



## ACOAM presents a day of training

Friday October 29, 2021, at the **Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA**

**8am-4pm**

**Check in and breakfast 8 am-9am**

**1<sup>st</sup> speaker 9 -10:30am**

**2<sup>nd</sup> speaker 10:30-Noon**

**Lunch is own your own**

**3<sup>rd</sup> speaker 1pm-2:30 pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> speaker 2:20-4pm**

### Speakers for the day of training will be:

**Bernice Gero-Missing Dogs of Massachusetts:(MDM)** is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that works to reunite missing and found dogs with their families. MDM works cooperatively with animal control officers, rescues, shelters, law enforcement, and the media. Bernice has been with MDM for 6 years now and covers some cities and towns in Central Massachusetts.

**Alexxia Bell, Natasha Nowick & Michaela Conder:** Alexxia and Natasha are the Co-founders of **Turtle Rescue League (TRL) in Southbridge** established in 2009 as an organization dedicated to the education and conservation of turtles. TRL is licensed and permitted in MA as a turtle rescue center and serves as a wildlife resource in CT. They conduct several educational seminars yearly for the public and wildlife professionals. **Michaela** started interning with them in 2019 and serves as photographer and training clinician. TRL has successfully saved nearly 10,000 turtles. They will talk about everything we need to successfully help facilitate the rescue of injured turtles.

**Zak Mertz:** is the **Executive Director of the Birdsey Cape Wildlife Center in Barnstable, Massachusetts** and serves on the executive committee of the New England Wildlife Centers. The Center's model is to use the platform of wildlife care to teach students of all ages about the natural world and provide professional training experiences to wildlife rehabilitators and veterinary care professionals. Zak currently serves on the Board of WRAM and on the board of the Orenda Wildlife Land Trust. He also holds both state and federal rehabilitation permits and regularly works with over 200 species of wildlife. **This session will cover** wildlife field capture techniques for common species; Public health considerations for wildlife people, and pets; and tips and tricks for field assessment and triaging calls from the public.

**Joe Kenney:** from **Joe's Crazy Critters** and fellow ACO from Abington, MA, running his company for over 16 years Joe has assisted several organizations and the public in capturing exotic animals of all species. Joe loves to be able to help and use his expertise to educate people with his knowledge of exotic and wildlife species. There will be live animals on hand for this presentation.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you have more than 1 person from your organization attending please fill out a form per person. Print clearly as certificates of attendance will be issued at the end of the day, thank you and hope to see you there.

**Please mail completed forms and (payment if applicable) to by October 18th:**

**ACOAM**

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**ACO's since you are free you can also print, fill out the form and email it back to me:  
bhamelin@townofmedway.org**