



ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET FOR MODULE C8

Initial training, manning and weight management

This worksheet will:

-help candidates to research and gather evidence of knowledge and skills

-assist assessors in making judgements about knowledge and skills

1. Initial management of an untrained bird of prey

1.1 Factors affecting initial management of an untrained bird of prey – species, age, rearing method, history of individual raptor, time of year

Explain how the following factors affect may the training of a bird of prey.

FACTOR	POTENTIAL IMPACT
Species	
Age	
Rearing method	
History of raptor	
Time of year	



1.2 Tethering – reasons for, correct technique, correct perch type. Legal constraints on tethering in the UK

(Note that you will be required to demonstrate these skills – see section 5)

What are the legal constraints on tethering in the UK?

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Describe different perches and their uses

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Describe a correct technique for tethering a bird of prey

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1.3 Hooding – reasons for, correct technique, length of acceptable time to hood

(Note that you will be required to demonstrate these skills – see section 5)

Why are certain birds of prey hooded?

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Which birds of prey are suitable/ unsuitable for hooding?

Suitable

Unsuitable

What is an 'acceptable' time to hood a bird of prey?

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1.4 Feeding – alternative feeding regimes, quantity and types of food

Prepare a Feeding Plan for a specific bird of prey that is to be flown. For example:

Day	Food type	Quantity
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		

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2. Weight and condition in birds of prey

2.1 Weight – the components of weight in birds of prey. Base weight after checking initial condition, fat, muscle, gut or crop contents. Weather and temperature. Age of bird, fitness of bird

What components constitute weight in birds of prey?

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How do you establish a bird of prey's base weight?

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What factors will affect weight?

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Weighing scales are widely used to monitor weight. What other methods can be used to monitor a bird of prey's weight/ condition?

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2.2 Weight management techniques – fat weight after knowing it is in fat condition, quality of foodstuffs, and quantity of food versus work done. Temperature and other factors affecting energy take-up and use

How would you safely and effectively manage the weight of a bird of prey?

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What factors affect energy take up in a bird of prey?

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2.3 Importance of water during weight management

Describe the importance of water during weight management

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2.4 Establishing flying weight – amenability, behaviour, performance.

How is flying weight to be established? What factors impact on this?

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2.5 Indicators of condition – physical examination of condition. Signs and symptoms of high and low condition.

What signs indicate the condition of a bird of prey?

High condition

Low condition

2.6 Understanding flying weight over time and fitness and weather conditions

How is flying weight to be maintained over time? What factors will impact on this?

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3. Manning and initial training

3.1 When to start manning, dealing with stress factors

What symptoms indicate that a bird of prey is stressed?

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How would you deal with stress in a bird of prey?

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3.2 Manning – definition of and reasons for. Control of environment, use of hood during manning, use of food/ tirings during manning

What does manning a bird of prey involve? Note that you will be required to demonstrate these skills – see section 5

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When is a good time to start manning a bird of prey?

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What factors need to be controlled during manning and why?

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3.3 Feeding on the glove – reasons for, safe techniques. Feeding on the lure – reasons for, safe technique

Describe a safe technique for feeding on the glove (note that you will be required to demonstrate these skills – see section 5)

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3.4 From stepping up to free flight – sequence of steps, judging response, controlling environment, safe use of creance, first flight.

Describe a sequence of steps from stepping up to free flight

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3.5 Recovery of lost birds of prey – use of telemetry, natural indicators (corvids, wind direction), use of lure.

Describe methods to seek to recover a lost bird

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Describe how telemetry works (note that you will be required to demonstrate skills – see section 5)

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Research where to purchase telemetry systems and the cost of these

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4. Flying free and improving fitness

4.1 Flying ground – suitability, permission to fly, other land users, your responsibilities, your liabilities and 3rd party insurance, dangers to your bird.

What are the characteristics of suitable flying ground for a specific bird of prey?

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How would you obtain permission to fly on land?

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What are your responsibilities to other land users?

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Investigate 3rd party insurance – who would provide it, what it would cover and how much it would cost

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4.2 Exercising your bird of prey– flying, jump ups, lure work

Describe methods to exercise a bird of prey (note that you will be required to demonstrate these – see section 5)

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5. Demonstration of Skills

5.1 Prepare a training plan for a bird of prey and attach to this document. The plan should include feeding regimes, quantity and types of food and must accurately record and monitor the bird's condition, weight and behaviour

5.2 Demonstrate safely picking up, carrying, setting down and tethering a bird of prey

5.3 Demonstrate safe hooding (where applicable to species being trained)

5.4 Demonstrate manning and feeding on the glove

5.5 Demonstrate safe and accurate weighing and recording of weight

5.6 Demonstrate physical assessment of condition

5.7 Demonstrate methods to exercise a bird of prey

5.8 Demonstrate safe use of creance

5.9 Demonstrate use of telemetry

Assessors should retain records e.g. witness statements; record short video clips/ photographs that clearly demonstrate the identity of the candidate and the activity taking place.

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