

VET SUPPORT PROTOCOL  
August 2021

Our support veterinarian is Dr. Andrew Riebe, DVM and his employer Animal Care and Control (ACC).

**Important:**

**All rescued birds shall be presented first to our diagnosticians in the ICU for a complete evaluation. There shall be no “drop offs” at ACC. In most cases Maraiah Russell will be available to accompany the bird to ACC for x-ray, along with one other volunteer. Volunteers will need to be trained by Maraiah on procedures at ACC as they will be responsible for assisting with anesthesia and positioning of the bird for xray.**

**All appointments with Dr. Riebe, whether at ACC or at Soarin Hawk, shall be made by Maraiah Russell following the intake diagnostic protocol that has determined the need for veterinarian treatment.**

Visits to Animal Care and Control and consults with Dr. Riebe are by appointment only on the following days/times: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri from 7-8:30am. Dr. Riebe has also offered to come to Soarin Hawk during those times if needed to consult on a case that doesn't require an x-ray, as his schedule permits.

This new partnership has many advantages:

Some raptors already get submitted to Animal Care and Control first and then are transported to us. There is now a potential for Dr. Riebe to examine and assess a patient there, and perform x-rays if needed, before it is submitted to Soarin Hawk. ACC/Dr. Riebe are also willing to anesthetize the bird prior to x-ray, which will be much less stressful for the bird, and remove the volunteer from the burden of holding it in position for x-ray.

Dr. Riebe has also approved an account to be opened at Midwest Vet Supply so we can directly order needed materials and pick up at our convenience. Diana Ward will be in charge of ordering, and all requests are to be submitted to her. Maraiah Russell is responsible for maintaining the ICU budget, and purchases will be approved by her as well. Diana will identify volunteers who can pick up supplies as needed at the following address: