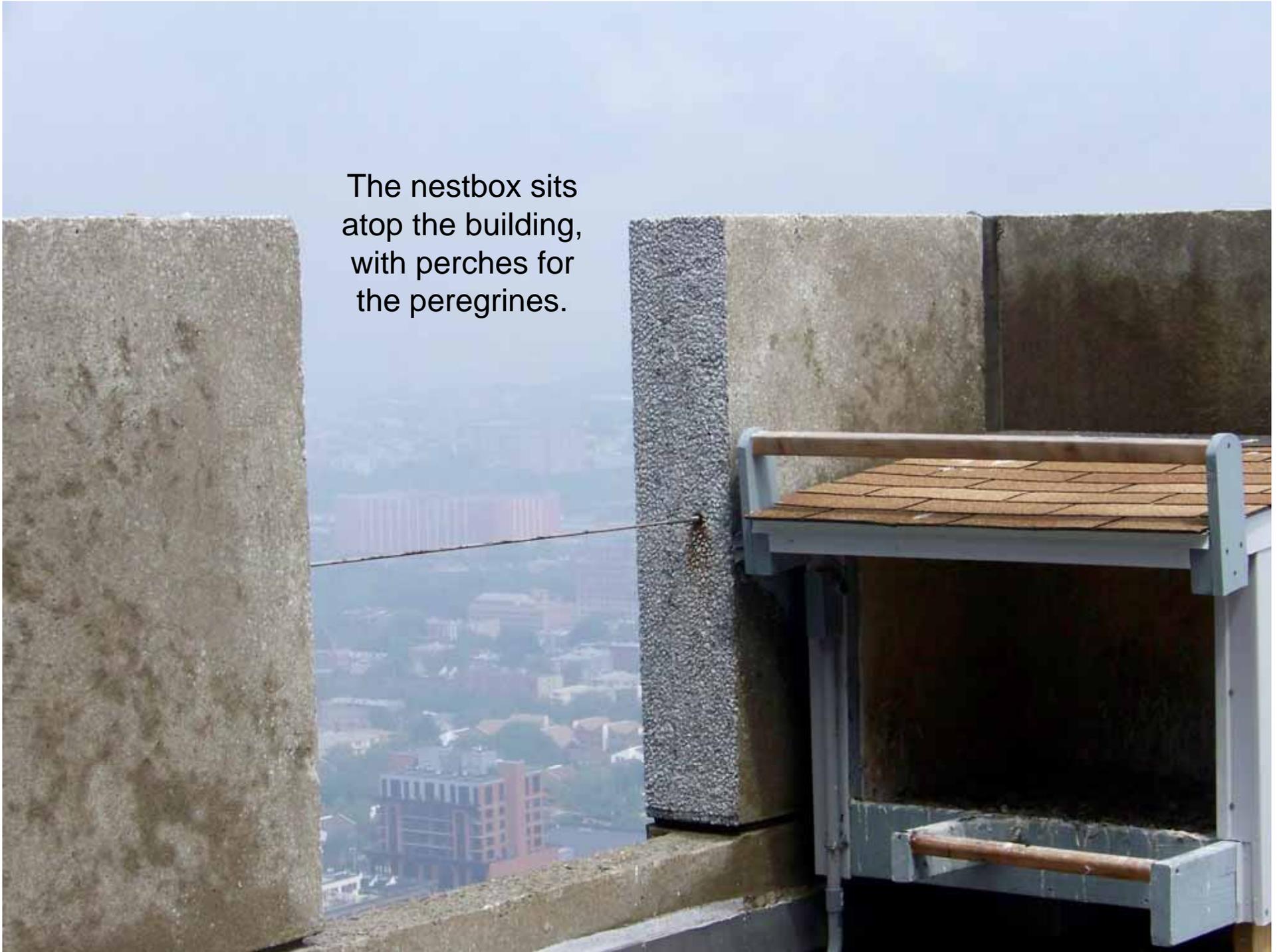


***Banding Day at
101 Hudson Street
Jersey City, NJ
June 12, 2009***

**NJ DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife
Endangered and Nongame Species Program
Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey**

The nestbox sits atop the building, with perches for the peregrines.





The camera that gives live-feed video is located opposite the nestbox on the roof.



An adult peregrine takes to the air as two biologists approach the nestbox to take its chicks indoors for banding.

The other adult watches
defensively as its young
are taken from their box.



