



The American Bald Eagle Foundation is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of our national bird and its habitat throughout North America.

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ABEF welcomes our newest bald eagle, Arden

On Monday, April 27 the Foundation received the newest member of our feathered flock from Bird Treatment and Learning Center in Anchorage.

"Arden", which is old-English for "eagle valley", was originally brought into Bird TLC in 2012 with a wing that wouldn't spring back. Based on his juvenile coloring at this time, he was suspected to be a year old. The bird was released on a couple of different occasions, but kept scavenging in neighborhood yards and getting returned to Bird TLC over the next couple of years.

Although no major injuries were found, he was exceptionally thin and his left wing lacks the snap-back a normally



Arden, an approximately four year old bird, is the newest member of our education team. Photo courtesy of Bird Treatment & Learning Center

flighted bird would have. Though Arden is fully flighted, he cannot sustain flight and tires easily. Due to this inability to maintain flight, he has not been able to hunt successfully and despite multiple release attempts, he does not seem to be able to find food for himself.

While recovering at Bird TLC, Arden became well adjusted to captivity and based on his relatively calm demeanor, it was concluded he would be a good fit for an education bird.

So far Arden has adjusted well to life at the ABEF and is rather fond of eulachon (a small smelt). We hope to make his life here in the valley of the eagles as comfortable as possible.

Emergency action plan in the works, needs equipment

The American Bald Eagle Foundation staff is in process of creating an emergency action plan should any natural disaster or manmade phenomena occur.

We have organized plans for fire, earthquake, snow/ice storm and medical emergencies. In case of such an emergency, it is good to be prepared and have an idea of how to either: evacuate all humans and birds swiftly and

safely, or how to be prepared to shelter in place.

Currently the emergency action plan is in its written rough draft phase. We hope to work with the Haines volunteer fire department to hold a drill with interns and staff this summer.

We are working hard to get all plans organized and all necessary equipment in place should we need to implement a plan. Part of

this includes gathering necessary items for such an event. As the list in its entirety is too expensive for us to purchase all of the items, we are reaching out to our members and supporters to ask for help in purchasing the needed equipment.

We've created an [Amazon Wish List](#) with items we need for the emergency action plan as well as for enrichment for our birds

and every day necessities here at the Foundation. If you're able to help us out by purchasing and donating an item or two, your donation is tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Staff appreciates any support in helping us get to the next steps of the emergency action plan so that our staff, interns and volunteers are prepared for any type of event.

Five injured birds in the first quarter of 2015

Since the beginning of year staff at the American Bald Eagle Foundation has had five birds come into our hands already. It's been a rough start to the year, however we hope to have better results as the year continues. In late January a belted kingfisher came in with a broken wing. He was sent to Juneau Raptor Center where unfortunately he was euthanized as the break didn't heal properly.

In early February a Haines resident called about a disabled raven in her driveway. The bird had an unusually mellow disposition, a broken beak that was bleeding profusely and did not have full function of its wing. This bird was also sent to Juneau where it was unable to recover.

On Easter Sunday staff was notified by the Haines Police Department of a bald eagle down on the ground. The bird was not moving its wings and was throwing up green bile. Staff brought the eagle back to the Foundation to do an initial intake exam where it died in the middle of receiving fluids. Our veterinarian Dr. Michelle Oakley preformed a necropsy where she found blood in the intestines and the bile was abnormally bright green. Specimens were taken, however

at the time of this article results had not yet been received. Rodenticide, or rodent poison such as D-CON is suspected. Rodenticide kills not only the rodents that ingest the poison, but also the animals that eat rodents, such as eagles, hawks and owls. Snap Traps are a good alternative and run about eight dollars each. For a complete list of rodenticides that kill children, pets and wildlife please click [here](#).

In mid-April we had two consecutive weeks where a surf scoter came in. The first was found underneath fuel tanks in Haines Harbor. Staff created a makeshift habitat for the scoter and upon intake exam the bird had a catatonic demeanor and blood coming from the nares. It was then sent to Bird Treatment & Learning Center (Bird TLC) in Anchorage where it was examined and though nothing notable was found, it died about a week later. The second surf scoter was brought in by a Canadian couple on holiday from Yukon. The bird was

ABEF volunteer spotlight

The American Bald Eagle Foundation warmly welcomes our newest volunteer, Carly Mandeville.

A grandma and an urban farmer, Carly left her greenhouse and her plants (albeit two violets) in Tumwater, Washington when her husband, Bill became the Haines Director of Community and Economic Development.

Carly said she always had an interest in animals, so when she came to the ABEF for the Haines Sportsman's yard sale she decided to put in a volunteer application.

"I like to stay busy and I like animals, birds especially so volunteering here seemed like a good fit," she said.

Since her start in mid-March, Carly has been volunteering faithfully at the Foundation Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Like the rest of our staff, she wears many different hats when she volunteers and helps with everything from food preparation for our birds, to greeting guests and taking inventory on items in our gift shop to cleaning our birds' aviaries.

"I've cleaned up a lot of cardboard and

rolling around in the waves and unable to swim. The bird died before staff was able to examine it.

As we do not have a full-time vet or a wildlife rehabilitator in Haines, the ABEF can only perform intake exams and basic treatments to any patients which come into our care. We are proud to work with rehabilitation centers such as Bird TLC & Juneau Raptor Center to get Alaska's birds healthy and back out into the wild.

Facilities like Bird TLC & Juneau Raptor Center who practice rehabilitation, and facilities like ours who can administer fluids and bandage wraps receive no federal or state funding for the work we do or the costs to ship the bird out of the Haines area.

We'd like to extend our gratitude to Wings of Alaska and Alaska Airlines who have generously donated the flights for these birds to get the proper care they need.



Volunteer Carly Mandeville and Hunter the barred owl out for some sun and relationship bonding. Photo by Cheryl McRoberts

phonebook scraps," she said with a smile.

Her favorite activity at the Foundation is spending time with our barred owl, Hunter. "It's been really special to bond and form a relationship with him," she said.

Thanks for all of your help and hard work Carly. Welcome to the ABEF family!



Surf scoter 4-15 was the fourth bird brought in this month. He had blood coming from his nares and was seemingly lifeless. Despite best efforts, the bird ended up dying.

Photo by Leia Minch