

# RELEASE-A-RAPTOR

Thank you for your interest in our *Release-A-Raptor* program.  
We look forward to arranging this one-of-a-kind experience for you.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ | Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ | Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
3. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## RELEASE INFORMATION:

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1. I would like my release on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ and at \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_. AM or PM? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you flexible with the date and/or time of the release? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Purpose for raptor release (i.e. wedding, birthday, etc): \_\_\_\_\_
4. Address of release site: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Donation amount (min. \$150): \_\_\_\_\_
6. How did you hear about our Release-a-Raptor program? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Would you like to add-on an Adopt-a-Bird, Membership, Education program, or Exhibit? These offerings are an additional cost that may be discussed with the Release-a-Raptor coordinator. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Please mark with an X if you agree: I have read and agree to comply with the terms and conditions on the following pages. \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please note any questions, concerns, or additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Forms can via postal service, email or fax:**

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**Email:** [corlando@carolinaraptorcenter.org](mailto:corlando@carolinaraptorcenter.org)  
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**Questions? Call** (704) 875-6521 x 213

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR RELEASE-A-RAPTOR

Carolina Raptor Center is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization dedicated to environmental stewardship and the conservation of birds of prey, through education, research, and the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned raptors.

Witnessing a rehabilitated raptor being released back into its natural habitat is awe-inspiring and unforgettable. Not only is it the culmination of CRC's mission, but it can be a memorable part of a celebration or event.

Releases are subject to the availability of the birds and the venue is subject to the approval of our veterinarian to ensure safety for our birds. The time of your event will also determine the type of raptor released. For example, owls will be released during evening events and hawks will be released during day time events. Venue, date, time, and species must be approved by our veterinarian prior to confirming the release. If the vet will not approve your request, we will suggest other possibilities with you to ensure a successful & safe release. CRC will try its best to accommodate all requests for the Release-a-Raptor program. The more flexible you are, the better.

Here are some things to keep in mind before submitting your request:

- On average, it costs us \$500 to rehabilitate and release an injured or orphaned raptor. There is a tremendous amount of energy and effort put into rehabilitating hundreds of raptors each year. Medicine, food, staff hours, and supplies are just some of the expenses accrued by CRC. To offset these costs, we suggest a *minimum* donation of \$150. We may request more if the release site is more than 50 miles from CRC to offset the extra time, gas, and mileage. Payment is due at time of release.
- There is no guarantee there will be a bird available for release for the time & date requested. Please keep in mind that these birds are patients and their full recovery is sometimes unpredictable. The birds' well-being is our utmost priority; therefore we will not release a bird unless it is fully recovered and ready to live back in the wild.

This is what to expect prior to the release:

You will receive an email confirming receipt of this form within 3 business days. After confirming your request, the rehabilitation team will evaluate the availability of the best bird to match your request. The Release-A-Raptor coordinator will notify you when a release has been approved by the rehabilitation team. The coordinator will then contact you a day or two prior to the requested release date to confirm final details of the release. Please keep in mind that your request may not be fully granted, or will need to be rescheduled, if the patient is not fully ready to be released.

This is what to expect at the release:

- A volunteer or staff member will arrive with the bird in a box shortly before the time of the release. They will address the audience about the biography of the bird (where it was found, injury, how long it has been in rehab, etc...) and answer questions after the release.
- Please keep in mind that the person releasing the bird is most likely a volunteer who is freely giving their time & energy to make this a special event for you and to assist CRC in our fundraising efforts. Therefore, please acknowledge them in making this a special occasion for you.
- You may take photos with or without flash.
- Please stand a few yards away from the release box and stay quiet until the bird has flown out of the box.
- This is a wild animal & therefore their behavior & direction of flight is unpredictable.
- It will be a fun & memorable experience that will enhance your appreciation of nature.