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Hi,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your interest in letting Doves of White give your wedding an extra touch of class.

White Dove Releases are suitable for many special occasions. Our Wedding Releases are arranged so the photographer will be able record the exciting moment on film and video. A Wedding Release is perfect for weddings in that it symbolizes a peaceful union of two people who will forever be loyal, devoted and respectful of each other - just like doves are. A White Dove Release is a beautiful way to add that touch of symbolism to any wedding.

Memorial releases offer family and friends the opportunity to physically "let go" of their loved as they watch a dove fly away. Many comment what a peaceful feeling this gives them afterwards. A White Dove Release offers the symbolic significance essential to commemorate all special occasions. I mention this because not only do we have services for funerals, but many people have chosen an extra bird or two to be released at a wedding to symbolize those loved ones who have passed before your special day. Here are the things you can expect from us (and the Doves) at your event.

- There will be at least one knowledgeable handler at each event.
 - Our experienced handler will be there well before the start of the ceremony to touch base with you. This way you know we have arrived and everything is on schedule.
 - The handler will be dressed in appropriate attire for the occasion.
 - The doves can navigate in a wide variety of weather conditions, but like everything else they have their limits. We care greatly about the safety and well being of our doves. On their behalf we have set up a few guidelines.
1. We will not release the doves in very high winds.
 2. Rain, some snowy conditions and fog are the most detrimental of weather conditions. This makes flying and/or navigation very difficult. Scattered showers is something that we must make a judgment on at the time of the release, it is not always serious enough to stop a release.
 3. We do not release our doves indoors.
 4. Our doves must be released early enough in the day to have time to return home before dark. They are not equipped with vision that allows night vision. Therefore they can't be safely released at night
 5. We do not ship our doves for a self release.

We will do everything in our power to give you what you want. Please call us to coordinate every aspect of your dove release.

Yours truly,

Dave Truskowsky

P.S. Reserving and selecting what you would like is very simple. Please don't be intimidated by the wealth of information provided. Some people like to read, and to oblige, here is a wealth of information.

Our Wedding Dove Release services



Doves may be displayed at the wedding location prior to release in a beautiful decorative bird cage. A classy touch for arriving guests at your wedding ceremony. They will typically be displayed during the arrival of guest and removed just after the start of the wedding ceremony and then readied for release afterwards. Doves may be released by hand or by heart shaped basket.



Usually, we will have a pedestal (like the one depicted on the upper left) just outside of the church, or were appropriate if an outdoors wedding, with a heart shaped basket containing two doves on top. Once the receiving line is concluded, the Bride and Groom will approach and open the basket together. After a second or two, the White Doves will emerge and fly home together, sometimes circling around for a couple moments. More doves are often released, adding to the flare of the event.

If you choose, either we are able to play music or a member of the bridal party or a minister can have a saying or special poem just before the release. We can assist with the providing one of many poems available if needed.

When ten or more Doves are chosen, the additional Doves will be release during the playing of the music when it is appropriate, usually just after the two doves have taken off from the Bride and Grooms basket.

Doves may also be hand released by the Bride and Groom.

Please confirm the availability of more than 2 Doves.

Music, when chosen,(usually one track) is played on a high end Bose Acoustic Wave Music System.

*We have a couple of songs used most, however if something specific is required, please provide a single track CD.



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Wedding Agreement

Name of Responsible Person (must be at least 18 years of age)			
Address		City, State, Zip Code	
Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone/Pager	Email Address
Name of Bride		Name of Groom	
Wedding Date	Time of Event	Approximate Release Time. (if a fall / winter wedding please see note on next page)	
Name of Release Site (Church, Reception Hall etc...)		Site Contact Person	Site Phone Number
Address of Release Site		City	State Zip Code
Comments or Special Requests (we will do our best to honor special requests)			
How did you learn of Doves of White? <input type="checkbox"/> Witnessed a Dove Release <input type="checkbox"/> Word of Mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Brochure <input type="checkbox"/> Web Site <input type="checkbox"/> Bridal Show <input type="checkbox"/> Trailer or Vehicle with logo <input type="checkbox"/> Business Card <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral or Memorial Release <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing <input type="checkbox"/> Other Please explain: _____			

Payment type: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Cash	Address after wedding: _____ _____
*Credit Card Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Master Card <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Card Number _____ Exp ____ / ____ 3 Digit Security Code _____ Signature _____	

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Wedding Packages

Option I – 2 Doves released from a basket or by hand by both Bride and Groom. Additional Doves at \$10 per dove.	\$175
Option II - 2 Doves released from a basket or by hand by both Bride and Groom. In addition a flock of 10 doves will be released remotely. Please confirm availability of this package.	\$275
Dove Display – A decorative cage with 2 Doves for display at a location. (display present as guests arrive at the wedding location)	
*Selected with one of the above Packages	\$ 50
Dove display <u>only</u> (at wedding location)	\$175
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional charge of \$50 will be charged for 20 mile increments beyond Mahanoy City. (mileage to be determined via Google Earth) • A delayed release will incur a cost of \$50 if release takes place one hour or more after the scheduled release time on this agreement. • Doves of White will tailor your dove release to a fashion of your liking, within reason. Dove releases can be very flexible. We will do everything we can to make it come as close to your dreams as possible. • For hand releasing the doves, please understand that the behavior of the doves is somewhat unpredictable when handled by the untrained. Hand releasing may also be unsanitary. The doves are clean when flying but when handled, care must be when handling the dove. Every effort will be made to keep it as clean as possible. If you choose to handle the Doves, we will work with you before hand to train you. It is very rare that there is a problem however, it is always a possibility. • If booking early for a fall / winter wedding, the event must be early enough to provide enough time for the doves to fly home during daylight hours. Dusk comes early during this time of year. 	

