in if they start bleeding. Their nails are clear, so you should be able to see the pink color of the quick to cut just below it. Sometimes it will take two sessions, several days apart. The quick will recede a bit after clipping, so you can keep cutting shorter, not hitting the quick each session. The Kwik Stop powder for dogs has a wide enough aperture on the bottle for dipping bleeding toes into. I prefer to use two people for the clipping; one person with a towel around their neck and shoulders (for bleeding and/or sharp nails) and another person, gently grasping a paw and clipping a couple of nails at a time as the opossum moves around the stationary person's

neck to avoid the clippers. They may make "cacking sounds" as this will not be something they want anything to do with and they may continue to "cack" after you're done, just to emphasize their displeasure. We have had members who had their opossum get used to their nails being dremeled. One member had obedience dogs whom she always dremeled their nails, so the opossum was used to hearing the noise for weeks before it was tried on him.



Where (dimensions) has it been housed? (A good indicator of its possible muscle tone and fitness is a roomy cage). Did it have an exercise wheel or means to climb up and down in its cage to maintain its muscle tone and strength (hanging ropes, hammocks)? How active was it at night? Did it crawl all over the place? Critical: did it crawl back down? Not crawling back down from something could indicate physical or neurological problems.

Does it have any noticeable physical problems? (i.e., dragging the rear end, loss of hair, fingers growing straight up into the air, or curled into a claw- all indicators of MBD and/or neurological problems that could take months of therapy and veterinary bills to correct.

Leslie

**Q** I have an opossum inside my house that I believe got in through a hole in my roof. If I put cat food outside will it stay outside? I'm afraid my neighbors might kill it. I know they put rat poison all around outside. What can I do to help this little guy? I live in Florida. There have been possums around before but they were adults and afraid of people. This one acts like it wants to be friends.

Is it possible another human has taken care of it and tamed it a little?

**A** In the evening, if you leave a trail of cat kibble, one small piece of kibble every 4 feet leading outside, the opossum will follow the trail outside and if you leave a bowl of kibble outside, at the end of the trail, it will munch happily and you can shut the patio slider and it will be on its way.

Unfortunately, it, or something else might get in through the hole in your roof. You need to get that repaired to effectively exclude wildlife.

There is no Utopia for opossums to exist in. Wherever they live in the urban environment they will face dogs, vehicles and people.

If you know for sure your neighbor is poisoning animals, you might notify your local animal control. I don't know the poison laws in Florida but there's a chance that setting out poisoning could be a crime and also using a poison not according to label instructions could be a federal crime. But YOU have to be willing to point them out to the authorities. The authorities can't prowl around and peep over fences to see if poison has been put out. Only if it is in plain sight, or there are suspicious carcasses they can collect, are they able to do something.

Baby and juvenile opossums may not appear aggressive until they get to the size that they can defend themselves effectively. It is unlikely someone raised it as a pet and let it go young. Usually people keep opossums as pets until its too late to wild them back up again.

**Q** I have left messages on two volunteers' phones and sending this email in hopes of helping a baby opossum ASAP. It showed up in our garden today and has been making noises of distress. It must have dropped off the mother's back. We have a dog that we locked inside

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## MAIL POUCH

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to make sure she doesn't bother the opossum that appears to be over half a pound and 7"?

We are not mobile and cannot take it to a shelter and aren't having any luck getting someone to take it.

Do you have anyone who could come before it's too late?

Please reply as soon as you can.

Thank you,

Nanda

**A** I'm afraid I don't know any other rehabilitators other than who is listed on our website at those three web addresses. Consider that baby season has hit and volunteers are busy taking care of the volumes of opossums and other animals that have been brought in and don't even have time to return calls promptly and certainly don't have the time to leave animals that need feeding to go pick up others. Luckily, many animal control agencies have officers on duty 16 hours and will pick up orphaned or injured animals to deliver to the wildlife center in their area. They won't pick up animals if they are of a size to be on their own.

I don't know anyone that comes and gets the opossum. It's just too dangerous for the rehabilitator to go somewhere they are not familiar with. I, myself, will meet people in police department parking lots, WHEN I can break away from feeding or first aid.

If you're not mobile and your local animal control or police department doesn't transport to emergency hospitals that takes wildlife or holds them at their facility until a rehabilitator can pick them up. I have no other suggestions.

**Q** I found the vit. D article very interesting. We have an opossum that lives under our deck, which is enclosed by a fence that has been altered with a cat proof fence top. I'm fairly sure the opossum isn't

able to get out of our yard. She comes out at night and eats the food I leave for her, but I don't think she comes out in the daytime. The cats are out during the day and inside after 7pm.

