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My First Bald Eagle Release



The Rescue:

Sarasota Animal Services rescued an injured Bald Eagle from a local golf course in Sarasota very early on April 2, 2010. It had been shot with a 22 caliber gun. The gunshot wounds point of entry was her right forewing. The shot penetrated the fleshy portion, went through the wing and into her Right chest.

The Treatment:

I brought the eagle to my veterinarian in St Petersburg where they examined and treated her for the injury. She had a drooping wing and a very sore chest muscle. It is a federal law that US Fish and Wildlife Services provide special permission in order for a Bald Eagle to be rehabilitated and released. SOS was able to successfully acquire all the necessary permissions and over a period of 8 weeks she was flying and ready to take off.

Outcome:

After sufficient recuperation time at SOS we brought the Bald Eagle back to the site where she was found and there is where she eagerly returned to the wild. You will see from the series of pictures provided that she had no trouble taking off and reclaiming her freedom. It was the most exhilarating feeling I could ever experience.

