



# NEWSLETTER

WINTER

Welcome to The RARE Group newsletter!

After a bit of a hiatus, the topic of this issue is reintroducing ourselves and how our Newsletter works.



**RARE SEEKS TO ENRICH LIVES BY ENGAGING IN AND PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND PRO-ACTIVE EFFORTS TO PRESERVE WILDLIFE**

## *Hello Friends of* **RARE**

We're so glad you're here! Whether you're a longtime supporter, or someone who just discovered us, thank you for subscribing to our newsletter.

As of today, our newsletter is taking flight and you'll find it hitting your inbox four times a year: each equinox (March & September) and each solstice (June & December).

Expect updates, stories from the field, behind-the-scenes peeks, and ways you can help our feathered friends.



-The RARE Team



## WHAT WE DO:

Our work centers on protecting, healing, and celebrating Iowa's birds of prey through hands-on care, education, and conservation.

### RESCUE & REHAB

When you find an injured bird of prey, you can call the RARE Hotline at 319-248-9770. Please leave your name, phone number, and details about the raptor you found. Volunteers check our voicemails every day from 8 am–5 pm.

Once admitted, our avian patients will have an exam to identify their needs, receive medical care, and strength training with the goal of releasing them back into the wild.

### EDUCATION & OUTREACH

40-50 times a year, our volunteer educators bring our live Avian Ambassadors into schools, nature centers, and community events. These programs are tailored for all ages and designed to showcase our incredible raptors, talk about the unique attributes of birds of prey, and conservation efforts.

If you would like us to come to your school or program, give us a call at 319-248-9770.

### ADVOCACY & CONSERVATION

We work on promoting protective attitudes and practices for raptors as vital members of our ecosystem. From resource sharing to habitat awareness, we believe in proactive care for our winged neighbors.

### 100% VOLUNTEER OPERATED

At the RARE Clinic, we have well over 150 raptors visit for treatment and every one of them receives care thanks to our incredible team of volunteers.

We're proud to be a 100% volunteer-run organization, a rare achievement in wildlife rehabilitation. That means every dollar donated to this group goes directly to the raptor program, helping them heal, grow strong, and return to the wild. 



# CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

In fall 2015, The RARE Group admitted our first bird, starting a decade of volunteer-powered raptor care. Since that first case, about three dedicated volunteers spend time each day in our clinic and flight cages, giving each raptor the best chance possible. This year, we're celebrating our journey with stories from the past 10 years.

## HISTORY IN THE BUILDING

A cornerstone of our history is the creation of our flight cages, housed in a historic barn on Two Horse Farm.

Built in 2016 with a generous lumber donation from Pat and Enid Ransom-Cancilla, the barn now has three main flight cages, two mews, and a converted corn crib, helping Bald Eagles, Great Horned Owls, Red-tailed Hawks, and more regain strength and prepare for release.

Volunteers visit the barn to care for the birds daily, providing exercise, nutrition, and observation to ensure their recovery.





A huge part of The RARE Group over the last 10 years has been our education programs, made possible by our Avian Ambassadors.

Each year, our team brings these incredible birds to 40-50 programs, connecting audiences with raptors, teaching about conservation, and inspiring awe in people of all ages.

All of our education birds originally came to us as rehabilitation cases. Due to the nature of their injuries, they weren't releasable, but were able to make their forever home with us helping people learn more about raptors.

One of our ambassadors, Killy the American Kestrel, came to us after he was raised by someone who found him with an injured wing. His wing never got the proper treatment and he was fed an improper diet, and he also became a human imprint from being raised by a human as a nestling.



## \$10 for 10 Years Fundraiser

As part of our 10th anniversary, please consider donating \$10 for 10 years (or add a zero if you really like raptors 😊).

Every dollar goes directly to caring for raptors.

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