

## WHERE DOES YOUR DONATION GO?

Most people would imagine that operating an independent wildlife rehabilitation center is quite an expensive undertaking. Food, medication, equipment, rent, utilities, and staffing are a few of the obvious expenses we face each year. However, a few of our expenses might surprise you. Take a peek at our books from 2006.



"Ahab Hoover" the juvenile Common Loon snatched up hundreds of live goldfish during his short stay at Greenwood.

We receive lots of food donations from the public and organizations — bird seed, dog and cat kibble, fruits and vegetables. But some of the most expensive foods — such as infant formulas for baby birds and eyes-closed or weaning squirrels, cottontails, and raccoons — we simply have to purchase. Did you know that a single 20 pound bucket of raccoon milk replacer costs \$177?

- **Electricity: \$4,047.** In addition to lighting and heating the facility, we use six refrigerators and six incubators — and the washing machine runs almost every minute of the day!
- **Live grubs: \$2,279.** The cost of live mealworms and wax worms quickly adds up when ordered by the thousands!
- **Bottled Water: \$964.** In 2006, we used approximately 1,050 gallons of bottled water for mixing infant mammal and bird formula and providing drinking water for cottontails.

Also, although Greenwood keeps a small supply of live goldfish on hand, a large fish-eating bird can quickly upset our food budget. In November 2006, a juvenile Common Loon, called "Ahab Hoover" by volunteers, consumed over 200 goldfish each day! At \$0.13 per fish, this injured bird's food bill alone added up to \$156 for a six-day stay before he was well enough to be released!

We would like to offer our thanks to organizations that support Greenwood financially or through in-kind donations. Feed stores, veterinary clinics, medical supply companies and some local foundations are just a few of the businesses that make rehabilitating so many animals a reality.

If you or your business would like to support our efforts, please call 303.545.5849 or email [greenwood@estreet.com](mailto:greenwood@estreet.com). To view a list of our current supporters, visit [www.greenwoodwildlife.org](http://www.greenwoodwildlife.org).



# Greenwood Chatter

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*Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary is a not-for-profit corporation that is devoted to the rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned wildlife. We have been in existence for over a decade and were incorporated in March 1993.*

*We are named after "Greenwood," who was the first raccoon rehabilitated and released by our organization in 1982. Since then, we have successfully treated and released thousands of animals. Greenwood now maintains one of the largest wildlife rehabilitation facilities along Colorado's Front Range.*

*In October of 1993, Greenwood obtained 501(c)(3) status from the IRS as a non-profit charitable organization. Our efforts are funded solely by the generosity of hundreds of concerned citizens, businesses, and organizations.*

## THE DUCKS OF 2007

When our new Animal Care Manager moved from California to Colorado, she was told about our mild winters — not much snow and lots of sunshine. She was also told that winters at Greenwood are typically slow, providing an excellent opportunity to get ready for the next busy season. Several blizzards and "a duck situation" later, Libby Osnes-Erie is still smiling!

The 2006-07 winter was an odd one at Greenwood; the harsh weather compromised food sources and the health of many animals. The resulting slight increase in patient load was dwarfed by what started as a single phone call. Thus began the story of the 2007 Wonder Ducks.

"Hello, Greenwood Wildlife. How can we help you?" (long pause as someone on the other end speaks) "Well, that's what we're here for... How many ducks did you say would be coming?"

### The Ducks

During bitter cold weather, when many water sources are frozen, ducks are attracted to any stands of open water, including pools at wastewater treatment plants. This can sometimes spell trouble... Beginning in January, nearly 480 ducks (mostly Northern Shovelers and Gadwalls) were found dead in a Denver-area treatment plant's pools and in a nearby river. The cause of death was most likely hypothermia as the ducks had lost their waterproofing.

As this newsletter went to press, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Colorado Division of Wildlife had not determined the official cause of the loss of waterproofing. Greenwood staff suspect that it was a contaminant on the birds' feathers. In general, waterfowl stay warm and dry because of their interlocking feathers, which keep their shape through frequent preening. A foreign substance on their feathers may have prevented these ducks from keeping their feathers in alignment and therefore, their waterproofing would be compromised.



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## PEOPLE-PEOPLE?

Often when people finish reading a book, they close it and quietly take a moment to reflect on what they've read. The same holds true for me now as my time on Greenwood's Board of Directors comes to a close. I've taken time to contemplate my years on the Board and have remembered a statement I've heard often at Greenwood. A statement that initially makes all the sense in the world, but on further involvement with Greenwood, happily seems less accurate....

The statement — "I'm an animal-person, not a people-person" — has likely been spoken or thought by many of Greenwood's volunteers and staff, including myself. Of course, to be involved with Greenwood, one must be an animal-person. But, at the same time, part of Greenwood's magic is that it's easy to become a people-person. There are so many genuinely kind and caring individuals involved with Greenwood that it is nearly impossible not to feel part of the family and not to care about the people AND the animals.

So, as I reflect on my years on the Board, I remember the amazing and beautiful animals that we treat day after day. But, I also find myself smiling at memories of the laughs and good times I've had with the people of Greenwood. It's because of the animals and the people who are part of Greenwood's family that I feel a twinge of sadness as my term ends. Thank you to all the wild animals and the animal-people and people-people for many wonderful years.

