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Hi,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your interest in letting Doves of White make your event even more special.

White Dove Releases are suitable for many special occasions. Some of which include Civic events, Grand Openings, Graduations, Sporting Events, Birthday Parties, and Anniversary Parties, just to name a few. Doves are very suitable to be released near the end of the National Anthem. Our Wedding Releases are arranged so the photographer will be able record the exciting moment on film. 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 a 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. Regardless of the release you require for your event, a White Dove Release offers the symbolic significance essential to commemorate all special occasions.

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 birds 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 birds. On their behalf we have set up a few guidelines.
1. If the wind is consistently over 25 miles an hour, the wind could drive them into power lines and tree limbs. For the birds' sake, the release will not be made in these conditions.
 2. Rain, snow and fog are the most detrimental of weather conditions. This makes flying and/or navigation impossible. I'm sure you can understand us not wanting to release our birds under these conditions. 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 will not release our birds indoors because they are trained to return home. They haven't been trained to fly inside of buildings or trained to exit that particular building. Therefore it would have disastrous results.
 4. Our birds 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 will not ship our birds to you for a self release. It takes some experience to handle our doves properly. We know the do's and don'ts; therefore we couldn't in good conscience allow an untrained person the responsibility of overseeing their care even for a short time.

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.



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General Agreement

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| 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 |
| Date and Time of Event | Approximate Release Time | Type of Event | |
| Name of Release Site (Church, 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) | | | |
| <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: _____ | | | |

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| Payment type: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Cash | *** Please note: Payment must be made prior to any dove release service. See Terms and Conditions*** |
| *Credit Card Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Master Card <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Card Number _____ Exp ____/____ 3 Digit Security Code _____ Signature _____ | |



This picture shows the decorative display cage as well as some of our heart shaped release baskets.

Notes/Directions:

Release Packages

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| <u>Option I</u> – 2 Doves released from a basket or by hand by both Bride and Groom. Additional Doves at \$10 per dove. \$175 |
| <u>Option II</u> - 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 |
| <u>Option I</u> – 2 Doves released from a basket or by hand by both Bride and Groom. Additional Doves at \$10 per dove. \$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 mapquest.com) • A delayed release will incur a cost of \$75 per hour (starting one hour after the scheduled release time) • 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 birds, please understand that the behavior of the birds is somewhat unpredictable when handled by the untrained. Hand releasing may also be unsanitary. The birds are clean when flying but when handled care must be taken to keep the bird away from the person 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. |

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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

All Occasion Dove Releases...

Occasions include, grand openings, dedications, outdoor plays, presentations, proposals, and so many more!



About 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 *Columba Livia* -- the same kind of bird that served as homing pigeons and racing pigeons and commonly known as Rock Doves. Our display doves or "Love Doves" are pure white and the doves of the Bible.

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 babies 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.

What will the birds do?

No one can guarantee exactly what the birds 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 birds 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 birds 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.

Frequently asked Questions

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 the 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. You would not want to go to bed dirty or hungry would you?

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 birds fly 60 mph, certainly beating the release coordinator back to the loft. These birds are racing birds, often flying more than 300 miles.

Will the doves have an accident on my guests?

These birds are athletes and are fed strict diets at strict times. Our feed times are set so that they correspond with the release business and racing schedules. Trust me we'll save the embarrassment for the cake eating.

Are the birds clean?

On a rainy day, you can stand outside and watch the birds in the loft. They stand in the rain, fluffing, grooming each other, and stretching their wings. Basically good avian hygiene, therefore they love the rain. Water is provided to the birds for bathing in. Doves bathe everyday. Release coordinators clean birds before each event. These birds get the very best care and pose no threat to humans or animals.

What about bad weather?

Our birds will never be released during or before bad weather. This includes high winds, rain, sleet, snow, electrical storms, or below 20 degrees. All deposits will be returned for acts of god cancellations.

How far can they fly?

These are well-trained athletes at the top of their breed. They have been known to fly 600 miles. Our release policy limits us to about 65 miles; we do have a select few that have been trained for the longer distance. All birds need training for proper releases. Beware of anyone wishing to ship you birds for self-release. The chance of the bird's survival is slim.

How do they know where home is?

We all wish we knew. Many theories abound. The famed sixth sense. The birds use an unknown sense to hone in on their home. Some say they use polarity of the earth and the position of the sun. Others say that it is their ability to recognize landmarks and ranges. Training and breeding are the two most important human related factors. Our theory is because they want to. These birds are so happy in there loft. Freedom, comfort, safety. This is their life. Think about it, you go to work, work all day, all you want to do is come home to that lounge chair.

When in the occasion are the birds released?

That is entirely up to you! We will make recommendations and work with your photographer and you to provide another breathtaking moment.



Alternatives to Professional Dove Release

OUR ADVICE: USE A PROFESSIONAL DOVE RELEASE SERVICES

Some people think they would like to save a few dollars. Maybe I could buy these birds at a pet store and release them myself? Another thought maybe they will ship them to me for my self release? Pet shop birds are typically Ringneck Doves or Diamond Doves. Once released into the wild, they do not know how to defend themselves, or to forage for food. They surely will perish. They are poor flyers (due to lack of exercise and cage life). They have no homing ability and some can't even fly in a straight line. First we raise a breed of racing pigeon referred to as a Belgium White Racer. These birds are true athletes; they average about 45 miles per hour, up to about 60 mph. Racers can train from distances of over 100 miles. They exercise daily weather permitting. They eat special diets are vaccinated and live a rigid training schedule. Once released their only wish is to get home quickly



So you don't follow our advice and self-release birds. What is the worst that could happen?

Most likely they won't fly. Maybe just a couple of feet landing in Aunt Betty's lap as she throws the bird half scared to death, back into the air. It then flies just a few more yards and lands on your wedding cake. Now covered in icing, fearfully the bird flies toward Uncle Louie, weighted from all the frosting, the bird has no lift. **OHHH NOOOO!!!!!!!!!!**
All you wanted was a memorable event.

Our doves can train from distances of over 100 miles. Our area of service is designed, so that our birds will be home after a short 1-hour non-stop flight. These birds don't even come home tired. Training is done from many different areas, within and beyond our service area. On your special day, why would you want to be concerned for any more details than you already are now? Leave the birds to us. Buy a little piece of mind for yourself and the birds.

After your event, **PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE** to leave a message on our guest book so other may see your reaction to our performance and what meaning the Doves represented at your event.

You may do this at www.dovesofwhite.net



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