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MAGGIE

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Maggie

SPECIES: Great horned owl

LOG #: 03-0400

ARRIVAL DATE: 2003

INJURY: Hearing Impaired

Maggie was found on the ground with severe head and ear canal wounds. They appeared to be talon marks, leading to speculation that a bird of prey, possibly a red-tailed hawk, had tried to take her from the nest and could not carry her. Maggie was transported to Liberty Wildlife as soon as she was found. Concern that her hearing, upon which these owls are vitally dependent, had been damaged, the medical decision was made that to ensure her survival, Maggie would be kept in captivity.

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

QUIRKS: RIGHT HAND GLOVE IS MANDATORY.

HANDLING TIPS: Be prepared for her to fly at you upon collection. Use glove to fend. Will bite at right hand when collecting in mew.

BOXING: Boxes well.

RETURNING: Unhook at door and let her fly back

CAR SICK: NO

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SALSA

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Salsa

SPECIES: Harris' hawk

LOG #: 08-1510

ARRIVAL DATE: June 2008

INJURY: Trichomoniasis

Salsa was a nestling that was near fledging when she was brought to Liberty Wildlife after being found on the ground in Phoenix. Medical services staff discovered that Salsa had contracted Trichomoniasis or canker that was deeply embedded in the right side of her lower mouth and mandible. As Salsa's treatment progressed, the tissue on the right side of her mouth sloughed off, leaving considerable scarring. This scarring reduced the size of her mouth opening, consequently limiting the size of food she could swallow and her ability to eat quickly. In the wild, these limitations would result in her starving to death because she could not consume sufficient food fast enough to survive the competition. The disease also caused her beak to be slightly malformed, hindering her ability to eat quickly.

NOTES: **Need permission to start working with her – needs a relationship!**

Second glove advised.

HANDLING TIPS: Can be challenging in mew. May be footy stepping up. May take on aggressive posture while on glove – ignore. If she consistently makes aggressive stance and aggressive moves toward you on the glove, spend more time with her. If she keeps doing it, don't take her to the public – she may not be a bird you can take to programs.

Use right glove as a shield during hook up.

BOXING: Boxes well in Ed trailer. Boxes much better with a guillotine style door.

RETURNING: Unhook and fly back from door.

CAR SICK: YES - do not feed before a program

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Arya

SPECIES: Red-tailed hawk

LOG #: 14-1222

ARRIVAL DATE: April 2014

INJURY: Imprint

Arya was brought to Liberty Wildlife as a young nestling. Her rescuer had cared for her for a week, feeding her hamburger and treating a head injury with an unknown ointment. During this time, she became imprinted. Efforts to place her with foster parents and other young red-tailed hawks had no effect on her imprinted behaviors. For this reason, Arya was assigned to the education team.

NOTES: Need permission to start working with her. Needs relationship. RIGHT HAND GLOVE MANDATORY.

HANDLING TIPS: May puff up as you approach. Occasionally aggressive and may be grabby as she steps up. She has flown/struck at faces. She will grab right hand as she is stepping up. Once out of her mew, she settles down.

BOXING: Boxes very well. Very good at any program.

RETURNING: Unhook at door and fly her back

CAR SICK: NO

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Rio

SPECIES: Zone-tailed hawk

LOG #: 07-2360

ARRIVAL DATE: August 2007

INJURY: Broken left leg / injured cere / folding fractures

Rio arrived from Payson as an older nestling. He was found at the foot of a tree after having fallen from a nest and broken his left leg and injured his cere, the fleshy area where the nares are located. The person who cared for him fed him a diet consisting solely of egg yolks and vitamins which lacked the calcium needed for proper growth. As a result, his injuries were complicated by the development of folding fractures in his wings. Once at Liberty, Rio was administered an appropriate diet, but the damage to his wings could not be corrected. To straighten his injured leg, the medical staff had to rebreak it in order to have it heal properly. For several weeks, he had an external fixtature attached to the leg which resulted in it healing well. The large gash in his cere could not be corrected. As a result, he has difficulty breathing and often breaths through his mouth.

NOTES: Injury to cere causes him to breathe through his mouth and can easily overheat.

HANDLING TIPS: Occasional balance issues (on breezy day especially). Be sure to hold your wrist straight to aid his balance. Block any breeze with your body to help him with balance. Needs assistance returning to glove when he bates. If bating a lot during hook-up, especially in hot weather, you may need to leave him and use another bird for practice or program.

Will settle down if stepped onto a perch during Open Hours.

BOXING: Boxes perfectly.

RETURNING: Step back onto perch

CAR SICK: NO

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BEATRIX

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Beatrix

SPECIES: Harris's Hawk

LOG #: 2022-4949

ARRIVAL DATE: May 2022

INJURY: Avian trichomoniasis / Imprinted

Beatrix was illegally kept as a pet and confiscated by Arizona Game and Fish Agents before being brought to Liberty Wildlife as a juvenile. Upon arrival, it was noted she had a minor case of avian trichomoniasis, a disease caused by a protozoan parasite that lives in the crop and oesophagus that can kill birds if left untreated. As soon as she was healthy, she was placed with other Harris', where it became apparent she had little fear of humans and did not relate to her foster siblings. As an imprint, Beatrix cannot be released back into the wild.

NOTES: Need permission to start working with her - needs a relationship.

QUIRKS: Does not like wagons, golf carts, strollers - not be good at booth settings.

HANDLING TIPS: Steps up well once you have worked with her.

BOXING: Boxes well especially if you show her the box first.

RETURNING: Anticipatory - step her off onto perch.

CAR SICK: NO

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ARMADILLO

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Armadillo (Army)

SPECIES: Black vulture

LOG #: 04-0602

ARRIVAL DATE: 2004

INJURY: unknown – but is an imprint

Armadillo came from a sanctuary in Missouri. Hers age, gender, and reason for being at the sanctuary are unknown. There are two possibilities. She may have arrived at the sanctuary as an imprint. The other possibility is that she was captive-bred at the sanctuary. In either case, she is non-releasable.

QUIRKS: Needs relationship – might try to jump at you and bite you otherwise. Check anklets before program and wash out if clogged with mute and stuck to legs.

HANDLING TIPS:

BOXING: Has her own crate. Back her in with hand over her back.

RETURNING: Step off onto perch.

CAR SICK: YES - don't feed hours if not a full day before a program