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**OWL MOON RAPTOR CENTER
MISSION STATEMENT**

To preserve and increase native populations of birds of prey through: rescue, rehabilitation and release; habitat protection, enhancement and expansion; and public education.

Founded in 2002, Owl Moon Raptor Center is a state and federally-licensed wildlife rehabilitation center specializing in birds of prey. Located in Boyds, Maryland, and operated by Suzanne Shoemaker, Owl Moon works with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife & Heritage Service, and local animal control offices and humane societies to answer calls concerning injured, orphaned, or otherwise jeopardized birds of prey.

Suzanne is a licensed Master Wildlife Rehabilitator (MD and USFWS), licensed Master Falconer (MD and USFWS), and current president of the Maryland Wildlife Rehabilitators Association. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Biology from University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a Master of Science degree in Wildlife Biology from Oregon State University.

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**RESCUE
REHABILITATE
RELEASE**

RESCUE

Every year hundreds of birds of prey in Maryland meet with accidents or become sick. They may be hit by cars or strike windows, become tangled in fishing line or netting, are illegally shot, suffer from secondary ingestion of lead ammunition or sinkers or rodenticides or other pesticides, or fall ill from diseases like West Nile virus. In 2013, 114 such birds were brought to Owl Moon for expert care and treatment. Of that number about half were saved and, of those, most were ultimately returned to the wild.

Man-made dangers to raptors:

- ◆ Cars, windows & powerlines
- ◆ Fishing line, barbed wire & electric fencing
- ◆ Rat poison
- ◆ Pesticides & herbicides
- ◆ Lead shot & sinkers
- ◆ Wind turbines



Rescuing a Great-horned owl entangled in poultry netting

REHABILITATE

Many birds brought to Owl Moon arrive in very poor condition. These birds need emergency care and assessment before they are taken to an avian vet for xrays and to determine a course of treatment. There follows weeks or months of careful care and rehabilitation, first in a confined, quiet cage, and later in a flight mews. This is followed with physical therapy, and finally reconditioning by regular flying on a creance line. Many birds require testing to be sure they can successfully hunt.

Common conditions treated at Owl Moon:

- ◆ Broken bones
- ◆ Open wounds
- ◆ Poisoning
- ◆ Head and eye trauma
- ◆ Bacterial & viral infections
- ◆ Young fallen from nests



Re-nested baby owl

RELEASE

When the bird is judged ready, it is released as close as possible to the place it was found so that it is again in familiar territory and can hopefully rejoin its mate. Sometimes the turnaround is quick, such as re-nesting healthy nestlings that have fallen out of their nests, or finding foster parents for orphaned birds. Other times, it can take several months before the bird is ready to be returned to the wild. Those whose injuries preclude release are transferred to nature centers or zoos to become “education ambassadors” for their species.

Owl Moon has successfully released:

- ◆ Owls - Great Horned, Barred, Screech, Long-eared, Saw-whet
- ◆ Hawks - Red-tailed, Red-shouldered, Cooper's, Sharp-shinned, Broad-winged
- ◆ Falcons - Peregrine Falcon, American Kestrel
- ◆ Bald Eagles
- ◆ Vultures - Turkey and Black



Fully conditioned & prey ready, a Red-shouldered hawk is released