



Kindred Kingdoms

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Newsletter 2017

Our First Golden Eagle

On Earth Day 2017, we received our first golden eagle. She had been traveling in migration during the fall of 2016 over Irondequoit Bay near Rochester. Unbeknownst to her, she had flown into the territory of a male and female pair of bald eagles. She was soon attacked and brought down into the bay by the male. Fortunately, this was witnessed by a resident of a nearby apartment building, who immediately went to her aid and sought help. She was taken to East View Animal Hospital where Dr. Gerald Balonek and his team of Vet techs began treatment. She was found to be weak and thin with elevated lead levels, which tends to be common in eagles. Slowly, she regained her strength. After so much time in small cage rest, she needed to be flight conditioned prior to release in order to regain her strength. Upon arrival at Kindred Kingdoms she was eager to stretch those wings and fly once again. We contacted Dr. Trish Miller, who has done extensive research on golden eagles and followed her every advice. A team of biologists from the New York State DEC came to band her. When the eagle was fully ready, a release site was chosen by Dr. Miller about two hours northeast of us. It was a beautiful day in May with a spring breeze on a quiet, remote hill. We bid her farewell as she took to the sky.

"Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words and never stops at all."

Emily Dickinson



2017...The Year of Ten

Our first orphaned black bear baby arrived from Steuben County on April 9th. He was weak and hungry and only weighed 3.8 pounds. He really wasn't much bigger than a cantaloupe. The only thing big about him was his cry for the bottle. Although we never like to see cubs orphaned, we were happy for him when the next three arrived from Ulster County in the Catskills. They too were orphaned siblings and all were males.

We could soon introduce them to the singleton and within twenty-four hours they were all playing and in the den box together. Three weeks later, two brothers and a sister arrived from Sullivan County and within the next two weeks two more and then a third from Sullivan County, making a total of ten.

Food acquisition and preparation for ten cubs takes up a good share of your day. When we weren't running to grocery stores to pick up fresh fruits, vegetables, berries, nuts, greens and puppy chow, we were chopping and preparing meals at the food station set up in our basement.

Seven of the ten have been released back to the areas they came from and three will winter over with us. A May release date is anticipated for them, I'm sure by then the 2018 cubs will have arrived and we start all over again.

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What Just Dropped Out of the Sky



On July 3rd, we got a call from Jennifer Lord on Peter Scott Road right here in Pennellville. Her husband was sitting out on the deck and saw the black shadow of something overhead. Then her heard a "thunk" and looked down to see a tiny baby kestrel on the deck floor. She called us and when we arrived, I noticed that the baby still had its egg tooth totally intact. This told me that it was not days old, it was only hours old. The hatchlings use the egg tooth to chip their way out of the egg and it usually drops off within a day.

I assumed it was the victim of another crow kidnapping, since this is common behavior with crows. When we got her home and examined her, we found her none the worse for wear and very soon she was squawking for food. Within a few weeks, we received other baby kestrels which allowed her to be raised with her own species.

. As time passed they all shed their natal down and grew primary feathers. After being prey tested so that we knew they could hunt, they were put in a larger flight cage to start

flying. All were released in open fields near us. Kestrels feed on beetles, crickets, grasshoppers, mice, moles and voles and their food supply was endless. Farmers love to see them come since little kestrels are really free pest control.



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