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RESCUED RAPTOR RELEASED BACK INTO THE WILD

A rescued Kestrel was released today by Susan Taggert, well-known local wildlife rescue specialist, Jeff Wolfe, wildlife rehab coordinator in-training, and Judi Bassett, well-known local photographer.

The Kestrel was brought to Ms. Taggert by local Arizona Game & Fish personnel for possible rehabilitation. The bird did not show any outward signs of injury, but was leaning to one side and could not perch. Ms. Taggert nursed the bird back to health, and it could finally perch. Ms. Taggert contacted Jeff Wolfe and Judi Bassett for assistance in the facilitation of the release of the bird.

When they opened the cage for release, the bird was reluctant to leave the confines of the cage, so Mr. Wolfe reached in and picked it up on its perch. As soon as it got to the door of the cage, the female Kestrel flew off. Immediately after the release, they tri noticed another Kestrel in the area. It joined the released female and together they perched on a near-by tree. This is where they were left.