

# WEBINAR

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## WILDLIFE FERTILITY CONTROL FOR ONE HEALTH: CASE STUDIES TO MANAGE OVERABUNDANT ANIMALS

*February 16, 2024, 12 PM, USA ET*

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The American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians (AAWV), the WDA Wildlife Veterinary Section (WVS) and The Wildlife Society Wildlife Disease Working Group (TWS WDWG) have the pleasure of announcing the next **Trilateral Wildlife Health Webinar Series**, on **February 16, 12 PM USA ET**. This event is held every other month and features the work the members of these organizations do every day. **Zoom details are listed below.**

**DATE:** February 16, 12 PM USA ET.

**TITLE:** “Wildlife Fertility Control for One Health: case studies to manage overabundant animals”

### **SYNOPSIS:**

Human-wildlife conflicts occur where the environmental or economic impacts of wildlife on human activities are considered unacceptable. In these instances, local populations of animals are referred to as “overabundant”. Reducing these conflicts involves interventions that affect wildlife, people and the environment, reflecting the One Health concept that acknowledges the interconnection between people, animals and their shared environment. Fertility control is one of the tools increasingly advocated to reduce wildlife numbers and their impacts. We will highlight the One Health concept in the context of human-wildlife conflicts and present case studies on fertility control applications and integrated population management. These studies illustrate the key role of the One Health approach in mitigating human-wildlife conflicts and in promoting coexistence.

### **PRESENTERS:**

**Dr. Cheryl Asa** has been working in the field of wildlife fertility control for more than 30 years. She was co-editor of the book *Wildlife Contraception: Issues, Methods and Application*, and served on the National Academy of Sciences committee that evaluated the Bureau of Land Management wild horse and burro program.

**Giovanna Massei, PhD**, is the Director of the Botstiber Institute for Wildlife Fertility Control (BIWFC) Europe and Senior Research Fellow at the University of York in the United Kingdom. She received her BsC in Natural Sciences from the University of Florence (Italy) and her PhD in wild boar ecology from the University of Aberdeen (UK). For more than 25 years Dr. Massei has carried out research on non-lethal methods to manage wildlife, free-roaming livestock and dogs, with a particular focus on fertility control. Dr. Massei has published two books on the natural history and management of wild boar and circa 150 scientific papers and popular articles on wildlife management and applied ecology. Since 2012 she has served as an Associate Editor for *Human-Wildlife Interactions*.

**Stephanie Boyles Griffin** has worked in the field of wildlife fertility control for more than 15 years. From 2016-2023, she served as the Science & Policy Director for the Botstiber Institute for Wildlife Fertility Control and now serves as the chair of the BIWFC's Advisory Committee. Her research has focused on the use of fertility control methods to manage federally protected wild equid populations in the U.S.

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