Comment From Mrs. Malm's class
Hi, we are here and ready to learn. This is Mrs. Malm's class at the middle school in Fluvanna.

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
Good Morning Mrs. Malm's Class! Welcome!

Comment From Cathy in Poquoson
Good morning, Fluvanna!

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
We are so excited that your class has adopted Briscoe, the Great Horned Owl!

Chapin Hardy, WCV

Briscoe the Great Horned Owl

Comment From Jakermo❤ ( *)>
Oh, Briscoe is SO Handsome. He has the BEST eyes.
**Comment From Mrs. Malms class**
Hi, can you tell us first about the fellow (or lady) on the critter cam 2?

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**
Sure!

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**
That is Bald Eagle #14-2406

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**
This Eagle was found Bald Eagle down on the ground in the woods in Surry County, Virginia.

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**
The eagle had two large puncture wounds or holes – one on his right shoulder, and another on the left side of his chest.

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**
We think it was in a fight with another Bald Eagle.

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**
The eagle is getting better every day and is exercising and practicing flying to get ready to go back into the wild.

**Comment From Mrs. Malms class**
Can you tell us about the colorful fancy dress shoulder pads he is wearing?

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**
They are quite fancy aren't they?!?!

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**
Those are bumper pads to protect the eagle's wings.
Chapin Hardy, WCV:
We put padding and then put colorful duct tape on top to keep the padding from falling off.

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
Eagles are not the most graceful of flyers and sometimes bump into things.

Comment From Mrs. Malms class
Do you know how old the eagle is?

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
We have a general idea!

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
We know that since the Eagle has a white head and white tail feathers, that it is at least five years old.

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
Bald Eagles are considered big kids or adults at just five years old!

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
When they are less than five years old, they don't have the white head or tail feathers. Here let me show you!
A young Bald Eagle

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
As they get older, they will get more and more white on their heads and tails.

Chapin Hardy, WCV
A four-year old Bald Eagle

Comment From Mrs. Malm's class
How long do they live?

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
They can live a VERY long time in captivity (not in the wild). They can live up to 30 or more years.

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
In the wild they can live 25 to 30 years!

Comment From Mrs. Malm's class
Wow.. that is a beautiful picture

Comment From Mrs. Malm's class
Is the critter cam turned off, we don't see him move a feather. (muscle... )

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
Sometimes they are very still, but the camera is on.

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
See! He just moved his head a little bit!
**Comment From Mrs. Malm’s class**
oh dear missed it. wow.. he is too still

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**
Since he is still, it lets us know that he feels pretty relaxed. If he was flying all over the place or looking around everywhere, that could be a sign that he might be nervous.

**Comment From Mrs. Malm’s class**
so the kids want you to go out and get in the cage with the Eagle (bet he will move then) and wave to us. ha oh, and you can bring Briscoe in too. ha

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**
Well we want to be as off hand with our patients as possible. We don’t want to scare them or stress them out. Once a day we will go in and clean, feed, and exercise and that is as much as we should do. Remember we humans are VERY scary to wild animals!

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**
I can’t bring Briscoe in now, but I can show you all sorts of handsome photos of him!

**Chapin Hardy, WCV**

Briscoe!
Comment From Mrs. Malms class
Can you tell us a little about Briscoe? We are anxious to come see him so we will know he is real.

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
Sure! Briscoe has a very interesting story!

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
He was trapped in a chimney for two weeks!

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
When he was rescued, he was very skinny and covered in soot.

Comment From Jakermo❤️ ( * )>
Chimney Owl.

Comment From Cathy in Poquoson
Yea Briscoe! AKA chimney owl!
Briscoe after he was rescued from the chimney!

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
Sadly, Briscoe broke both of his wrist bones and he can't fly silently. If he was put back into the wild, his prey could hear him making lots of noise, and could escape. Briscoe would not be able to catch food and would not survive.

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
So now he stays at the Wildlife Center and helps teach people all about Great Horned Owls!
Isn't Briscoe handsome?

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**

Have you all ever heard a Great Horned Owl hoot?

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**

If not, here is a link where you can listen to all the different sounds Great Horned Owls make! [http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Great_Horned_Owl/sounds](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Great_Horned_Owl/sounds)

**Comment From Mrs. Malm's class**

No, don't know what the hoot sounds like. Can you run out and get in front of a camera and hoot for us... can you tell we really want to see you do this live.. ha ha

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**

Well our cameras don't have sound, so even if I did make hoot sounds in front of the camera, you wouldn't be able to hear anything. Sorry!

**Comment From rejoyce**

Briscoe is so handsome!
Comment From Mrs. Malms class
What does Briscoe eat?

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
Briscoe gets mice here at the Wildlife Center. Sometimes he gets chicks too. All of his food is already dead.

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
In the wild, Briscoe would eat things like mice, birds, reptiles, skunks, and more! They are at the top of the food chain and can eat all sorts of things.

Comment From Mrs. Malms class
Hey look, Mr. eagle got a nose itch and itched it with his foot. by the way does this guy have a name?

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
We don't name any of our patients since they are not pets. We want them to go back into the wild and be wild animals. So we just give them a number. That eagle is #14-2406.

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
14 is the year it came to the Center (2014) and 2406 means it was the 2,406th patient to come to the Center that year.

Comment From Mrs. Malms class
We have to go in a minute... one of our staff people is asking if you can tell the kids what all the adoption of Briscoe entails. do we have to send money for his college...ha

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
Haha! With your sponsorship, you will get a certificate of adoption, a nice picture of Briscoe, some information about Great Horned Owls along with his story, and periodic email updates on what Briscoe has been up to in the past month or two!

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
In a way, Briscoe has gone to Wildlife Center of Virginia “college” and is now a teacher and helps teach the world about Great Horned Owls, wildlife, and the environment!
Comment From Mrs. Malm's class
That’s great...We are so thankful for you all to share Briscoe with us. We would love to come see him next Wednesday. We will fill out the field trip form on line. Yes, that is true... Briscoe is our teacher!!

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
We will check if we are free and I will be on the lookout for your tour request form!

Comment From Mrs. Malm's class
We are going to art now... maybe we will draw Owls.

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
That's awesome! Thanks so much for joining us this morning on the Moderated Discussion! Come back soon!

Comment From Mrs. Malm's class
We hope one day that Briscoe gets a cam in his cage so we can see him looking at us. Thanks again!! See you soon

Chapin Hardy, WCV:
My pleasure!

Comment From Cathy in Poquoson
Thank you, class. Interesting questions!

Comment From katie'smom
Thanks for stopping by Fluvanna MS! We love learning along with our student friends!!!!