Fondly,

Meghan Allen

## TO CLYDE — THANK YOU!

Greenwood's newsletter, the *Greenwood Chatter*, originally the *Pinetree Press*, has been distributed to thousands of readers and supporters each year. The same holds true for the Appeal Letters we mail twice a year. As we sit down to prepare these mailings, one person has been patient, generous and wonderfully creative throughout the process. Clyde Mason of Mason Design in Lafayette has been Greenwood's loyal graphic designer for many, many years. Clyde has kindly donated most of his time and talent to Greenwood as he too has a love of Colorado's wildlife. It would be impossible to adequately express our gratitude to Clyde for his vision and hard work. But with this short piece, we'd like to try... Thank You, Clyde, for all of your efforts for Greenwood. We are so lucky to have you and truly appreciate your talents!



## DON'T KIDNAP THAT BABY!

Did you know that mother cottontail rabbits only visit their nests 2-3 times a day? So, if you come across a nest of baby cottontails, please don't touch it. You can place some colored thread across the nest and check back in 24 hours. If the thread has not been moved or if the babies look ill, please call Greenwood to discuss what to do next.

If you find a little bunny away from its nest and it is the size of a tennis ball, leave the animal alone. Even at such a small size, this rabbit is old enough to be on its own.

Eastern Cottontails were the most frequently admitted patients in 2006. Greenwood admitted 124 different species — but almost 20% of all intakes were Eastern Cottontails! Some of these rabbits most likely could have survived on their own without ever coming to Greenwood, if their well-intentioned finders had tried these suggestions. Please do your part to keep healthy animals in the wild where they belong!

## GREENWOOD VOLUNTEERS: A DAY IN THE LIFE...

One of the greatest aspects about volunteering at Greenwood is that every day is different. There is no typical shift or routine for a Greenwood volunteer. Each shift provides a new opportunity to work with Colorado's amazing wildlife. Here are just a few examples of what a volunteer shift at Greenwood might entail.

### Teaching Raccoons: Laurel

I love working with the orphaned baby raccoons. They are intelligent, inquisitive, mischievous, and playful. Teaching them survival skills is both interesting and rewarding. It includes putting large logs in their cages, which allows them to practice their climbing skills; filling plastic pools with water and adding crayfish, so they can swim while learning to hunt; and bringing in branches from fruit trees such as chokecherries, so they can experience food from the wild. However, the most satisfying part is finding an ideal release site — one that is remote, with a gentle stream bordered by large cottonwoods. It is always exciting to open the cage doors and watch as they wade cautiously into the water, climb confidently up a tree, and disappear into a hole.



### Baby Squirrel Feeding: Helena

To work with the animals is a rewarding experience in itself; but for me, feeding the baby squirrels is the most exciting! First, you have to catch them, for which the reward may be some scratches if you're not careful enough. Then, the babies will try to get away from you while you weigh them to determine how much food they need. Throughout this process, the squirrels are impatient, just waiting for their chance to run away (often with success)... Until they feel the syringe in their mouth. Suddenly, the wild squirrel changes into a sweet, calm — and hungry baby.

### It's all about the Birds: Sharon

So many wonderful experiences to choose from! One of my favorites is feeding the swallows when they take mealworms from me "on the fly." Another is putting baby ducks in the bathtub and watching them paddle around. One day, I

released two geese at the Jim Hamm Nature Area. I asked a bystander for help lifting the heavy carrier from my car to the water and had the opportunity to explain the animals' stories and what Greenwood is all about. Needless to say, we were quite a sight! Watching the geese step into the water, swim a bit, and then take off across the lake to get lost among the other geese, lifted our spirits.



### No Worries: Frost

Each week is always a surprise; you never know what adventure is waiting. I love being able to step out of the rest of my life, even for just a few hours a week, and enter a world where baby raccoons knead my hands with their leathery little paws. There's no room for work worries or wondering if homework is done when a robin nestling is screeching for a meal. Most of all, I enjoy learning and watching each animal be treated with respect and dignity.



### Home in the Wild: Bonnie

My first raccoon release was a Greenwood experience I'll never forget. We had made arrangements with a property owner to release four or five juvenile, hand-raised orphan raccoons on her property. When we arrived, I saw how perfect the site was — a large property on the edge of open space with ancient cottonwood trees, two creeks that ran most of the year and a nearby lake, and lots of natural raccoon food. When we opened the carriers, the raccoons stepped out — tentatively at first. Then, gaining courage, they formed a little line. They wove in and out of the tall, green grass, still in formation, leaping and cavorting. Their instincts soon led them to the crayfish-filled water and the vertical bark of the old, bent cottonwoods. At that point, we knew they had come home.

Thankfully, not all of the afflicted ducks died. Plant workers were able to rescue some of the ducks, sending 61 ducks — some in critical condition—to Greenwood. Sadly, several ducks died within 24 hours. Of the 61 ducks that arrived, 44 survived. Libby's previous training and experience working with seabirds and waterfowl in oil spill and contaminant response at the Oiled Wildlife Care Network came in very handy!

