

# Lady Liberty “Libby”



Libby was a year old when she was found on the ground in Minnesota in 1989 with part of her left wing damaged by an apparent gunshot. Authorities there transported her to the Minnesota Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota. For two years the facility's staff attempted to repair Libby's wing to give her full flight. After several surgeries, they determined that Libby could not be returned to the wild. In 1991, she was placed with Liberty Wildlife where Joe Miller began working with her in an effort to have her become part of Liberty's Education Program. After just weeks, Libby was already eating on the glove for Joe. Within months, she gained the confidence and trust in her trainer to become an integral part of the Education Program. To give Libby greater public appearances than just he can provide, Joe selects experienced volunteers and works with them to gain Libby's trust so they may also present her to programs. Now she travels throughout the state with one of her handlers to such events as Game and Fish's Eagle Appreciation events and Eagle Scout ceremonies.