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Terms and Conditions

1. All bookings are contingent upon availability, acceptability of release time, location of release site, etc. If Doves of White is unable to accept and confirm the dove release and or display for any reason, the clients will be notified and the accompanying deposit will be returned. If the agreement is accepted, Doves of White may provide the client with written confirmation and a copy of this agreement within 30 days of receipt. Client is responsible for contacting Doves of White if the client would like a copy of the agreement.
2. **A 50% NON-REFUNDABLE deposit is required at the time of booking.** Client has the right to pay in full at time of booking. The balance is due in full 2 weeks before the release date. If the balance due is not received and confirmed in writing prior to 48 hours before the event or display time, Doves of White will not provide the dove release and or display and the 50% deposit will be considered forfeited by the client.
3. Payments may be made with check or money order payable to Doves of White. Any payments made less than 14 days prior to the event must be made in a guaranteed form such as a certified check, cashiers check, money order or cash. Do not send cash through the mail. All returned checks are subject to a \$25.00 return fee.
4. **In the Event that Doves of White must cancel the release for any reason including unsuitable weather conditions, the client will receive a FULL AND COMPLETE REFUND INCLUDING THE DEPOSIT.**
5. Doves of White reserves the right to photograph or video tape the display and or release to be used as promotional media.
6. By undersigning this agreement you hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Doves of White, our management, agents and employees, of and from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, and suits of every kind, nature and description, in law or equity, including any legal fees, costs and expenses of litigation, arising as a result of, based upon or connection with this agreement pursuant to this agreement, excepting only acts of willful negligence.
7. This agreement, when signed by the client shall be considered to be the entire and complete agreement. It is legal and binding and supersedes any and all other agreements, oral or written, past or present. All terms herein are contractually binding by both parties.

Prior to mailing this agreement to Doves of White please call to confirm package and any potential additional charges.

Package\$ _____

Extra distance charge (All packages include a circumference of 20 miles around Mahanoy City PA. For distances beyond the 20 included miles, please add \$50 to the package price up to 40 miles. Distances ascertained via Mapquest.com from Zip code 17948 to your zip code.)

\$ _____

Total Due\$ _____

A 50% NON-REFUNDABLE deposit is required when mailing this agreement.

Doves of White Representative Signature

Date

Client Signature

Date

What will the doves do?

No one can guarantee exactly what the doves will do. But through experience, a person can give a close prediction most of the time. The one thing you can count on is that the doves will come from the baskets in a rush of white and take to the air in front of everyone. How long they will stay in view is hard to say. It all depends on the lay out of the release area. With a lot of open sky they can be viewed for some minutes. In limited areas they may only be visible for as long as it takes them to go beyond your view.



The doves are excellent navigators, and will be able to maneuver their way around the area without any risk to bystanders. Rest assured, they will not poop while flying. You can expect them to leave the ceremony with **grace and beauty**. If hand releasing the doves is selected, we will explain how to hold the dove. When holding the dove, please hold it away from you so that if the bird does its business, it will not do it on you. This is rare but is always a possibility that you should be aware of.

Our Doves.

Doves have been domesticated for many centuries. Their ability to **return home** from long distances has long baffled all scientists. No one quite knows how they find their way home but they think it's possibly linked to the Sun's position and the Earth's magnetic fields at any given time, although memory may also play a role. Our Release Doves are all the same kind of bird that served as homing pigeons and racing pigeons and commonly known as Rock Doves. Doves hold a special place in the hearts of mankind, and their image harkens back to biblical times when **Noah released a dove** to help him find land. What better tribute than to include them in your celebration!

Doves **mate for life** with a lasting bond. They are loyal, gentle and devoted to each other. Two young are usually produced and the parents feed them "crop milk". Our doves live in a **Loft** that is specially constructed for their comfort. They are allowed to fly free several times a week and enjoy being released at events where they will fly straight home to their comfy loft.

Where and when can doves be released?

Releasing doves outdoors is a year round venture. They do need to be released in good weather. We will not release in excessive wind, rain, sleet, or with temperatures below 20 degrees. Doves also need to be released 3 hours before sunset. This allows them to race home, get cleaned up, and get themselves a bite to eat before it is dark.

What happens to the doves after the release?

Doves circle around a couple of times, climbing, higher and higher into the air, flocking up as they go. After a couple of circles, they gain their bearings and head home. These doves fly 60 mph, certainly beating the release coordinator back to the loft.



All packages include a circumference of 20 miles around Mahanoy City PA. Distances beyond the 20 mile distance circle area, please add \$50 to the package price up to 40 miles. Distances are measured by using the measuring tool on Google Earth. Please call us regarding that may extend beyond our inner release area.



The inner circle signifies approximately 20 miles of Mahanoy City. The outer circle signifies 20 to 40 miles.