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Tethering

Tethering is a management practice used with raptor species to prevent self-inflicted injuries and escaping. The birds that are tethered at Eagle Encounters are CITES listed species which is a multilateral treaty to protect endangered plants and animals from the threats of international trade. Tethering done correctly will allow free movement between enclosure furniture, will allow them to preen, eat, bathe, extend wings, flap, etc. The management practice of tethering raptors is safe when applied appropriately and in my professional opinion it does not cause welfare concerns.

These birds have been imprinted prior to arrival at Eagle Encounters which resulted in unwanted and dangerous behaviours which can cause harm both to themselves and their handlers. The handlers are detrimental with regards to their care as the birds need daily assessment, feeding and maintenance of the enclosure.

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