

Dr. Michelle Kneeland, DVM

Dr. Michelle Kneeland is a staff veterinarian and director of the Wildlife Health Program at Biodiversity Research Institute in Portland, Maine where she oversees multiple wildlife research projects throughout the United States. Dr. Kneeland's research focuses on a "One Health" approach to wildlife health, studying zoonotic disease and emerging environmental health issues at the intersection of wildlife, human, and ecological health. Dr. Kneeland also provides field veterinary services in collaboration with universities, state and federal agencies, and other NGO's across the country, and serves as an adjunct professor and attending veterinarian at the University of Southern Maine. Dr. Kneeland regularly volunteers with local wildlife rehabilitation centers in New England to provide veterinary consultation and assist with care of captive wildlife patients. One of Dr. Kneeland's favorite aspects of her job is teaching and mentoring students interested in all aspects of wildlife and/or veterinary medicine.

Dr. Kneeland graduated from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in 2012. During veterinary school, she conducted a research project in Zambia investigating community based conservation methods to decrease reliance on bushmeat hunting in villages near South Luangwa National Park. Following graduation, she completed a one-year clinical internship in Large Animal Medicine, Surgery, and Emergency/Critical Care at the University of Pennsylvania.