

Notes from Bird Handling Presentation to AEV by Gabriel Foundation

Supplies for bird handling/rescue

- Clorox wipes
- Towels and newspapers
- Spray bottle
- Cable ties

Shelter in place if possible, but avoid smoke/toxins. Birds are more susceptible to smoke/toxins than mammals (3 minutes).

- Cellar (50 degrees F is fine)
- Newspaper for insulation

85 degrees F maximum if in the sun or sunlight. Use spray bottle to mist, especially feet.

Heat symptoms

- Slicked down feathers
- Panting
- Wings spread

Air conditioning for transport

Handling

- Keep a calm demeanor
- Use the bird's name
- From the rear, place your fingers around base of skull. Hold feet to make bird feel secure.

To enter carrier

- With perch - let bird grab perch with beak.
- Without perch – enter so feet can get traction (towel or newspaper on floor)