

Dear Raptor Owner/Falconer,

As I am sure you are aware, many of us have had our beloved birds killed by lead shot found in either already dead animals or in animals and birds carrying lead but still healthy until caught by our hawks. The more evidence that we can put together on raptors being killed by lead the better the chance we have of lead being banned, which quite frankly should have happened years ago.

We would be grateful if you could fill in the questionnaire below to help us find out just how many of our birds have died because of lead.

Because we don't want to bug you for information twice, I would be very grateful if you could let me know if you have had birds electrocuted as this information may well be very useful at a later date.

Both questionnaires are to benefit our birds in the long run, so worth doing.

LEAD QUESTIONNAIRE

Has any of your hawks or falcons ever been affected by lead poisoning caused by feeding on contaminated meat or a prey animal with lead in it? If so, we would be interested to have any, or all of the details below, separately for each hawk/falcon/eagle affected.

Whether or not you have ever had a poisoning incident, do you take special precautions to reduce the risk of lead poisoning? If so, what do you do?

Incident details (one per affected bird please)

- Species, age and sex of the hawk/ falcon or eagle
- Date of the incident. Please give the month if you can, even if the precise date is not available.
- Location
- Was the poisoning caused by a dead food animal you gave to the raptor or a wild prey animal it caught?
- What was the species of food or prey animal?
- For an already dead animal you gave to the hawk/falcon, please give details of how it was obtained, e.g. perhaps a ferretted netted rabbit that should not have been carrying shot
- How did you become aware that the hawk/falcon was poisoned?
- Was the hawk/falcon treated and what was the outcome, including the time between feeding on the contaminated food and treatment, death or recovery?
- If there are veterinary records or post-mortem results that you could share with us, we would appreciate them.

ELECTROCUTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Incident details (one per affected bird please)

- Species, age and sex of the hawk/ falcon or eagle
- Date of the incident. Please give the month if you can, even if the precise date is not available.

- Location and type of pole or transformer
- Was the hawk/falcon treated and what was the outcome, including the time between electrocution, death or recovery?
- If there are veterinary records or post-mortem results that you could share with us, we would appreciate them.

You can return the questionnaire either by email to Jemima Parry-Jones MBE - jpj@icbp.org, or Professor Rhys Green reg29@hermes.cam.ac.uk

Or you can use snail mail at the addresses below and thank you very much for your time and for caring.

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