



## Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.

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# Media Advisory

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## 2002 ANIMAL RESCUE AND REHAB WORKSHOP AT CBBEP

**WHO:** The Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program (CBBEP)

**WHAT:** The Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program will host the 2002 Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation workshop on **Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** from **8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at the CBBEP. The focus of the workshop is to review and revise the management plan for the *Coalition of Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation (CARR)* and to prioritize funding needs of local animal rescue and rehabilitation programs. The workshop will cover a broad range of topics such as: permit status of each rehabber and facilitator; animals to be rehabilitated; the disposition of rehab patients; rehabber and facility expertise/capabilities; transporting and acquisition of animal patients; hospital and holding facilities; and how to direct patients and phonecalls. One of the major goals that the *Coalition of Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation* workshop hopes to accomplish is to make the public aware of who to call in an animal emergency.

Each year thousands of protected, threatened, or endangered species along the Texas coast become ill or injured. Some have been impaired by predators, disease, and other natural causes. Unfortunately, most of the animals brought to rehabilitators and their facilities have injuries caused directly or indirectly by humans. The animal rescue and rehabilitation workshop hopes to expand on the best care for the animal patients, improve communication between animal rescue and rehabbers, and heighten the community's awareness on what to do with an injured animal.

Some of the organizations attending the workshop include the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network, Corpus Christi Animal Control, United States Geological Survey, Padre Island National Seashore, Texas State Aquarium, Texas General Land Office, Texas Parks and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, St. Francis Rehabilitation, Companion Bird Society, and the University of Texas Marine Science Institute.

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 14, 2002  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 (**Recommended time for best exposure to all organizations 9 – 11:30 a.m.**)

**WHERE:** Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, located in the Port of Corpus Christi Engineering Services Building (next to the C.C. Chamber of Commerce)  
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