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Bird Training and Rehabilitation?

CRC uses 'operant conditioning,' also called 'positive reinforcement training,' in working with our education birds. However, it can be very useful when working with birds in rehabilitation as well. Currently there are three birds in care with whom we are using this method for either physical therapy or to give medications. Stress impacts the immune system and can delay healing - the more stress can be minimized, the faster our bird patients heal and can be released.

Case 1: The nestling Bald Eagle that came to us in May with a wing fractured in four places from falling from the nest has actually been flying very well - horizontally - in one of our 100'x20'x20' flight enclosures for several weeks. The typical way to encourage 'perch potatoes' (which many of the buteos and eagles are) to exercise is to gently haze them from one end of the enclosure to another. That, however, can be stressful and lead to damage if they panic and fly into the wall of the enclosure. CRC prefers to strengthen this bird's breast muscles (which are the flight muscles) and improve his ability to fly UP by training him to come down from his preferred high perches to a small square of astroturf on the ground, for food. The size of his feedings were gradually reduced and the frequency of feedings increased, so that he is now flying down multiple times a day, for a small food reward each time. By the end of the day, he has received his full meal and has gotten some great exercise in the process.

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Oregon Cultural Trust

We are delighted and honored to have been accepted as a participating member of the Oregon Cultural Trust! The Trust supports a wide range of cultural projects - from artists to zoos - throughout Oregon.

For Oregon donors, that means a potential tax credit against your Oregon income taxes, if you make matching donations to CRC and to the Trust. A tax credit reduces what you owe the State of Oregon. It's a much greater savings than a deduction, which only reduces the income on which you are taxed.

The maximum credit is \$500 per taxpayer (\$1,000 on jointly filed returns). For a husband and wife who file separate returns, each may claim a share that would have been allowed on a joint return in proportion to the contribution each spouse made. Corporations can claim a credit of up to \$2,500 per tax year.

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Individuals or businesses can claim the credit for 100% of any donation to the Trust – as long as they've made equal or greater contributions to any number of the 1300 qualifying non-profits. You can find this under 'other non-refundable credits' near the end of the Oregon income tax form, after you've figured all your deductions and other tax implications, and just before you tally what you owe the State of Oregon.

Please help us support the natural and cultural heritage of our great state by donating to CRC and to the Oregon Cultural Trust. *Thank you!*

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Full-time intern joins the team

Stephanie Humphress has joined us for five months as a full-time intern. She has been a volunteer with us for 3-1/2 years and has contributed over 1600 hours - an average of almost 40 hrs/month, both in animal care and on the education team. Stephanie will be supporting all staff, but primarily be handling and training the education birds. Her formal internship project will be to design and implement an enrichment program for our resident birds. CRC has long used enrichment for our birds in the siting and planning of their enclosures, training, presentation of food, and toys, but without a formal plan set up for each bird that encompasses the different types of enrichment.

Enrichment takes many forms - social, sensory, environmental, habitat, food, and behavioral. Knowledge of natural behaviors and physiology is an important first step in developing an enrichment program. Different kinds of enrichment are then used to enhance each animal's behavioral, physical, social, cognitive, and psychological well being. And all of those are very important to the staff and volunteers at CRC: these birds will be spending the rest of their lives in human care and we want that life to be as long, healthy, and as 'happy' as possible.

Welcome, Stephanie!



How to Help CRC Thru the Holidays

Whether you greet the holiday shopping season with glee or groans, there are a number of painless ways to benefit the birds with your shopping. CRC has four suggestions to turn your shopping into a win-win-win for you, your list, and the birds in our care!

1. Remember CRC's gift shop is full of wonderful stocking stuffers, raptor field guides, hoodies, and stuffed animals - just right for the raptor-philes on your list. The store is open 10-4 every day but Mondays, Thanksgiving day, and Christmas day. Net profits from the store go directly to support the birds.

2. **Shopping Online?** Check out these three links for great deals. A percentage of your purchase price (at no cost to you) can be donated to CRC, if you so designate.



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Non-Profit Awareness Month

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon's communities are enriched and enlivened by the contributions nonprofits make to the quality of life; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 16,374 tax-exempt 501(c)3 nonprofits serve communities in all 36 counties of Oregon, providing more than 166,000 jobs in Oregon and contributing \$13 billion to the state's economy; and
- WHEREAS:** People throughout Oregon support and participate in nonprofit organizations by board leadership, volunteering, donating and working as staff; and
- WHEREAS:** Nonprofits bring Oregonians together to: address pressing needs; find creative and effective solutions in their communities; build partnerships and collaborate with businesses, governments, faith-based organizations, and other groups; and provide opportunities for developing skills, leadership abilities, and service through civic engagement; and
- WHEREAS:** Every Oregonian benefits from nonprofits' vital contributions of strengthening our social fabric, public policy, culture, sense of community and future.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **November 2014** to be

NONPROFIT AWARENESS MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, October 29, 2014.




John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor


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