



Volunteer

Raptor Rehabilitator



Becoming a raptor rehabilitator is one of the most rewarding and challenging jobs at Wind River Raptors. This position will allow you to be trained to conduct rescues of birds in need. This is often challenging due to location, time of day, and weather. You will be trained to possess the skills to safely capture an injured birds of prey, do on-sight triage for critically injured birds, and make decisions in the field to provide the best care for those birds.

You will work closely with the Director of Rehabilitation so the team can provide swift, efficient care. You might be handling birds for X rays, surgeries, routine treatments, and/or emergency medical treatments. You might also be charged with a raptor's prerelease conditioning, evaluation of whether the bird can be released (releasability), live prey testing, and release of our the reconditioned raptor.

You might need to monitor weight gain and loss, which includes tracking weight patterns based on weather and an individual bird's needs. You might make adjustments exercise and feeding to ensure the raptors are getting appropriate nutrition. You might be monitoring fecal smears, or looking for parasites or diseases. As part of this responsibility, you will be required to clean cages, perches and bath pans.

To be eligible for this position you will need to have competed and be prepared to do the following:

- Successfully completed the I.W.R.C. Intro to Wildlife Rehabilitation program at your own cost; OR
- Passed the Wyoming Game and Fish falconers exam at your own cost. We highly recommend you do both as this will provide you with the best base of knowledge to be successful.
- Have consistent time to commit to volunteering at Wind River Raptors.
- Have successfully participated in 10 rescue/rehab events under the supervision of a fellow rehabilitator.
- Show competence in rescue and capture technique.
- Show competence in safe raptor handling technique and proper use of Personal Protective Equipment.
- Be attentive to detail and show proper and accurate use of our Electronic Medical Records program.
- Have an open mind and be willing to think outside the box.
- Have fun with the team and be willing to laugh and cry together.

Contact info@WindRiverRaptors.org if you are interested