



Jean Thorpe of Ryedale Rehab sent us the following on a possible peregrine falcon poisoning.



I was asked by the charity Raptor Rescue to collect a bird of prey from South Ings Farm near Kirbymoorside, North Yorkshire on 26th February 2007.

The injured bird was a female Peregrine Falcon and had been found on the single-track dead end road leading to their farm. The bird was unable to stand and was stress panting when collected.



On arrival at home the bird was weighed, 1.115kg. The bird's talons were clenched and its legs were stiff and tense and it was gulping for breath. As I placed it back in a dark box it began to flick and convulse. It was dead in the box within minutes. The bird had been in very good condition, fat sleek and feather perfect. It had no obvious injuries.



We would like to ask all rehabbers to be vigilant to any suspected poisonings and report them immediately to either the RSPB's Investigations Section, the RSPCA, DEFRA's WIIS Scheme, the Police or a Raptor Rescue Trustees. You will need to keep corpse in order that toxicology can be carried out on the bird. (Further reports to follow).

Farewell to Taz



In April 2005 we took on a Tawny from Mick Cunningham.

She was a captive bred rescue bird that Mick had had since at least 1997 and we christened her Taz

The bird had attended many fund raising events for Raptor Rescue initially with Mick and latterly with ourselves. She was a contented loveable bird and was a great "little earner" for Raptor Rescue.

Sadly she died peacefully in her sleep on the 18th Jan.

She had had quite a sad life really, having been re-homed at least 3 times, she had been originally swapped for a European Eagle owl when only about 6 months old!

I suspect but I am not certain, it is her photo on the front of the R.R. Code of Practice, she will be sadly missed.

Steve & Margaret Dewsnap - Fundraisers

CAN YOU HELP

The Raptor Rescue Stand will be at the following events this year and we need your help.

Falconry Fair - 6 & 7 May; Arley Hall - 26 & 27 May; Bodelwyddan - 23 & 24 June
Falconry Festival – 14 & 15 July; Sandringham – 3 - 5 Aug; Peover - 19 Aug
Chatsworth - 31 Aug, 1 & 2 Sept; Midlands - 15 & 16 Sept; Chomondley – 29 & 30 Sept

The Charity will refund the entrance fee to anyone who spends the day helping at any of the above events.
If you can help, please contact Jane or Dean Hemingway on Tel: 01565 654292.

Raptor Rescue Biodegradable Bags

At one of the fundraising events last year, fundraiser Jane Hemingway discovered a stall selling biodegradable bags on which you could have your company or charity logo. Jane requested a sample of the hessian bags and brought it before the trustees with the view to getting some with the RR logo on. The bags were selling really well at that particular game fair Jane was attending.

The Trustees gave approval and we placed an order for the bags. We took delivery of the bags just in time for the last show of the 2006 season and they sold like hot cakes.

Made of hessian, they are extremely strong being able to carry six 2-litre bottles of pop or water. They are extremely good for the weekly shopping instead of carrier bags.

If any member would like a bag, please come along to one of the above 2007 events where they will be on sale.



Dispatch Pliers

If any approved rehabber would like a pair of dispatch pliers, please contact Jane or Dean Hemingway on Tel: 01565 654292

Thank You

The Secretary recently received a thank you letter from Jenny Smith, Zoo Director of Gentleshaw Birds of Prey in Staffordshire. Gentleshaw who take in a large number of birds each year have just become approved rehabbers and supplied with a hack aviary.

Thank You

to Chapel en le Frith Primary School for their kind donation of £100.00 to Raptor Rescue following a talk from Trustee Ian Taylor.



Apology

The editor wishes to apologise to anyone who has sent a request for an ID Card. I made a typing error with the e-mail address, which should have been: steveandcarol.rr@btinternet.com
If you have sent a picture for an ID Card, could you please re-send it the e-mail address above – which is right this time?
Regards
Steve Davidson - Editor

HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have any news, bits of information or articles on raptors/rehabbing you would like to share, or comments on the Newsletter or Update, then please send to the editor Steve Davidson, 28 Victoria Road, Great Sankey, Warrington, WA5 2ST - Tel: 01925 726704 – steveandcarol.rr@btinternet.com
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Don't forget to visit the Festival of Falconry in July. Our very own Jane Hemingway is organising the rehabilitation section of which Raptor Rescue will be a feature.