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A CHEAP METHOD OF DIVIDING LARGE PENS FOR BREEDING RAPTORS

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If you wish to separate a pair of birds over winter or to divide a large pen into smaller ones, we found that inexpensive canvas panels were excellent for this purpose.

The panels can be cut to size and nailed to the ceiling, floor, and walls with narrow strips of plywood and small nails. Small, weighted flaps covered the feed holes, and two 20-inch-long zippers were sewn about 2 feet apart as a door for each pen. These doors were used for changing bath water and entering pens.

These panels are inexpensive and fast to assemble and take down. They can be reused numerous times and are easy to wash and store when not in use. They can be left up as permanent partitions or put up and removed as required.

We have used these panels to winter female Peregrines and Merlins with very satisfactory results.

TABLE 1
SUMMARY OF RAPTOR ENERGETICS STUDIES

Species	N	Methods	Factors Studied										Reference
			T	W	F	M	I	BS	C	S	G	Other	
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	5	Food Con.										*	Olendorff 1971
<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	4	"										*	"
<i>Buteo regalis</i>	5	"										*	"
<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	7	Food Bal.							*				Sex, EE Mosher & Matray 1974
<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	1	Food Con.											EE Fevold & Craighead 1958
<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	3	Food Con.											EE "
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	3	O ₂ /CO ₂										*	Gatehouse & Markham 1970
"	10	Temp.	*										Bartholomew & Cade 1957
"	—	O ₂ & D ₂ O ¹⁸	*										HR Gessaman unpubl.
<i>Accipiter nisus</i>													SMR Giaja & Males 1928
<i>Falco mexicanus</i>	2	Lin. M.										*	Fowler 1931
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	8	Temp.	*										Mosher & White unpubl.

Table 1 cont.

Species	N	Methods	Factors Studied										Reference	
			T	W	F	M	I	BS	C	S	G	Other		
<i>Geranoaetus melanoleucus</i>													SMR	Benedict & Fox 1927
<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>													SMR	"
<i>Vultur gryphus</i>													SMR	"
<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	1	O ₂ /CO ₂								*				Gatehouse & Markham 1970
"	2	O ₂ & Temp.	*							*			RWL	Ligon 1969
"	2	Food Bal. & O ₂								*	*	*	EE	Graber 1962
"			*					*					SMR	Collins 1963
<i>Otus asio</i>	1	O ₂ /CO ₂								*				Gatehouse & Markham 1970
<i>Otus asio</i>	2	O ₂ & Temp.	*							*			RWL	Ligon 1969
<i>Otus tricopsis</i>	3	"	*							*			"	"
<i>Glaucidium gnoma</i>	3	O ₂ & Temp.	*							*			RWL	Ligon 1969
<i>Micrathene whitneyi</i>	3	"	*							*			"	"
<i>Asio flammeus</i>	1	Food Bal. & O ₂								*	*	*	EE	Graber 1962
<i>Asio otus</i>	1	"								*	*	*	EE	"
<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	29	O ₂ & Temp.	*							*			RWL & SR	Coulombe 1970

Table 1 cont.

Species	N	Methods	Factors Studied										Reference	
			T	W	F	M	I	BS	C	S	G	Other		
<i>Otus flammeolus</i>	2	O ₂											RWL	Mosher & Woffinden unpubl.
<i>Nyctea scandiaca</i>	4	O ₂ /CO ₂ & Food Bal.	*	*									Insul.	Gessaman 1972
<i>Bubo virginianus</i>													SMR	Benedict & Fox 1927
<i>Strix aluco</i>													SMR	Herzog 1930
<i>Tyto alba</i>		O ₂ Food Bal.	*					*					EE, Insul	Johnson 1974
<i>Surnia ulula</i>	1	O ₂	*					*					SMR	Johnson & Collins 1975
<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>	1	O ₂	*					*					SMR	"

¹Note the following abbreviations: T-temperature, W-wind, F-flight, M-molt, I-incubation, BS-body size, C-circadian rhythms, S-seasonal rhythms, G-growth, SMR-standard metabolic rate, RWL-respiratory water loss, EE-existence energy, SR-surface radiation, Insul.-insulation, HR-heart rate, Food Cons.-food consumption, Food Bal.-food balance calorimetry, Temp.-temperature measurement, Lin M.-linear measurements.

BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The ballot is included as a separate item in this mailing. Please note that ballots are to be returned to the secretary, Dr. Don Johnson. Although the return deadline is given as July 1, ballots will be accepted up to the end of August, owing to the late mailing. Please vote!

NEW EDITOR OF RAPTOR RESEARCH

After several years of faithful service, Dr. Richard Olendorff (aka "Butch") has asked to be relieved of the editorial burden. Dr. Clayton White of the Department of Zoology, Brigham Young University, has agreed to serve as the new editor, effective immediately. On behalf of the board of directors and membership, we extend our sincere appreciation to Butch and our best wishes to Clay for a successful tenure as editor.