

Avian Wildlife Casualty Veterinary Examination Certificate for Birds deemed by the Carer to be Unfit for Release into the Wild



Veterinary Surgeon Name	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>				
Address	<input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/>				
				Postcode	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Telephone Number	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>				
Bird Keepers Name	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>				
Keepers Address	<input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/>				
				Postcode	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Telephone Number	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>				
Species	<input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>	Sex (if known)	<input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>	Age (if known)	<input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>

In order to complete this certificate the veterinary surgeon should have a Cert ZooMed, MSc Wild Animal Health, Cert GP Exotic, alternative or higher zoological/avian qualification.

Should the vet agree with the carer that the bird is not capable of surviving in the wild and is therefore unfit for release into the wild, he or she will microchip the bird prior to issuing a certificate and one of the identifying labels will be put on the certificate, so the bird can be identified in the future as the bird assessed. This cost will be borne by the person wanting to retain the bird.

I, the under signed, being a duly experienced avian vet, state that I have been clinically involved in the assessment of this bird.

In making my assessment, I have checked the following aspects:

	Normal	Abnormal
Eyes (including normal pecten, retina and absence of hemorrhage)		
Beak, upper and lower and internally		
Neck		
Body condition (0= cachectic, 1 = emaciated, 1.5 = very thin, 2 = thin, 2.5 = normal expected body condition, 3 = over weight, 4 = very fat, 5 = obese)		
Left wing (having checked each long bone, propatagium and joint for normal extension and flexion)		
Right wing (having checked each long bone, propatagium and joint for normal extension and flexion)		
Preen gland appearance and normal plumage water proofing		
Plumage condition, (in particular wing and tail flight feathers)		
Left leg (having checked each long bone, and joint for normal extension and flexion)		
Right leg (having checked each long bone, and joint for normal extension and flexion)		
Both feet (including normal digit function and absence of bumblefoot)		
Assessment of ability to:		
Fly and see well enough, to catch prey		
Normal function of beak, and digits 1 and 2 of both feet to kill		

Psychological assessment (in respect of imprinting): This may require a second opinion from someone experienced in imprinting		
To co-habitat safely with their own species		
Not be a danger to man		

Having assessed the bird I am of the opinion that the bird should be*:

- released
- retained in captivity permanently
- retained for additional period of rehabilitation¹
- euthanized.

**Delete those which do not apply.*

Summary of reasons for this opinion:

Signature and Date (in a colour other than black)

Copies to be kept by Veterinary Surgeon/Keeper/sent to AHVLA.

Microchip Label:

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¹ In your summary of reasons for your opinion state the expected period of rehabilitation.