

## Success story for a Red Tailed Hawk

On August 14, 2009, a Red-tailed Hawk was brought to the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center that had been shot by a paintball gun five times. The gun shots broke the hawk's ulna, a long bone in the wing. One of the shots hit the hawk in the back of the head and back, leaving massive bruising and swelling. We immediately treated the hawk by splinting its wing, giving it medication for the pain and swelling and stabilizing it with fluids.



After almost two weeks, the wrap was removed and the bones were evaluated to see if they healed correctly. The bones lined up almost perfectly and there was no loss of extension in the wing! We performed physical therapy for a few days and then moved the hawk into an outdoor flight cage for flight conditioning.



Any act of malicious intent to a wild animal is illegal. Because of this, we reported this situation to the Ohio Division of Wildlife. The situation was investigated by our state wildlife officers and the situation was resolved.

On September 3, 2009 the Red-tailed Hawk was released back into the wild!