The three chicks look around anxiously after being placed in a plastic tub and brought into the banding room on the 41st floor.





Each chick is held for biologist Kathy Clark to determine the gender and put an identifying band around each leg.



The beak is measured to determine the sex of the chick.



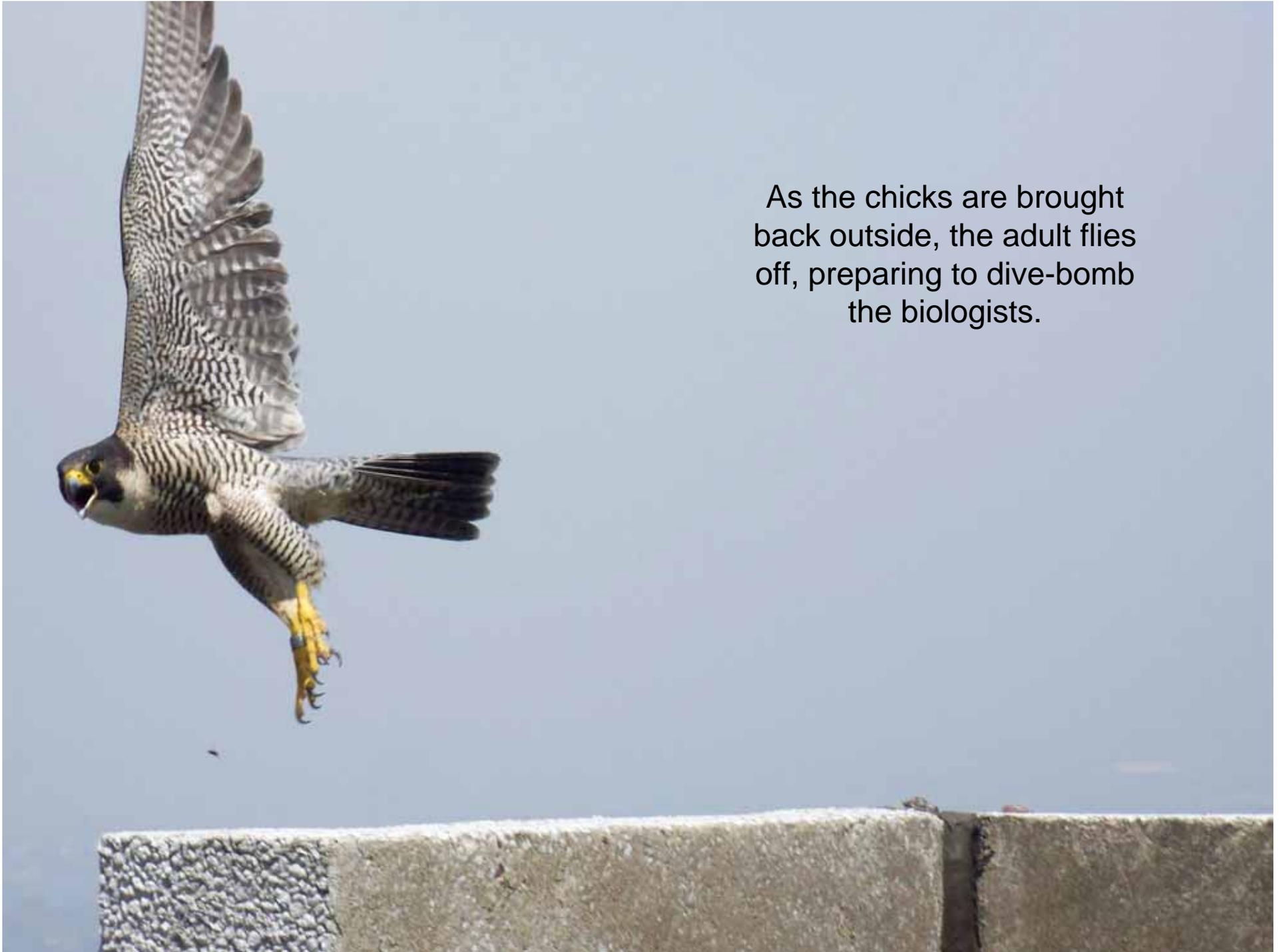
The bands are applied at 3-4 weeks of age because the nestlings' legs are fully grown.



