

RE-HOMING POLICY

Raptor Rescue does not normally re-home wild injured birds of prey/owls. Occasionally when a vet confirms a bird cannot be released back into the wild as its injuries would mean it would not survive, but where it would have a comfortable life in captivity, do we consider re-homing wild injured birds. However, occasionally we rescue or are passed captive bred birds which we will always endeavour to either return to their owner or re-home.

Raptor Rescue will always try to ensure that any birds re-homed are placed with competent experienced people. To that aim, we ask anyone wanting to re-home a bird of prey/owl to complete our 'Application to Re-Home a Bird of Prey' Form, Part 1. This form must be completed in full and accompanied by the requested additional information i.e. photos of facilities, copy of certificates etc.

Each application will go before the Board of Trustees at the next quarterly meeting for approval and the applicant will be notified of the outcome immediately after the meeting. If successful the details will be added to our list. If unsuccessful the applicant will be advised of the reason and will have the opportunity to correct any issues. Trustee meetings are usually held in January, April, July and September, with the AGM in October.

Once an application has been accepted by the Board of Trustees and if a suitable bird is found, the applicant will be expected to agree to and sign the declaration, as shown on the Re-home a Bird of Prey Part 2 transfer form before any bird is handed over.

Any captive bred bird that is not already micro-chipped will be at the original or new owners' expense who will also be expected to pay for all transportation costs. Every bird being transported **MUST** be accompanied by a completed *Animal Transport Certificate* in accordance with Article 8 of the Welfare of Animals during Transport Order 1994.

History

2009 – Initial Issue

2009 – Micro-chipping, transport costs and Transport Certificate added