



## ***Job Description - Seasonal Assistant Falconer***

**Dates** – June to September

**Duration** – 2 to 4 months

**Wage** – To Be Agreed

**Reporting directly to the General Manager and the Director for related tasks**

### **Duties:**

- Assist in the day to day running of the falconry facility with the central aim of upholding high standards of welfare and appearance of the birds;
- Assist and learn methods of training birds for hawking, flying displays, hunting and racing competitions;
- Assist in all aspects of care and maintenance for the Northumberland Crow Falcons (NCF) horses;

We are looking for a Seasonal Assistant Falconer to help manage, train and breed falcons in line with our company needs and through ethical practices.

### **Falconry Responsibilities:**

- Assist in the day to day running of the falconry facility with the central aim of upholding high standards of welfare and appearance of the birds;
- Learn how to correctly feed and weigh the birds to ensure they have the correct amount of feed and exercise;
- Assist and learn methods of training birds for hawking, flying displays, hunting and racing competitions;
- Learn how to correctly use GPS and radio telemetry unassisted;
- Ensure that “weight charts” are filled in each day for all falcons;
- Immediately report any health concerns, medical emergencies, coping, imping and minor injuries to the Head;
- Learn how to make jesses, anklets, backpacks, how to fit tail mounts and other essential falconry equipment;
- Transporting supplies and birds to the vets, between sites and collecting new birds;
- Assist in the training and management of the falcons;
- Food preparation, routine cleaning and husbandry of the falcons;
- Carrying out health & safety procedures, including emergency routines for lost birds and fire drills;
- All aspects of care and maintenance for the Northumberland Crow Falcons (NCF) horses;



- Learn how to and examine falcons to detect symptoms of illness or injury;
- Operate and service NCF vehicles and equipment as directed;
- Produce routine jobs list to keep standards of hygiene for the mews and weathering lawns;
- Assisting with farm jobs;
- Communicating with landowners (NCF); and

**Any other duties which may arise in line with the company needs.**