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*Managing Oiled Wildlife – The Pathway From Intake to Release*

## About

Bridey has worked with animals most of her adult life joining Wildbase in 2005. Nursing and husbandry care for wildlife patients were key to her role along with a teaching component she greatly enjoyed. In 2014 she joined the oil response team, supporting the delivery of Wildbase's contractual obligations to Maritime New Zealand. Bridey's completion of a Bachelors of Health Science and progression to a Masters of Health Science, Bioscience complimented her animal knowledge sparking her interest in the human-animal interface and the mental health effects on animal care professionals. Bridey has collaborated across schools and disciplines to publish research and better understand some of the complexities facing her profession.



## Presentation Synopsis

Oiled wildlife rehabilitation is a key component of an oil spill response. Generally, rehabilitation of wildlife is the process of removing from the wild and caring for, injured, orphaned, oiled or sick wild animals. Oiled wildlife rehabilitation is to remove the contaminant, provide food, housing and medical care to animals and release them back to the wild once the habitat is able to receive them using a rehabilitation pathway. There needs to be a clear path in the process of treating these animals. Consistency is key, and skilled personnel are required at every step.