

Miracle Case of the Year

In January, Jay High, from Wolcott, NY called us and told us he had had a black vulture sitting on his grain bin in his barn for two to three days. It appeared weak and thin and was hardly moving. I actually expected it to be a turkey vulture, since they are common in this area, while black vultures are rarely seen here. He got it in a box and we met him in Fulton. As he had described, the bird was really down and out, and it was indeed a black vulture. After initial treatment, we called Liverpool Animal Health Center to get it in for x-rays. Awhile later, Dr. Wolfer called to share with us the astounding information the x-rays had revealed. The bird had seventeen pieces of buckshot in it and one piece had broken the right ulna. Fortunately, the bone pieces were in good alignment and had already started to heal. All the other pieces of metal had penetrated the muscles, but no internal organs were injured. The bird's body would encapsulate the fragments and therefore, it was in the birds



best interest to leave them there and not cause more soft tissue damage by picking them out. Fast forward four months, the vulture was eating on its own, and flying in the flight cage. Since we rarely see black vultures in this area, we needed to find out where to release it. I called my friend Joe Brin, who is an avid birder, where we could release a black vulture. He told us there were three of them that had been seen all winter long at the Jamesville landfill, near the quarry. We headed for the landfill and watched as he flapped those enormous wings and flew to a pile of logs several yards away. Vultures have a fabulous sense of smell. I am sure he located the others by following his nose/beak.



Me and My Shadow

On February 12th Erin Watson and her friend were traveling on Route 481 when they saw a motionless juvenile redtail hawk along the side of the road. They turned around at the next exit and went back to check on it. It appeared stunned, and since they had no equipment to retrieve it, they used a jacket. They called Kindred Kingdoms and I agreed to meet them on Route 31 at the Clay Exit. When the hawk arrived at our facility, I got it weighed, administered fluids, and an anti-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drug to get any brain and spinal cord swelling down. This drug also alleviates pain, so the bird could be more comfortable in case it was experiencing head trauma or concussion. Initially it was weak and thin and had to be hand fed. Over time, it started to regain weight and stand in a more upright position. By March, it was perching and eating on its own. It was soon moved to the flight cage so it could build muscle strength and be prey tested. March 22nd proved to be a beautiful sunny day and it was time for the hawk to be returned to the wild. As it emerged from the carrier, it soon took flight. I was just able to get this one last picture with the sun casting its shadow on the ground. God Speed our friend.





Playing in the Mud

Last December we received a call from David and Jolene Crofoot near the Fulton airport. They had a spacious fenced-in pen for their ducks, but winter precipitation had turned it very muddy. They went out one morning to feed the ducks and found a totally covered in mud, snowy owl. When we arrived, she was none the worse for wear, but surely needed a bath. We got her home and put her right in the sink.

Several treatments and rinses later, she started to look like a snowy owl again. She greatly appreciated the mice we gave her and by the next day she was transferred to the flight cage so we could be sure she was perfectly flighted. I called Dr. David Plante in Dexter, NY since he has allowed us to release snowy owls on his property in the past. He lives on the bay and often snowy owls come there to hunt in the winter. It took her no time at all to leave the crate and head for the skies.



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