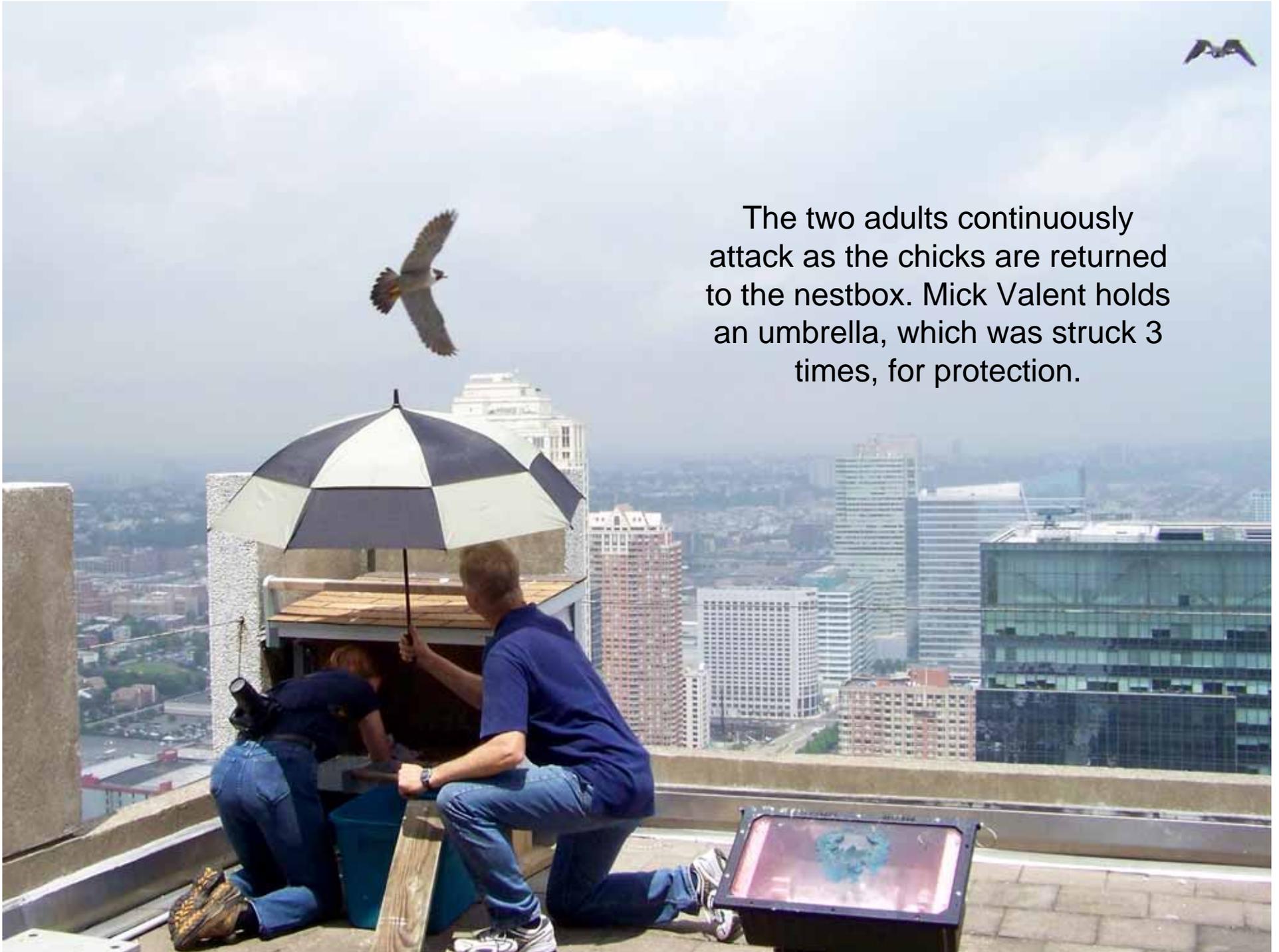
Two bands are used - the
bicolor band is
useful for identifying
individuals from a distance.



Each chick is fed a scrap of raw chicken containing an antibiotic to ward off Trichomoniasis, a pigeon-born disease.



As the chicks are brought back outside, the adult flies off, preparing to dive-bomb the biologists.



The two adults continuously attack as the chicks are returned to the nestbox. Mick Valent holds an umbrella, which was struck 3 times, for protection.

The freshly banded chicks huddle together back in the nestbox.



The parent resumes its protective perch above the box as the biologists retreat back into the building. The banding day is complete.