I'm worried that the opossum isn't getting enough vit. D. Do you have any suggestions? She loves yogurt, so I hope that helps.

I'm afraid my 3 cats might scare her. They do watch her from the window, at night and don't get upset the way they do if they see another cat, but I think she stays under the deck all day. I need more cameras.

Mary



**A** They instinctually know how much sunlight they have to get each week. Adult cats and adult opossums pretty much ignore each other unless it's a rather territorial cat or a small juvenile opossum. But, if you want to give the opossum some supplemental Vitamin D, throw out a couple of sardines (whole, canned in water {not oil} bones included) after the cats are indoors. The cats will be jealous, so you might give them some too.

You can also do a sloppy scrambled egg (crack the shell and all into a bowl and whisk). Cook to a soft scramble, and then serve after cooling to room temperature. The egg will contribute the Vitamin D and the shell the complimentary calcium (as does the sardine bone).

Keep in mind, both male and female opossums will fortify an elaborate nest for themselves, even though they'll

only spend 2.5 days in the same den. In the photo you send of the opossum carrying packing material to a nest under the deck doesn't mean she/he has set up a permanent residence.

Leslie

Return Response: Sardines are a great idea, thanks. I've given her a mini cheese omelet and she loved it, so I'll try the egg with the shell.

She's quite fussy, considering she's an animal that usually eats from garbage cans. Last week she ate steamed asparagus, and this week she wouldn't go near it. Most veggies don't get eaten, except avocado. I try to feed her well as she probably can't get out of the yard and I'm not sure how many slugs we have. She crawled through a hole in the fence, but grew too large to go back out. She's so darned cute.

Thanks so much for your help.

**Q** Hello! I am a 15 yr. old homeschooler looking to get a pet possum! I have been approved by the DNR to get one! Do you know of any breeders?!

**A** If your DNR doesn't have a list of opossum breeders, ask your DNR for the name of the regulatory state agency that governs the sale of exotics or wildlife in your state and query them. If still no luck, contact APHIS division of the USDA, the federal agency that must also monitor exotic animal care at: [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/animal-health-permits/ct\\_ah\\_permits\\_contact](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/animal-health-permits/ct_ah_permits_contact).

**Q** Hi! A few years ago, I began taking care of a feral cat colony that soon relocated itself at my house. I fixed them all and provide safe shelter - we have a lot of trees and landscaping on a normal sized lot, so the dozen have made this their home. I also have several indoor cats and rabbits. All is fine, but in feeding them, a family of opossums has also moved in recently for the grub. There is an adult and two babies that are healthy and growing larger. I also have a compost pile that they like. I have no problems with the opossums,



skunks and occasional raccoon that come by. They all interact well with the ferals. In the past they have all moved on, but this little family is content to stay.

I don't want to have to trap them, or cause them any harm, but I don't want to increase their population either. I know the obvious thing to do would be to stop putting out food, but the outdoor cats come by at different times to eat. I put food out in the morning and evening. I don't know if young opossums will be able to forage on their own after having food readily available to them here; I worry about that too.

I'd appreciate any advice. If they will eventually move on, I'd be happy to live and let live.

Thank you,

Kathy

**A** Hello Kathy,  
Opossums are transient and

solitary creatures, they don't travel or stay in family units after the mother weans them. The male hits the road after mating. After Mom ditches the babies at 5 1/2 months, they will hang out together for a couple of weeks, and then disperse themselves. They will recognize and feel comfortable feeding around pouch mates for the rest of their lives.

Opossums spend 2.5 days in the same den spot, then move on to one of the 4 or 5 other spots they rotate to. They don't have a "territory" but in the urban environment they will have a regular route where they are very timely on their visits to different yards for food and water sources.

Baby opossums are hard-wired on what they need to do to survive and what they need to eat. They don't stay with Mom for months and months like other species do to learn what they are supposed to do.

If skunks, raccoons and cats are visiting your yard, there is an access point that opossums can come and go

also, and they will, unless they are injured to the point of being able to properly mobilize again.

Anytime you put out food in your yard, ALL wildlife in the area will visit. If you don't want visiting animals in your yard, withhold the food for about 4 days. If you only want cats and daytime wildlife in your yard, put food out well after sunrise and remove all food a couple of hours before dusk. All the other animals you mentioned are nocturnal and will be feeding at night. The cats will quickly figure out the new feeding schedule.

