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Puget Sound Fire Assists Featherhaven with Owl Rescue

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After a successful rescue and rehabilitation, a local barn owl will be released back into the wild.

On Wednesday, July 31st, Puget Sound Fire Ladder 74 helped local nonprofit [Featherhaven](#) rescue the barn owl near 132 Ave SE and SE 282 ST. The owl was trapped and dangling in what appeared to be fishing line strung 40 feet between two trees. It's unknown how the fishing line ended up there. When the bird was found, Featherhaven, a local nonprofit bird rescue organization located in Enumclaw was contacted. When they arrived and found the bird entangled 50 – 60 feet off of the ground they thought of the ladder truck from Puget Sound Fire as a means to access the bird. While rescue events are not uncommon for the crew of Ladder 74, a bird rescue is a unique. The truck crew was able to reach the bird with their aerial ladder and brought it down for care.

First aid was administered by Featherhaven and the barn owl was immediately taken to [Pine Tree Veterinary Hospital](#) in Maple Valley, where he was fully evaluated including x-rays. Amazingly, it had no fractures or dislocations! The wing and feathers were damaged as the fishing line was wrapped around his wing in excess of 50 times.

According to a spokesperson at Featherhaven, "His wing is tattered, but no major injuries were found. He was hydrated and given anti-inflammatory medications." After initial care the owl was transferred to [Raindancer Wild Bird Rescue](#) for continued care. Raindancer is another nonprofit bird rescue organization that specializes in birds of prey.

Following the team effort, the barn owl will be released today at Reeber Ranch on the east hill of Kent at 28606 132 Ave SE at approximately 6:00 PM

The media is invited to attend. Contact PIO Capt. Joe Root at 253 569 8809

Ladder 74 is located on the East Hill of Kent and is one of two aerial ladder trucks in the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority.

Featherhaven is a 501c(3) and received 100% of its funding through grants and donations.
<http://www.featherhaven.org/>

Raindancer is also a 501c(3) non profit that relies on donations to fund their work.
<http://www.raindancerwildbirdrescue.org/>

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