



Rocky Mountain
RAPTOR
Program
a second chance at freedom

Summer 2023 Newsletter

ON THE Wing

Great Leaders Just Need a Spark

Hi my name is Opal

Opal is one of thousands of children RMRP's conservation education program reached last year. She let us know that her favorite animal is a Barn Owl, and she thanked us for answering her questions about owls.

Although, what struck us the most, was what she wrote next:

I am donating 20
dollars to help the raptors

This little wildlife warrior brought tears to our eyes with her generosity! She has found something she believes in and took action! Her letter told us that her family was making nesting boxes for Screech Owls.

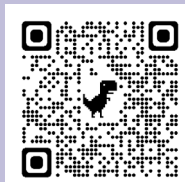
RMRP inspires change at a local and global level. One child was so emboldened by our life-saving and life-changing mission, she donated to help raptors in need and sought to improve the environment for her local wildlife. Imagine what else we can do when you help us spread our conservation message through your support.

We invite you to join Opal in small ways to be a raptor hero.

Thank you for helping
Sincerely,
Opal



Build Your Own Screech Owl Boxes



Scan to view instructions
from The National
Audubon Society!

Life-saving rehabilitation and research
Life-changing conservation education

Rehabilitation

We Save Lives Every Day of the Year

Greatest of Great Horned Owls 136 Days to Freedom

This Great-Horned owl came to our facility in November of 2022 through the Colorado Parks and Wildlife service after being hit by a car in Johnstown, Colorado. The owl suffered head and eye trauma and a fracture to the radius bone of the right wing. To make matters worse, the owl was infested with two kinds of parasites!

Initial treatment included pain medications, antiparasitic medications, eye medications, fluids, a wing bandage, and recovery time in one of our oxygen units.

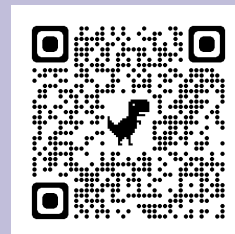
Although the fractured wing healed well, the biggest hurdle this owl had to overcome was its eye injury. The left eye had a detached retina and the right eye was completely filled with blood. Luckily, the left retina healed without invasive treatment, but the right eye was a whole different story! Doctors from the Colorado State University's Veterinary Teaching Hospital concluded that the right eye would never heal and needed to be removed. A successful surgery was performed and from there the Great Horned really started healing!

We needed to make sure this bird would be able to successfully hunt in the wild with only one eye. Since Great-Horned owls rely so heavily on their hearing to hunt, many can adapt to life with a visual deficit. Losing an eye didn't seem to slow this guy down at all and he passed live prey testing with "flying" colors.

After a total of 136 days in our care, this determined owl soared to the skies for a Second Chance at Freedom!



Scan to watch this amazing owl fly free again!



Left: Before and after removing this owl's damaged eye. Sure is "looking" good!

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Physical Address—Call in advance if you'd like to schedule a visit.

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Rehabilitation Hotline: 970-222-0322

Website: www.rmrp.org

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Other wildlife emergency?

Go to: www.animalhelpnow.org

Conservation Education

Inspiring Action for Future

Summer Events

Come See Us!

We're out and about nearly every week this summer. Come find us near you!

- June 24: Wild Fest, Fort Collins Museum of Discovery
- June 24-25: Scandinavian Festival, Estes Park
- July 8-9: Art-in-the-Park, Steamboat Springs
- July 19: Raptor Talk, Boulder Public Library
- July 21: Raptor Talk, Farr Regional Library, Greeley
- July 22: Raptor Talk, Carbon Valley Library, Firestone
- July 24: Raptor Talk, Riverside Library, Evans

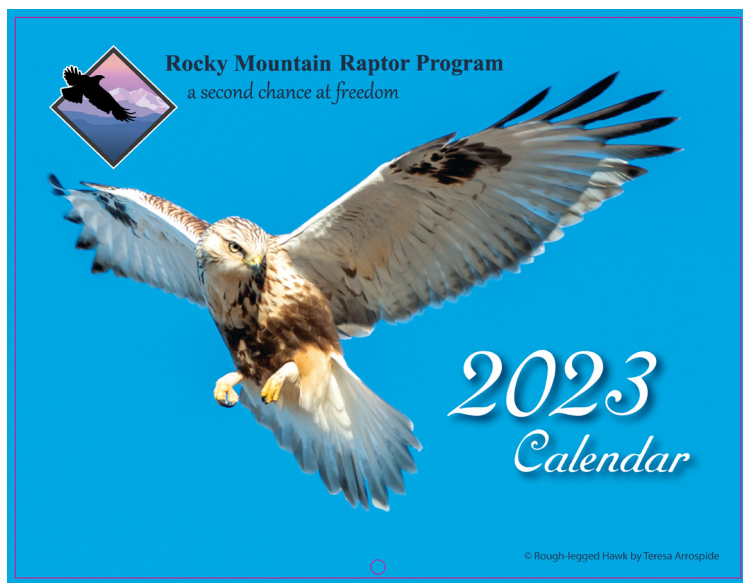


Scan to see our full schedule



The Annual Photo Contest Has Begun!

Save Lives, One Shutter Click at a Time



Above: Last year's cover winner: Rough-legged Hawk by Teresa Arrospeide. Will you be on the 2024 cover??

We invite you to submit photos for the Annual Photo Contest Fundraiser! Your photos could be featured in the 2024 RMRP Photo Calendar for thousands to enjoy all across the US. Or, become a sponsor and support the fundraiser while promoting your business or celebrating special moments in your life.

Your amazing photos that capture the beauty and ingenuity of these amazing creatures will aid the mission of RMRP to inspire the protection and appreciation of raptors and their habitats. Deadline for submission is July 1, 2023.

Scan to learn more, submit your photos, or become a sponsor!



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Making an Impact Made Simple

Our hospital is open every day, all year long, because injured lives don't get a vacation. Our mission compels us to respond, regardless of circumstances.

We invite you to strengthen your support of our year-round efforts by becoming a recurring monthly donor as a member of The 1987 Club!

In addition to making a lasting impact on our mission, you will also enjoy the convenience of automatic giving. At whatever level you choose, your regular contributions will add up over time, helping to fund crucial initiatives as an investment in the future. So why not become a monthly donor today and help create a brighter tomorrow for those in need?



Above: Members receive this exclusive club sticker!



Scan here to learn more or become a member.

Community Partners Program

Support Raptors at No Cost to You

The Kroger/King Sooper's Community Partner's Program is a great way to support RMRP. When you use your shopper's card, King Sooper's will donate a portion of your purchase to RMRP. To sign up, access your shopper's card account and add us as your charity! Our organization ID is BF841.



Scan here for detailed instructions on how to join the Community Partner's Program.

Since 1987, The Rocky Mountain Raptor Program has rescued and rehabilitated thousands of raptors, educated the public about human/wildlife conflicts and conservation, and conducted research to protect raptors in the wild. As an independent, 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, RMRP is non-government, and is not state or federally funded. We do not receive regular operating support from any national or international humane organizations but are supported mostly by gifts from individuals and grants. Our Federal Tax Identification Number is 90-0131614.