

The Fundamentals of Passerine Rehabilitation: Part I and II

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Introduction

Passerines: A very diverse group

Specializing: Why it's important and why passerines need specialized care

Intake and Initial Care Basics

Common Injuries

Admission

Obtaining a patient history

First Steps on Intake

Handling

Physical Exam Overview

Physical Exam Checklist

Fluids and Rehydration

Species Identification: Why, How, What

Stress: Causes, Consequences, Indicators, Reduction and Prevention

Baby Bird Basic Care

Hatchlings and Nestlings

Initial Care

Fledglings

Initial Care

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Indoor Housing: Options, Pros and Cons

Incubators

Reptariums

Hospital Baskets

Wire Cages

Aquariums

Indoor Enrichment

Housing Fledgling Birds Outdoors

Hand-feeding Diet and Methodology

Implements

Frequency

Diets for all stages of development

Reluctant Gapers and Frightened Fledglings

Insects and other foods

Care and feeding of Insects

Poor diets

The Scoop on Poop

The transition from hand-feeding to self-feeding

The Dirty Details of Keeping Clean

Moving to the Great Outdoors and Pre-release Conditioning

Outdoor Housing

Enclosure Set-up

Foraging Enrichment

Species Specific Protocols

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Release – Don't just boot them out the backdoor!

Release criteria basics

Site Selection

Carrying Capacity

Song Development in Passerines

Species/sub-species distribution

Migration

Soft-release vs. hard release

Banding

Post-release studies

Adult Care

Illness and Injuries

Initial Care

Housing

Diet

Stress

Contaminated Feathers and Songbird Washing

Overwintering migratory passerines – criteria and care

Release criteria

New ideas, Standards and Outdated Methods

Educational Outreach

Conservation of and advocacy for passerine birds