

8. List four (4) publications on the practice of falconry you have read and studied.

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

9. Raptor care: With whom and where will raptors be while you are on vacation or in an emergency?

Name: _____

St/Town/St/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

10. Sponsor (for Apprentice Permits only)

Name: _____ Falconry Permit # _____

Phone(s): _____ E-Mail: _____

I am a General or Master class falconer with no more than two apprentice Permittees under sponsorship at this time. By my signature, I consent to sponsor, train and advise this apprentice Permittee for a minimum of twenty (20) hours annually for the first two (2) years.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

11. Certification by Signature

I hereby affirm that I have read and am familiar with Fish and Wildlife Law, 10 V.S.A. §4278 and Vermont Falconry Regulations. I further affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the information, as well as any exhibits, documentations, and maps, are truthful to the best of my knowledge, that I am not delinquent in any obligation to pay child support or that I am in good standing with respect to any unpaid judgment issued by the judicial bureau or district court for fines and penalties for a civil violation or criminal offense. I also understand that false statements made on this application are punishable pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §4267 of Vermont state law.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If applicant is under eighteen years of age, a parent/guardian must also sign this form.

Parent/
Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Fees: Please make checks or money orders payable to:
Vermont Fish and Wildlife Dept: \$250 3/yr initial permit, \$50/yr renewal permits (up to 3-years).

Submit application and all fees to:

Falconry Program, Fish & Wildlife Dept, 1 National Life Drive, Davis 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3702

Part 2. **Qualifying Examination for a Vermont Falconry Permit**

Purpose

The falconry examination is designed to determine an applicant's knowledge of raptor identification, natural history, and care in captivity, falconry techniques, and applicable laws and regulations. The examination is issued by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

Legal Requirements

Statutory authority for the examination comes from 10 V.S.A § 4278 and 10 VSA App §11.

New Falconers: Applicants seeking an Apprentice-Class falconry permit are required to answer at least 90 percent of the questions on a supervised examination.

Once an applicant has passed the examination, no future examination is required for permit renewal or for changes in permit class or State residence as long as the permit is kept current or has not lapsed form five years or more.

Lapsed Permit: If a falconer's permit has lapsed for five years or more the applicant for an Apprentice, General or Master Class permit must answer at least 90 percent of the questions on a supervised examination.

Reinstatement: If your permit has lapsed for fewer than 5 years, it may be reinstated without taking the exam at the level you held previously if you have proof of your certification at that level. If you pass the exam, your permit may be reinstated at the level you previously held. Before you can possess a falconry bird your facility must pass an inspection.

Waiver: Any falconer holding a valid, current, falconry permit from another state may have the written examination requirement waived when applying for a Vermont falconry permit.

Content

The examination consists of 100 questions in multiple-choice and true or false formats. The questions are distributed into three general categories:

- Raptor identification/ biology ~25%
- Maintenance of raptors in captivity ~50%
- Falconry practices/ regulations ~25%

Many of the questions fall into more than one category, for example: A definition of "eyass" would need to be known to answer a question concerning the handling of eyasses.

Persons intending to take the examination should review the raptor literature and applicable regulations. The questions emphasize the practical aspects and obligations of being a falconer. Knowledge of scientific names and obscure publications is not required.

Failure to Pass

Any applicant who fails to pass an examination may take another examination no earlier than two months (60 days) from the date of the prior examination.

Part 3: **Raptor Facility & Equipment Inspection Report**

Raptor facilities and equipment shall be adequate to meet the needs of the species possessed. Criteria used for evaluating and inspecting raptor facilities will be based on guidelines established by the [University of Minnesota Raptor Center's "Raptors in Captivity: Guidelines for Care and Management."](#)

Applicant's Name: _____

Facilities Location: _____
(Street, Town, State, Zip)

I. Facilities

- 1. Mews (indoor facility)** **Yes No**
 - a) Space to allow easy access and maintenance
 - b) Space to allow raptor(s) to fully extend wings
 - c) At least one window provided.....
 - d) Each window has vertical bars/rods on inside
 - e) At least one main door, which is easily closed and secure
 - f) Other doors, if any, serve to protect facility.....
 - g) Floor surface dry or well drained and can be easily cleaned
 - h) One perch of an acceptable design for each raptor