Your yard accommodations will not be a determining factor on whether or not they procreate. There are many other considerations wildlife takes into account before they produce young.

Leslie

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## FROM THE POUCH

**Q** Hi, I've been raising baby possums for years but this is the first time this is happening.

I received 12 baby possums on 3/19/17. They were found on the ground, scattered around with no Mom in sight. I figured a dog probably caught Mom and shook her and the babies went flying. They weighed from 22 to 26 g. They are now all almost 60 g but for the last couple of days they've all had diarrhea – gradually increasing today to really watery and expelling more than just at time of stimulation. Needless to say, they're losing weight and are getting dehydrated. I have them back on four parts water to 1 part powder (Fox Valley 32/40 – just opened, exp. Dec. 31, 2017) to keep them hydrated and to back off on the solid foods, hoping to give their system more time to recuperate from whatever.

Karen suggested I put them on antibiotics and I have Bactrim so just started them just now.

Do you have any ideas what might be happening? Thank you for any help you might be able to give.

Karlene

**A** Hi Karlene,

I don't know what is happening.

Are you flushing your feeding syringes in between feedings by depressing the plunger 10-15 times with hot, mild soapy water, then another 10-15 times with rinse water?

Are you tossing out any mixed formula older than 24 hours?

Have you left the formula setting out from the fridge for over 20 minutes? You should measure out the amount you need to feed, plus a little overage and put the rest of the mixed formula away in the fridge during feedings.

You didn't mention what solid foods you had been offering and if they were vegetation, thoroughly washed.

If dry chow, confirm by smell it's not rancid or too old.

You are correct in backing off the formula and making it more water. Dehydration is the major concern now. You should supplement with fruit-flavored Pedialyte (either popsicles, powder to be mixed with water or pre-mixed bottle) to get their electrolytes.

Don't ever use the microwave to warm formula or Pedialyte to room temperature.

You can make your own rehydration solution, there are plenty recipes online.

I'm afraid there's not an antibiotic made that doesn't have the side effect of diarrhea. Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. Two days after starting an antibiotic, you'll get more diarrhea.

I don't know if you are versed in Homeopathic treatment or not. I always give my opossums Cinchona Officialis (aka China) when they have diarrhea or when I have to put them on an antibiotic, anticipating the inevitable diarrhea. China should be dissolved in water (takes about 10 minutes) and given two hours either side of the antibiotic dose. Administer ONCE, just a drop on their lips or in their eye will do. Wait 24 hours. If they still have diarrhea a day later, dose again. Don't dose more than three times, it means there's some other problem you have to address. When using China, their urine output may cease or become negligible for 24 hours or so because it's helping them to hold onto all their precious body fluids.

China can be purchased in the homeopathic section of a health food store or Vitamin Shoppe.

Kaopectate® can be used on opossums:

0.25-0.5 ml/kg PO, TID/QID prn

ml = milliliter or cc per kg (a very tiny amount of kaopectate)

Are their little bellies swollen with gas? I use homeopathic Nux Vomica for bloating.

The only other variable I can think of is if your tap water got tainted (utility companies aren't the most forthcoming with information they might have on any changes, leaks or contamination). If you use distilled water, then that rules that out. You can always boil your tap water to remove any bacteria, strain and cool for use.

Leslie

**Q** I am trying to find a rehabilitator for 5 baby possums that is dead. I have called many with no luck any help would be much appreciated. Thanks

**A** If they are all dead, have animal control pick them up. Look online for services for your city.

**Q** Hello, I live in a house in Studio City, California. Approximately six days ago, while I took out my Bolognese dog Bambee in my back yard to do her business, we discovered a female opossum with babies on her. My enclosed backyard is a natural refuge with tecomaria capense lining up the 7 foot walls all around. If I were an animal, I would choose no other place over my back garden. Moments later, she took refuge under my wall fountain. The site was magnificent and I let her be. A couple of hours later, she took refuge in a 2' x 2' at access hole to the crawlspace. While she cannot access the crawlspace, I provided her with shields to cover her from the sun. After all, I have a thing with animals and I've helped many throughout the years from Pelicans to crows to squirrels to dogs and cats but never an opossum. While I understand and subscribe to the belief that people should not feed wild animals, this opossum has 11 babies. I counted 11 last night while she was out to eat dog kibbles and freshwater that I put out for her. My next-door neighbor killed a possum many months ago. I felt compelled to put out food for this babies-carrying angel. I check up on her morning and night. She clearly feels safe in this hole. I walk by it half a dozen times a day and make sure she's not disturbed. As I said I provided yard signs as shields to give her safety. At night, while



she's out to feed, once she looked at me as I was having to look over her babies. Last night I counted 11 pairs of eyes, that's 11 babies. While I have absolutely no objection over her being in my yard, I want to do the right thing. I firmly believe that had I not given her the refuge that she came to seek, she won't have 11 babies on her now. The babies are the size of rats. And like I said before, I am well read and love opossums. But 11 babies will soon be come 11 big opossums :) Kindly provide me with what I can or else should do

Thank you, Simon

**A** Hello Simon,

Sounds like mama opossum really appreciates your hospitality, especially these last four weeks or so when she has to carry around all those heavy babies to forage for food.

I'm sure she'd continue to appreciate you putting out dog kibbles (the regular balanced diet, not treats) and water until the babies are of a size when she'll leave them.

The babies will hang around for a while, waiting for Mom to come back and will also eat your kibble. Then the babies will wander off one at a time, or two or three at a time. They are transient in nature, so will develop a forage route and different

places to crash during the day. You will probably see them stopping by during their foraging at night and be able to watch how they grow and still you'll be able to recognize them.

They won't make a permanent home with you but it's nice to have a safe haven on their route and a good alternate crash pad.

Leslie

Return response:

Hi Leslie,

And thank you for the reply. Since I first wrote, the same night, she and her babies moved from that hole-den to an area approx. 60 feet away adjacent to my great big raised wall fountain where I first saw her and where I since placed a great big new round pot on its side for them to occupy as a den if they so chose to.

Night before last night, was the last night I saw them together. Yesterday day, I counted a few babies tucked together,

Last night, I counted 6 to 7 babies tucked together,

Simon

Return answer:

Yes, when I can do soft releases from

the runs in my yard, I've noticed some of the opossums will leave out the open cage door and take up residence for a while under the tarp that's covering my spare smaller cages. They think they are such big kids, leaving the nest and striking out on their own. They only moved 20 feet away. Eventually, they strike out into the bigger neighbor and bigger den spaces.

**Q** Hello, I was wondering if anyone has had blind opossums, especially opossums with babies, come into rehab in good body condition. Seems to have been blind awhile but was doing well out in the wild. I know they don't have very good eye sight to begin with but has anyone ever released a blind opossum if it can go back exactly where it was found? Thank you.

Yaritza

**A** Hi Yaritza, Yes, we've taken in opossums with babies that had a genetic deformity where they had no eyeballs and they matured, mated and had babies while being blind all their life. I would say give it a chance. They have a smell memory of up to one year, as you said their vision is not too good anyway. It will know the area, if it's the same one released in.

## FLORIDA IS HOPING STATE-WIDE ANIMAL CRUELTY REGISTRY BILL WILL PASS

ORANGE COUNTY, Fla. —

Commissioners are working to help pass a bill to keep animal abusers from ever owning pets again. In the meantime, they're looking for an alternative to help protect animals in Orange County.

Orange County leaders formally pledged their support Monday for legislation meant to protect pets. House Bill 871, currently in a state House subcommittee, would create a registry through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement of everyone convicted of a crime related to animal cruelty. The registry would be

available to the public. Before selling or giving a pet for adoption, any seller or shelter would have to make sure the hopeful pet parent was not in the database. "It would work sort of like the sex offender registry, which essentially provides information publicly to folks that need to know," said George Ralls, deputy county administrator.

The same type of registry went into effect for Marion County a few months ago.

At Tuesday's commission meeting, leaders said they plan to research whether there's any option to help animals in Orange

County as the proposed registry moves towards becoming law and to fight any opposition that might come up. "That's what the board is interested in, making sure there's some mechanism for us as an organization, for us as a community, to make sure we don't put animals back in the hands of animal abusers," commented Ralls.

If passed, the statewide bill will go into effect Jan. 1, 2018.



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<b>2017</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sep 30 - 24	FWRA Annual Symposium ( <a href="http://www.fwra.org">www.fwra.org</a> )	Haines City, FL
Oct 28 - 30	CCWR Annual Symposium ( <a href="http://www.ccwr.org/symposium">www.ccwr.org/symposium</a> )	San Luis Obispo, CA
Nov 10 - 12	NYSWRC Annual Symposium ( <a href="http://www.nyswrc.org">www.nyswrc.org</a> )	Binghamton, NY
<b>2018</b>		
Mar	NWRA Annual Symposium ( <a href="http://www.nwrawildlife.org">www.nwrawildlife.org</a> )	Anaheim, CA

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