

National Opossum Society

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www.opossum.org

- Troubled by **medical problems** in your opossums?
- Confused by conflicting **available information**?
- Losing your infant/juvenile opossums to sudden, unexplained **death, lameness, deformities, cannibalism**?
- Seeing **sores** on ears, tails or feet?
- Just want to raise your opossums to be the **best they can be**?

Obtain a Membership in the National Opossum Society and Receive Answers

Founded by Anita M. Henness, D.V.M. in 1986, The National Opossum Society ("NOS") has been an indispensable aid to veterinarians, wildlife rehabilitators, and other opossum caregivers in the treatment of injured, ill and orphaned opossums (*Didelphis virginiana*). Members receive an initial packet containing the published research of Dr. Henness as the result of her ongoing, full-time, 24-hour-a-day treatment and rehabilitation of opossums for 17 years. The topics include all aspects of nutrition, health and medical treatment. Members also receive a periodic newsletter - 'Possum Tales. Being placed in touch with a national pool of opossum caregivers, as well as experienced counselors to assist in management of medical disorders and orphan care, is an added benefit of membership.

Orphan Care Handbook

By: Janice Hughlett

Also available for an extra \$10 is a 30-page Orphan Care Handbook written by our Orphan Care Chairman, Janice Hughlett. The Handbook contains wisdom gained from raising over 1,000 orphans, and covers such topics as infant and adult diets, tube feeding, metabolic bone disease, antibiotics, weaning, cannibalism, deworming, housing, and release. Appendices include a general guide to treatment of common maladies, list of approved and tested medications and dosages, as well as blood and urine normals. This Handbook is a MUST HAVE for orphan care specialists.



Membership Application

Note: This is an **application** for membership. We ask that, in addition to filling out this form completely, you include a letter that explains your interest and experience with opossums. We may correspond with you for clarifications, but it will simplify and expedite the process if you send a letter along with your application.

- Member - **\$25** - Membership Packet – specify **CD Rom** or **Thumb Drive**
- Orphan Care Handbook - **\$10** - Paper Copy
- Tax Deductible Donation to National Opossum Society \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone(s) _____

E-mail: _____



- Please complete for our records: I am a Novice Caregiver;
- I am a Backyard Observer and Opossum Advocate;
- I am a Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator;
- I care for a non-releasable opossum; I am involved in educational programs;
- I am a Veterinarian; I am willing to have others call on me for help with opossums
- Other experience: _____
- I am a member of a wildlife rehabilitation organization:
- IWRC NWRA Other: _____
- I do NOT wish to be listed in the Membership Directory

Please Make Check Payable To:

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