- 2. Weathering Area** **Yes No**
 - a) Space to allow tethered raptor(s) to bate (attempted flight) without striking their wings on sides or top of facility
 - b) Sides of the facility are fenced with suitable material to exclude predators.....
 - c) Top of the facility covered with netting, wire, or roofed to exclude predators or the top of the facility is open provided weathering perch(es) are greater than 6 1/2 feet in height

- 3. Environmental Protection** **Yes No**

The facilities, singly or in combination, provide adequate protection to the raptor(s) from:

 - a) Excessive heat.....
 - b) High wind and storms
 - c) Avian and ground predators
 - d) Disturbances which would likely cause injury.....

II. Equipment

- 1. Raptor Equipment** **Yes No**
 - a) Two pair of Alymeri (style) jesses for each raptor. (an Alymeri jess consists of an anklet, grommet, and a removable strap for attaching the anklet grommet to the swivel) ..
 - b) Two swivels of an acceptable design for each raptor. (Dog leash/fishing snap swivels, and swivels w/ soft copper/aluminum rivets are rarely acceptable, except for use on kestrels)
 - c) Two leashes of quality leather or synthetic material for each raptor.

2. Additional Required Equipment:

Yes No

- a) One bath container, 2 to 6 inches deep and wider than length of the raptor for each bird ___ ___
- b) One outdoor perch of an acceptable design for each raptor..... ___ ___
- c) A reliable weighing scale or balance graduated in increments of not more than 1 gram ___ ___

III. Certification

___ APPROVED: Facilities and equipment meet state standards.

___ PROVISIONAL APPROVAL: Except as indicated below, facilities and equipment meet state standards. Applicant agrees to correct all deficiencies within 30 days.*

___ NOT APPROVED: Facilities and equipment fail to meet state standards.

*Deficiencies: _____

Facility Inspector

Applicant

Name: _____

I agree to correct deficiencies if any, within 30 days and to maintain facilities/ equipment at or above state standards.

Title: _____

Agency: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Part 4: Apprenticeship Evaluation

To be completed by the Apprentice Permittee's Sponsor at the conclusion of the apprenticeship

Apprentice's Name: _____

1. The Apprentice is (check all that apply):

- My student (or former student) A relative
 My teacher (or former teacher) A friend
 An acquaintance
 Other (please specify): _____

2. I have been the Apprentice's sponsor for _____ (months/years) during which time I have trained and advised the Apprentice for a minimum of _____ hours annually.**3. Apprentice's time available to devote to falconry and the proper maintenance of raptors (not less than 1 hour a day).**

- a. I feel Apprentice has adequate time.
 b. I doubt that Apprentice has adequate time.

4. Apprentice's ability to correctly identify the birds and mammals he/she would normally encounter while hunting:

- a. I feel the Apprentice is fully capable.
 b. I have some reservations as to the Apprentice's ability.
 c. I do not feel the Apprentice is qualified.

5. Apprentice's interest in the conservation of birds of prey and falconry:

- a. I feel the Apprentice is seriously interested in the conservation of raptors and the practice of falconry.
 b. I feel the Apprentice is mainly interested in keeping a raptor for a pet or companion bird.
 c. I feel the Apprentice is mainly interested in keeping a raptor for educational lectures.

6. Apprentice's knowledge of falconry equipment, proper care for raptors and state regulations governing the sport of falconry.

- a. Apprentice has a good understanding of the equipment, what is involved in the care and maintenance of raptors and the rules and regulations governing the sport.
 b. I feel Apprentice's knowledge is inadequate, I doubt that he/she can properly maintain a raptor.

7. Apprentice's general knowledge of raptor ecology:

- a. excellent c. fair
 b. good d. poor

8. Apprentice's ability and temperament to handle raptors:

- a. Apprentice has or can develop the ability and temperament to handle raptors properly.
 b. I doubt that Apprentice will be able to handle raptors properly.

9. I recommend:

- ___ a. The Apprentice be issued a general class falconry permit.
- ___ b. The Apprentice NOT be issued a general falconry permit.

Remarks:

Sponsor's Name _____ **Falconry Permit#** _____

Sponsor's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Phone(s): _____ **E-Mail:** _____