

ABC VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 28 MAY 2025

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| 12:00-12:05 | Host introduction | |
| 12:05-12:35 | RESCUE, REHABILITATE AND RELEASE: THE TALES OF SUN BEAR REINTRODUCTIONS IN SABAH, MALAYSIA BORNEO | Siew Te Wong Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre |
| 12:35-12:40 | Questions | |
| 12:40-12:55 | ENRICHMENT-BASED REHABILITATION OF RESCUED BEAR CUBS: A STRATEGY FOR REDUCING STRESS AND PROMOTING NATURAL BEHAVIORS | Ruben Khachatryan Wildlife Rescue Center |
| 12:55-1:00 | Questions | |
| 1:00-1:15 | BLACK BEAR CUB REHABILITATION USING SEASONALITY AND NATURAL HISTORY CONSIDERATIONS | Rachel Duckett Kelly Wallace San Diego Humane Society's Ramona Wildlife Center |
| 1:15-1:20 | Questions | |
| 1:20-1:40 | RAISING FOR RELEASE: CHALLENGES IN ORPHAN BLACK BEAR CUB REHABILITATION | Alejandra Olvera McKenzie Stewart Wildlife Center of Virginia |
| 1:40-1:45 | Questions | |
| 1:45-2:05 | THE ARCTUROS REHABILITATION AND REINTRODUCTION PROGRAMME FOR ORPHANED BROWN BEARS | Alexandros Karamanlidis ARCTUROS |
| 2:05-2:10 | Questions | |
| 2:10-2:20 | Break | |
| 2:20-2:35 | PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY HOUSING OF BLACK BEARS IN HUMAN CARE: ARE THE NEEDS THAT DIFFERENT? | Lauren Hinson Brevard Zoo |
| 2:35-2:40 | Questions | |
| 2:40-3:00 | AMERICAN BLACK BEAR CUB REHABILITATION AND RELEASE: JURISDICTIONAL PRACTICES ACROSS NORTH AMERICA | Andrea Morehouse Winisk Research and Consulting |
| 3:00-3:05 | Questions | |
| 3:05-3:25 | INSIGHTS ON FEMALE BLACK BEARS HELD IN TEMPORARY CAPTIVITY FOR RESEARCH AND CUB FOSTERING | Marcella Kelly Virginia Tech |
| 3:25-3:30 | Questions | |
| 3:30-3:50 | UNBEARABLE OR BEARABLE CAPTIVITY? EXPERIENCES AND PERSPECTIVES WITH WILD BEARS ENTERING LIFETIME KEEPING | Bernd Nonnenmacher Foundation for Bears |
| 3:50-3:55 | Questions | |
| 3:55-4:15 | DECISION MAKING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF WILD RESCUED BEARS | Angela Gibson Oakland Zoo / Bear Care Group |
| 4:15-4:20 | Questions | |
| 4:20-4:30 | End of day 1 wrap up | |

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| 12:35-12:40 | Questions | |
| 12:40-12:55 | RUNNING A SUCCESSFUL PHYSIOTHERAPY PROGRAM WITH BEARS: OUTCOME-BASED HUSBANDRY FOR RESCUED BEARS | Pia Dodd Animals Asia Vietnam Bear Rescue Centre |
| 12:55-1:00 | Questions | |
| 1:00-1:15 | FEMORAL HEAD OSTECTOMY RECOVERY FOR AN AMERICAN BLACK BEAR | Jenna McMichael Houston Zoo |
| 1:15-1:20 | Questions | |
| 1:20-1:40 | JUST STAY UNDER THE HOT WIRE | Sam Lavin The Alaska Zoo |
| 1:40-1:45 | Questions | |
| 1:45-1:55 | Break | |
| 1:55-2:10 | HUSBANDRY STRATEGIES AND HABITAT MODIFICATIONS FOR REHOMING ORPHANED BLACK BEARS AT THE WILDLIFE SAFARI PARK | Katie Terrazas Wildlife Safari Park |
| 2:10-2:15 | Questions | |
| 2:15-2:30 | “SOLVING SEELEY”: A DIVE INTO PROBLEM SOLVING STEREOTYPIC BEHAVIORS | Sierra N. Spears Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center |
| 2:30-2:35 | Questions | |
| 2:35-2:50 | UPDATED CASE STUDY: NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR OLIVE | Nichole Lemcke Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary |
| 2:50-2:55 | Questions | |
| 2:55-3:00 | Break | |
| 3:00-4:15 | Panel Discussion | Panel |
| | PLACEMENT CHALLENGES FOR WILD RESCUED BEARS | Angela Gibson, Oakland Zoo / Bear Care Group Marcella Kelly, Virginia Tech Sam Lavin, The Alaska Zoo Nichole Lemcke, Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary Andrea Morehouse, Winisk Research and Consulting Bernd Nonnemacher, Foundation for Bears Alex Olvera, Wildlife Center of Virginia Agnieszka Sergiel, Polish Academy of Sciences / Bear Care Group McKenzie Stewart, Wildlife Center of Virginia |
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