

Large Birds of Prey Care

This playbook outlines the essential steps required for the care and management of large birds of prey in a domestic environment. It addresses legal considerations, training methods, and health maintenance practices vital for the well-being of these animals.

Step 1: **Legal Compliance**

Research and comply with all local, state, and federal laws concerning the keeping of birds of prey. Obtain the necessary permits and ensure all legal requirements are continuously met.

Step 2: **Habitat Setup**

Prepare a secure and appropriate environment to house the bird. This should include a spacious aviary that allows for natural behaviors, as well as protection from the elements and potential predators.

Step 3: **Diet Plan**

Develop a nutritionally balanced diet appropriate for the species. Include a variety of food sources that replicate what the bird would eat in the wild, ensuring they get all the essential nutrients.

Step 4: **Regular Health Checks**

Schedule routine health assessments with a qualified avian veterinarian. Check for common health issues, maintain a vaccination schedule, and address any injuries or illnesses immediately.

Step 5: **Training Sessions**

Implement a consistent training regimen to engage the bird's mind and encourage physical activity. Focus on trust-building exercises and natural behavior reinforcement.

Step 6: **Environmental Enrichment**

Provide a variety of enrichment items and activities to prevent boredom and stress. This can include perches at different heights, toys, and opportunities for bathing.

Step 7: **Social Interaction**

Ensure the bird has regular interaction with caretakers to promote socialization and reduce the risk of aggressive behavior. Allow for interactions with other birds if it's beneficial for the species.

General Notes

Permit Renewal

Keep track of the expiration dates of all permits and renew them in a timely manner to avoid legal issues.

Emergency Planning

Have a contingency plan for emergencies including veterinary contacts, first aid supplies, and a transport strategy for the bird in case of urgent care or evacuation.