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Quanah

SPECIES: Turkey vulture

LOG #: 10-2902

ARRIVAL DATE: Sept 2010

INJURY: Hit by car. Fracture to right wing

Quanah was a juvenile when he was found injured in Ajo. A preliminary medical examination found that he had a fracture to his right wing and that it could not be repaired surgically. With limited use of his right wing, his flight capabilities were compromised, and he was determined to be non-releasable. With that, Quanah became a permanent member of the education team.

NOTES: Quanah is Comanche for “Fragrance”.

QUIRKS: Very likely to vomit while getting to know him. Practice sessions should be done before fed, i.e. early in the morning hours, as he might vomit if he gets nervous. Check anklets before program and wash out if clogged with mute and stuck to legs.

HANDLING TIPS:

BOXING: Sticks out a wing when boxing. Sometimes you need to stand a minute and let him relax. You may box him sideways, wing first, if he doesn't tuck it in. Easier to box inside a room as it is usually darker.

RETURNING: Step off onto perch

CAR SICK: YES - don't feed for several hours (or longer) before a program

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HEDWIG

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Hedwig

SPECIES: Great horned owl

LOG #: 01-0003

ARRIVAL DATE: 2001

INJURY: Imprint

Hedwig was found at a park in Queen Creek in 2001. She was taken from the park by a kindhearted man who did not know much about birds of prey. He placed her in with his chickens until he discovered that great horned owls eat chickens! Following his call to Liberty Wildlife, Hedy, as she is affectionately called, was transported to Liberty. As an imprint, Hedy cannot be released because she will continue to seek out humans to feed her and she will not interact with her own species.

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

QUIRKS: Do NOT take her to a program where she will be near an eagle.

HANDLING TIPS: Always challenging in mew. She will fly perch to perch, be careful and persistent. May fly over your head. Be alert as she flies. At programs and when boxing, keep right gloved hand away from her – she becomes agitated when she sees the right glove.

BOXING: Boxes well. She tends to “bolt” out of the box.

RETURNING: Very anticipatory upon returning. Unhook at the door and attempt to step her onto a perch, but allow her to fly back if she wants.

CAR SICK: NO

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EURUS

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Eurus

SPECIES: Peregrine falcon

LOG #: 18-1757

ARRIVAL DATE: 2018

INJURY: Left wing injury below the wrist

Horus was found with a badly fractured, and partially amputated, right wing as an older juvenile. Due to the severity of the fracture, surgery was required to remove that part of the wing. Due to the amputation, Horus is unable to fly, and has since become a welcome addition to the education team.

NOTES: Eurus is the Greek god of the East Wind.

QUIRKS: Tends to overheat in high temperatures.

HANDLING TIPS: Steps up well. For new people he may fly to the front and then back to the back perch. Let him get back to the top end of the ramp/back perch and allow him to step up.

BOXING: Boxes well.

RETURNING: Slightly anticipatory. Step off onto front perch.

CAR SICK: YES - hold food before taking him on a program

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SNICKERS

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Snickers

SPECIES: Great horned owl

LOG #: 03-1395

ARRIVAL DATE: 2003

INJURY: Imprint

Snickers was found on the ground by well-meaning rescuers as a nestling. She had no apparent injuries. She arrived from her rescuers as an imprint. Interestingly, she was named after the candy bar because of her facial coloring!

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

QUIRKS: RIGHT GLOVE MANDATORY

HANDLING TIPS: She will puff up, bill clack and bite at glove. Move with confidence but carefully. Approach her and ask her to step up. She will clack, bite at the glove and step up. Continue stepping her up and hook her up.

BOXING: She used to un-hook herself in the box by turning around repeatedly and going to the back of the box, thus shortening the leash and pulling jesses through clasp. The tension on the shortened leash can pull open the box door. This has not happened for a long time, but it is best to place door end of her box against something, i.e. back of another travel box. Boxes well.

RETURNING: Fly her back from the door

CAR SICK: NO

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Ada

SPECIES: Great horned owl

LOG #: 20-2942

ARRIVAL DATE: April 2020

INJURY: severe trauma to left eye as a fledgling

Ada was found on the ground and brought to Liberty Wildlife displaying a severely damaged left eye. Because she had no experience hunting, it was determined her chances of survival in the wild were diminished so she was not a candidate for release.

QUIRKS: 2nd glove highly suggested as she bites.

HANDLING TIPS: Has a tendency to show aggressive pose and will go to the ground and may fly multiple times. May have to try several times to get her - you will have to leave to have her get back on the perch. Approach confidently and ask to step up while on the perch.

BOXING: Boxes well.

RETURNING: Step off onto closest perch

CAR SICK: NO

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LUCIEN

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Lucien

SPECIES: Great horned owl

LOG #: 20-8211

ARRIVAL DATE: July 2020

INJURY: Right wing injury from struggling while being caught in barbed wire.

Lucien was brought to Liberty as a juvenile. Her right wing had been injured while she struggled being caught in barbed wire. Surgery to the wing was not a viable option. Since she did not have full flight ability, she was classified non-releasable and assigned to the education team.

NOTES: Named for Lucien B. Smith of Kent, Ohio who held the first patent on barbed wire. Was originally thought to be male, but is actually female.

HANDLING TIPS: Needs a relationship. Approach slowly and let her settle. Steps up well. The first couple of times she might fly back and forth. When she settles on the back perch, she will step up.

BOXING: Boxes well

RETURNING: Anticipatory but needs to be stepped off onto perch.

CAR SICK: NO

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VENUS

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Venus

SPECIES: Barn owl

LOG #: 21-12585

ARRIVAL DATE: November 2021

INJURY: Deformity to left hallux

Venus arrived as a juvenile with an abnormality to her left hallux (first toe; appears backwards on most raptors). It is unknown if it was a congenital defect or an injury sustained while in the nest. Unable to grasp prey without her first toe, Venus cannot be released and has become a welcome addition to the education team.

QUIRKS: Typically hanging up on top of her box.

HANDLING TIPS: She will step up well.

BOXING: Boxes well in #5 box. Can go in forward or backward depending on her mood.

RETURNING: Step her off onto her box.

CAR SICK: NO

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ALDO

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Aldo

SPECIES: American kestrel

LOG #: 18-4914

ARRIVAL DATE: 6/12/18

INJURY: canker, habituation

A rescuer found him on the ground in Phoenix. He was diagnosed with a very severe case of trichomoniasis, a protozoal disease with numerous symptoms, including lesions in the mouth and esophagus. His condition required intense treatment including being tube fed and handled daily. Because of the effects of the disease while he was so young, it was determined he would not be able to successfully hunt in the wild.

NOTES: Aldo was named for Aldo Leopold who published his *Land Ethic* essay as a call for moral responsibility to the natural world.

QUIRKS: **Needs a relationship.** Move slowly. Best to work with a partner until he's used to you. **Tail tends to be trashed - do not use if it doesn't look presentable.**

HANDLING TIPS: Use long stick/perch. Ask him to step-up up from T-perch or wall perch. **DO NOT GRAB JESSES.** He will hop on glove now after he settles. Will hop on and off scale easily with "home"/"hup"

Will fly back and forth. When he comes back to the long rope perch and starts talking to someone who has a relationship, he is ready to step up on the glove.

HANDLING TIPS: Boxes well

RETURNING: Anticipatory - step off onto middle perch

CAR SICK: NO