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AIR FORCE FALCON INJURED AT WEST POINT – November 2, 2018

WEST POINT, N.Y. – The U.S. Military Academy sincerely apologizes for an incident involving USMA cadets and the Air Force Academy Falcons, which occurred Saturday, November 3, 2018.

One of the birds was injured and the matter is currently under investigation.

We are taking this situation very seriously, and this occurrence does not reflect the Army or USMA core values of dignity and respect. An apology was given to the U.S. Air Force Academy for this unfortunate incident.

According to the most recent update Air Force Academy spokesperson, Lt. Col. Tracy A. Bunko said “Aurora returned home last night and as of this morning was able to fly around in her pen. She will see a specialist later today who will determine if x-rays are necessary, but this is an extremely good sign. We will continue to evaluate her and administer antibiotics to prevent an infection. We are grateful for the outpouring of support and optimistic for Aurora's recovery.”

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