

# CODE OF ETHICS FOR BWRC WILDLIFE AMBASSADORS

## A WILDLIFE AMBASSADOR

- Strives to work for the general benefit of wildlife, humans and the environment, in the spirit of cooperation.
- Continuously educates her/himself about wildlife species, issues and best possible responses to wildlife and One Health issues
- Strives to achieve high standards in wildlife care and promotes proper human wildlife conflict resolution techniques, through continuous learning about different species and situations.
- Abides by all wildlife laws, regulations and rules.
- Disseminates wildlife information to the public to promote understanding and appreciation for wildlife and the environment.
- Recognizes the roles of different entities working with wildlife, including the roles of ambassadors, veterinary medical care providers, rescue and rehabilitation centers, volunteers and transporters, enforcement officers and the government.
- Works along with and with the guidance of the Belize Forest Department (BFD) Wildlife program and the Belize Wildlife & Referral Clinic (BWRC) Ambassador Team.
- Acknowledges her/his limitations and follows current wildlife health and safety practices as instructed.
- Prevents high risk interaction and calls the BWRC hotline\*
- Reports all wildlife related activities in a timely manner to FD/BWRC and/or any of the wildlife partners

## IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT a Wildlife Ambassador:

- Is always courteous to the public and present themselves professionally
- Avoids discrimination in any form, abusive speech, and avoid conflict with the public or other wildlife professionals.
- Does not engage in arguments or feuds in public or on social media, is mindful of their responsibility to society, and seeks to meet the needs of all people when seeking advice in wildlife-related matters.
- Does not represent BWRC or the Forest Department and understand that their role and involvement is voluntary.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned have read the Code of Ethic for the Belize Wildlife Ambassadors, and I pledge to respect these guidelines.

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(Date)

(Signature)



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*\*NOTE: BWRC offers 24h free advice in wildlife questions: 615 5159, assists with emergencies, veterinary care and rehabilitation, and will offer regular training for Wildlife Ambassadors on request (email us at [bzwildlifeclinic@gmail.com](mailto:bzwildlifeclinic@gmail.com)).*

