



# Discovering Owls! with Dr. Reed



Let's meet a wildlife vet from the busiest wildlife hospital in the state to learn all about owls, what they eat, and dissect an owl pellet to discover what's inside!

- \*Look at the whole pellet, why does it look that way?
  - \*What types of things do owls eat?
  - \*How is the pellet formed?

\*Look at the bone chart, talk about the various bones on the chart, what part of the animal it is from, how they can match bones when they find them. (The jaw bones are the best, the teeth are so tiny and help identify which animal the owl ate.)

(Gloves provided for protection of possible small pathogens)



## Further Reading:

- ***Greta : the Great Horned Owl: A True Story of Rescue and Rehabilitation* by Christie Gove-Berg, J 598.97 G72G, 2019**  
A true story about an owl that was found with an injured leg, brought to a wildlife rehabber for surgery and healing, & happily returned to the wild.
- ***Owls! Strange and Wonderful* by Laurence Pringle, J 598.97 P95O, 2016**  
Mr. Pringle's fascinating and informative text and Meryl Henderson's illuminating artwork shine light on these beautiful and elusive night flyers.
- ***Otis the Owl* by Mary Holland, E 598.97 H73O, 2017**  
Beautiful photographs follow this baby barred owl's first few months of growth and development. 4 pages from the end of this book features an owl pellets page!
- ***Owls* by Mary R. Dunn, E 598.97 D92O, 2012**  
Part of the "Nocturnal Animals" series, this book for ages 4+ depicts in easiest terms and format basic facts about our owl friends.
- ***Owling : Enter the World of the Mysterious Birds of the Night* by Mark Wilson, J 598.97 W75O, 2019**  
This coffee-table style book is FULL of gorgeous facts and photos about all kinds of owl species, body details, behaviors, sounds and habitats. A five star title for all ages!

