



RAPTOR RESCUE

Registered Charity No. 283733

The UK's leading specialist Bird of Prey & Owl rehabilitation organisation dedicated to ensuring all sick or injured birds of prey are cared for by qualified people and that whenever possible released back into the wild.

Annual Survey Report For 1st January to 31st December 2010

Raptor Rescue has conducted an annual survey each year since 1990 to collate details of the birds treated throughout the UK. All our rehabilitators are asked to maintain detailed records of the casualties they handle and complete an annual survey return. These details are compiled into a yearly report and we are now working on compiling all the data year-on-year.

Typically, species handled each year including: Red Kite, Sparrowhawk, Buzzard, Kestrel, Marsh Harrier, Merlin, Hobby, Peregrine, Barn Owl, Little Owl, Tawny Owl, Long-eared Owl and Short-eared Owl. **Raptor Rescue** rehabilitators are also called upon to take in captive bred birds of prey that have either been lost or had escaped from their owners. Some of these birds require treatment but most just have temporary accommodation before being returned to their owner or re-homed.

The annual survey results are important data to assess the success of rehabilitation programmes and treatment regimes, and can also be compared with other data relating to Birds of Prey, e.g. the British Trust for Ornithology bird ringing statistics. Looking forward, **Raptor Rescue** hope to get all organisations involved in the rescue and rehabilitation of birds of prey to supply their records in order to build a more accurate picture of rehabilitation throughout the British Isles.

Survey Results 1st January to 31st December 2010.

This year, of the 36 rehabilitators sent survey forms, we received returns from 19 (53%) of which 3 were nil returns and & do not wish to continue rehabilitating. This is a very disappointing number of returns.

We handled a total of 325 wild birds which included: Red Kite (5) - Sparrowhawk (49) - Goshawk (1) - Buzzard (66) – Honey Buzzard (1) - Kestrel (51) - Hobby (2) - Peregrine (13) - Barn Owl (26) - Little Owl (13) - Tawny Owl (94) - Long-eared Owl (4)

Of the 325 birds: 228 were adult birds, **97** were immature, **83** were male, **82** were female and **160** could not be identified.

Of the above, birds were received from the following sources:

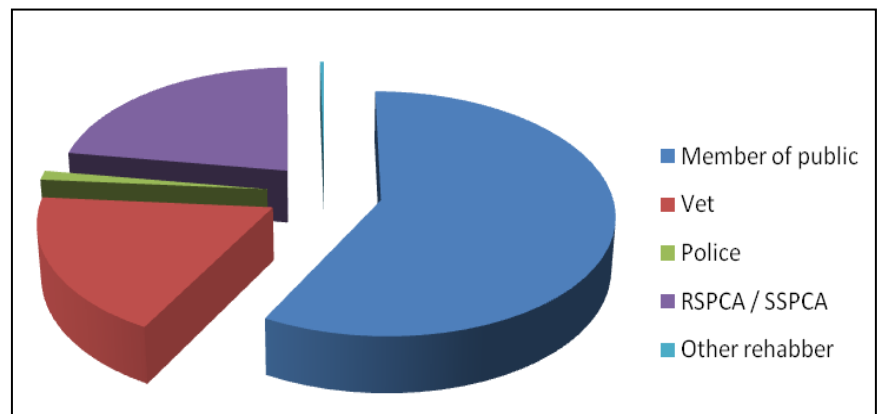
Vet **60**

Police **4**

RSPCA/SSPCA **72**

Other Rehabber **1**

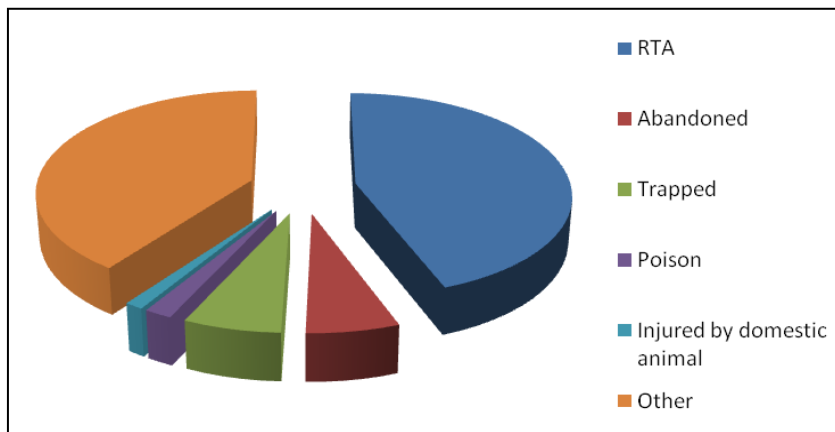
Member of the public **188**



Injuries reported were:

