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WILDLIFE CENTER OF VIRGINIA TO RELEASE BALD EAGLE IN CHESAPEAKE

Following 12 months of rehabilitation, this Bald Eagle is ready for life back in the wild.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Waynesboro, Virginia – October 18, 2023 On Wednesday, October 18, the Wildlife Center of Virginia will be releasing an adult Bald Eagle that has been a patient at the Center since October 2022. The eagle will be released at 1:00 p.m. by Center President Ed Clark at Oak Grove Lake Park [409 Byron St, Chesapeake, VA 23320].

The release is free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to RSVP at rsvp@wildlifecenter.org. Visit the Wildlife Center's [Event Calendar page](#) for more information on the release location and directions.

The eagle to be released on Monday was rescued from Chesapeake, VA in October 2022. Animal Control Officers with the City of Chesapeake found the adult Bald Eagle on the ground with a severely injured wing and unable to fly. Likely hit by a vehicle, the eagle was later found to be suffering from lead toxicosis. The officers contained the eagle and brought it to permitted wildlife rehabilitator Lisa Barlow, who transferred the bird to the Wildlife Center for further care.

Additional information about the eagle's case history is available at: <https://www.wildlifecenter.org/critter-corner/current-patients/bald-eagle-22-3464>

For more information and to arrange an interview, contact Public Affairs Manager Alex Wehrung. A collection of high-quality photographs of wildlife species seen at the Center are available upon request.

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The Wildlife Center of Virginia is an internationally acclaimed teaching and research hospital for wildlife and conservation medicine. The nonprofit Center has cared for more than 90,000 wild animals, representing 200 species of native birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. The Center's public education programs share insights gained through the care of injured and orphaned wildlife, in hopes of reducing human damage to wildlife.