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**DARWIN**

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## **Darwin**

**SPECIES: Great horned owl**

**LOG #: 10-0473**

**ARRIVAL DATE: April 2010**

**INJURY: Fracture at elbow on right wing**

**Darwin's rescuer found her as a fledgling on the ground in Scottsdale. She had an obvious wing injury. The Liberty medical team determined from the X-rays that she had a fracture at his elbow on her right wing, causing the wing to droop noticeably. Flight tests determined that she fatigued quickly and would be unable to be a successful hunter. She was non-releasable.**

**NOTES: Typically becomes a foster parent and is OFF PROGRAM from early spring to mid summer.**

**HANDLING TIPS: May fly to perch before stepping up. May bite at glove. Slow approach works best.**

**BOXING: Boxes well. Be prepared and have good hold of jesses as you open the box door as she tends to bolt out of the box.**

**RETURNING: She will be anticipatory but attempt to step her off onto perch.**

**CAR SICK: NO**

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TUCKER

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## **Tucker**

**SPECIES: Great-horned owl**

**LOG #: 15-0602**

**ARRIVAL DATE: August 2015 (as a fledgling)**

**INJURY: Head trauma / fractured wing and leg**

**Tucker was brought into Liberty Wildlife after being hit by a car and stuck in the grill for an unknown period. He suffered trauma to the head, a fractured left wing and left leg. After extensive rehabilitation and treatment, the injuries healed. However, he could not extend the healed wing to fly sufficiently to achieve releasable status. With considerable acclaim for his remarkable recovery, he was transferred to the education team.**

**HANDLING TIPS: If you approach him and ask him to step up and he doesn't, press gently against his legs until he steps up.**

**BOXING: Boxes well**

**RETURNING: Step off onto perch.**

**CAR SICK: NO**

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CHIQUITA

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## **Chiquita**

**SPECIES:** American kestrel

**LOG #:** 16-3985

**ARRIVAL DATE:** June 2016

**INJURY:** Imprint

**Chiquita was found by a family in Bullhead City who kept her for a week, then took her to the Humane Society. She was transferred from there to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and then to Liberty Wildlife. Upon arriving at Liberty, Chiquita immediately demonstrated signs of imprinting. When placed with other kestrels, she did not show any familiarities with them and showed a preference for her association with staff instead. As an imprint, she was unable to be released and was transferred to the education team.**

**NOTES:** Chiquita means 'Little Girl' in Spanish, even though she is our largest kestrel.

**HANDLING TIPS:** May assume aggressive posture, then step up anyway. If she goes to ground, you can pick her up from there.

**BOXING:** Boxes well.

**RETURNING:** Step back onto perch.

**CAR SICK:** NO

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**CASSIDY**

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## **Cassidy**

**SPECIES: Swainson's hawk**

**LOG #: 20-10954**

**ARRIVAL DATE: 2020**

**INJURY: Fractured left wing / Amputation**

**Cassidy was brought to Liberty Wildlife as an immature first year with a badly fractured left wing. Following a week in ICU, Cassidy began having severe sloughing of the tissue, an indication that her injury resulted from electric shock. Eventually, the left-wing tip was amputated, limiting her full flight capabilities. She was classified as non-releasable and assigned to the education team.**

**HANDLING TIPS: Might move to the back wall the first time or two. Let her turn around and get back to the back perch. Use a slow and steady approach and she should step up using "hup" command.**

**BOXING: Boxes well.**

**RETURNING: Very anticipatory for return. Block perch with your body. Step into mew and turn her to step off onto perch.**

**CAR SICK: NO**



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**MARS**

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## **Mars**

**SPECIES: Western screech owl**

**LOG #: 2022-5958**

**ARRIVAL DATE: 2022**

**INJURY: Severe head trauma**

**Mars arrived as a nestling who appeared to have fallen from his nest. He could not sit upright due to weakness on his right side, and had a head tilt to the left eye. While the eye and weakness resolved, Mars continued to show signs of neurological deficiency. For this reason, Mars would be unable to survive on his own in the wild, making him non-releasable.**

**HANDLING TIPS:**

**BOXING: Boxes head first. You will have to scoop him out of the box (he usually won't step up on his own)**

**RETURNING: Step back onto perch or by his box**

**CAR SICK: NO**