Assessment Questions (grades 9-12)

Lesson 4 – Wildlife Rehabilitation; Veterinary Care, Education, Conservation

1) Wildlife medicine
   a) is only ever performed in a wildlife hospital
   b) is an effective way to monitor the health of a population
   c) is aimed at capturing wild animals to place in zoo collections
   d) is only ever focused on individuals, not populations or species

2) Wild animals kept in captivity for rehabilitation following an injury must be able to
   a) forage or hunt
   b) avoid predators and move through their territory
   c) interact with others of that species
   d) all of the above

3) Wildlife rehabilitators provide care to sick and injured wild animals for all of the following reasons except
   a) they are the only ones who should be concerned about wildlife
   b) wild animals are an important part of healthy ecosystems
   c) many of the injuries that wild animals suffer are caused directly or indirectly by people
   d) it helps public health officials detect diseases that might affect people in wild populations

4) A broken wing in a hawk is the same as a broken arm in a professional athlete because
   a) the bones take the same amount of time to heal
   b) both patients need to wear a bandage or cast to stabilize the injury
   c) they both need reconditioning after healing to return to optimal performance
   d) all of the above

5) Which of the following is not a challenge facing wildlife rehabilitators?
   a) stress of captivity for wildlife patients
   b) cost of care and the need to rely on donations for funding operations
   c) no laws; anyone can keep and care for wild animals
   d) providing housing and diets for a large number of species

For more information visit the Wildlife Medical Clinic website at http://vetmed.illinois.edu/wmc/
6) Wild animals kept in captivity
   a) are calm and rarely bite or scratch
   b) show how much pain they are experiencing
   c) should be fed dog and cat food
   d) have limited ability to exercise so are not as active as when they
      are in the wild

7) A wild animal can’t be released if
   a) its physical condition results in a permanent disability
   b) it will not be able to reproduce
   c) there is not enough suitable habitat to sustain its survival
   d) all of the above

8) Which of the following is true?
   a) a baby owl found perching on a low branch should be rescued
      and brought to a wildlife rehabilitator
   b) white-tailed deer fawns left alone are always orphaned
   c) cottontail rabbit does visit their nest to nurse their kits once daily and
      the young rabbits are on their own when they are 3-4 inches long
   d) nestling song birds touched by a human will not be accepted back
      by the parents

9) Students that want to be veterinarians
   a) don’t need to like working with people because they only work with
      animals
   b) don’t need to study English or social studies because they only work
      with math and science
   c) don’t need to seek out experiences to explore veterinary medicine
      because they will get all those experiences in veterinary school
   d) should develop good study habits to attend a college that suits
      them best

10) Which of the following helps protect wild animals?
   a) keeping your pet healthy and vaccinated and not keeping wild
      animals as pets
   b) Planting a garden to offer wild birds vegetation to hide in and food
   c) Cleaning up trash and recycling
   d) all of the above