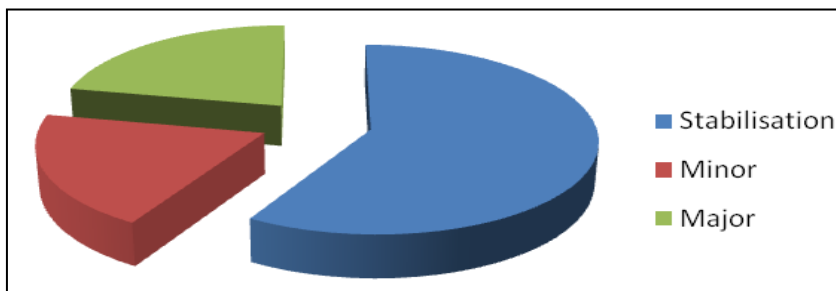
RTA **144**
Abandoned **20**
Trapped **21**
Injured by domestic animal **4**
Poison **6**
Other **130**

N.B. Included in 'Injuries Other' were 6 seized birds, 1 stolen wild bird received from Animal Health, 1 baited to death, 1 attacked by a Buzzard, 2 shot and 37 that were (weather related?) weak, thin or wet through.



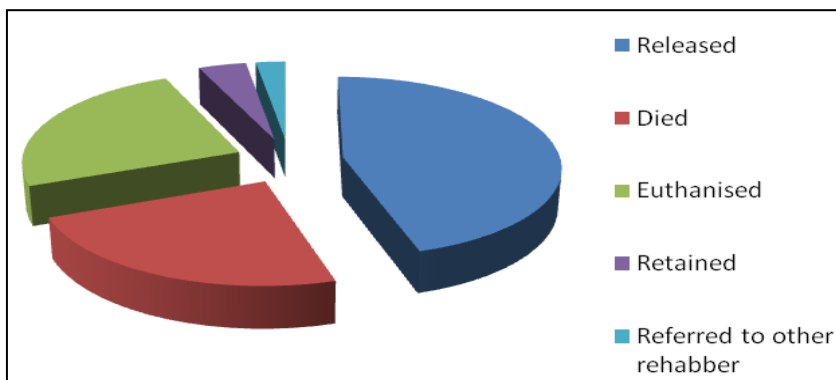
Treatment consisted of:

Stabilisation (no vet required) **190**
Minor (injections/simple fracture) **74**
Major (operation) **61**



Outcomes:

Released to the wild **147**
Euthanised **80**
Died **77**
Still in care at time of survey **13**
Referred to other rehabilitator **8**



We returned 62% of wild casualties back to the wild.

Raptor Rescue also handled 17 captive breed birds of which 2 Barn owls died, 1 Eurasian Eagle Owl was retained; 1 Pere x Barbary falcon, 1 Kestrel, 1 Tawny and 1 Little Owl were returned to their owners and 4 Eurasian Eagle Owls, 1 Snowy Owl, 2 Red-tail Hawk, 1 Kestrel, 2 Bengal Eagle Owls, 1 Turkmanian Eagle Owl and 4 Barn Owls were rehomed.

N.B. All poisonings were reported to the Police Wildlife Officer and the RSPB.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all our rehabilitators for their continued work and support and a special thanks to Sharon Mathews for compiling the survey data.

National Help & Advice Line: 0870 241 0609 - Online www.raptorrescue.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE; THIS IS NOT A 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE, IF YOUR CALL IS NOT ANSWERED AN ANSWER PHONE IS AVAILABLE; PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AND SOMEONE WILL GET BACK TO YOU.

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