### Initial Treatment

As with all Greenwood's patients, stress was a main concern for these birds and as always, extreme care was taken when moving them from traveling carriers to heated pens. The coldest and weakest ducks were placed in incubators. Some were so waterlogged that we had to towel them off and dry them with a hair dryer! We also administered homeopathic remedies to reduce stress.

Once the ducks were relatively dry and calm, we drew blood in order to assess each bird's condition and plan a course of treatment. The weakest ducks were given a special diet and were tube-fed hydrating fluids. Many ducks required vitamin injections and all were wormed for parasites.

Nearly every animal care room of the Sanctuary became a duck room. Greenwood has never had to care for so many adult ducks at once and thankfully, Libby's husband, Scott, built new indoor pens to house them.

### Where can you recondition so many ducks?

Fortunately, incidents such as this are rare in Colorado. As a result, though, no rehabilitation facility in the state was equipped to wash so many ducks at once. Not only did the ducks need to be washed properly, but they also had to be placed in indoor warm-water pools and then in outdoor cold-water pools to recondition their feathers. To keep the surface water clean during this important stage, the pools needed to be constantly overflowing. Such a set-up would be dif-

ficult to maintain at any time of the year at a Colorado facility. But it was especially challenging during this cold winter!

Libby and many staff and volunteers, began washing the ducks at the Sanctuary. However, time and hot-water constraints made it possible to wash and rinse only 2-3 per day. Libby set up an indoor warm-water pool and started reconditioning the ducks to get them to preen. However, the cold weather made it difficult to use the outdoor pool that had been set up, thus slowing the process. Knowing that it would be difficult to get 44 ducks washed in a timely manner, Libby contacted Michelle Bellizzi at International Bird Rescue Research Center in California and arranged for Michelle to come to Colorado to help with the reconditioning. When Michelle arrived at the Sanctuary, 12 ducks had been washed and we finally had a day that was warm enough to put them in outside pools to finish their reconditioning process. Scott put his construction skills to use again, setting up three additional outdoor pools complete with an overflow system for all four pools. Michelle, Libby, staff and volunteers started working with the first group of birds in these pools and within a day, the birds waterproofing returned.

### Going to the dogs... err... ducks...

Four Paws & Co., an established pet supply store in Longmont, was expanding to include a pet-washing area — good news! Owners of Four Paws permitted us to use the new area so staff and volunteers took drying pens, a pet dryer, heat lamps, towels, special hose nozzles for rinsing, washing tubs, gloves, Dawn detergent and 15 ducks for an inaugural washing. Having the right space and equipment made all the difference! By the end of the day, the ducks' feathers were already beginning to repel water. The next day, 16 more ducks were washed while the previous day's ducks were set up in the reconditioning pools. This continued for days until all of the surviving ducks were washed. After going through a progressive series of pools during the reconditioning process, the ducks were 100% waterproof and were soon ready for release. They seemed rejuvenated!

### Finally, The Release!

February 22nd was the first release day for the ducks. The Colorado sun provided a glorious day and a Denver-area release site provided the perfect setting. The ducks were released at a large private lake in Henderson.

The lake was surrounded by other lakes and was teeming with geese and ducks. With a warm bubbling spring and a grassy knoll with old-growth cottonwood trees, the site was ideal! After Division of Wildlife agents examined the ducks, they were perched on shore in their carriers. We opened the doors and the ducks headed for water, some waddling and some exploding out of their cages — flying and swimming, preening and diving. Off to, once again, join their kind.



### What does all this mean?

Without the help of volunteers, donors and the greater community, this feat could not have been accomplished. Greenwood exists to provide care for our wild neighbors and to do so is not only a pleasure, but our duty. Whether it's caring for hundreds of baby birds in the summer bird nursery or treating dozens of ducks in the middle of winter, we couldn't do this work without your help. Whether you are a long-time donor, an experienced volunteer, or a new supporter of the Sanctuary, you make a difference in the lives of thousands of animals.

To learn more about the Wonder Ducks, please visit our website at [www.greenwoodwildlife.org](http://www.greenwoodwildlife.org).

### MYTHBUSTERS FOR BIRDS

After a hard winter, Spring is finally in the air! Soon you will hear chirps and songs from your feathered neighborhood friends. In preparation for the baby bird season, Greenwood would like to clarify a few common myths about the birds you'll soon see and hear.

#### I saw a bird hopping on the ground and I don't think it can fly. It needs help!

In the spring and summer, you might see birds hopping around on the ground — these fledglings have just left the nest and are learning to fly. It's important to determine if the bird is an adult or a youngster, since an adult acting this way may indeed need help. You might think that a baby bird will be smaller than its parents, don't be fooled — fledglings are usually just as big as their parents. Unlike its parents, a fledgling often has a "stumpy" tail, small wings, a downy appearance and sometimes a lack of fear of humans. These young birds are trying to learn how to fly and at times, they flutter or even drop to the ground. They can then spend a few days building up strength and coordination before taking to the air. Parent birds will keep an eye on their fledgling children. Please do not "kidnap" these young birds at this stage in their life — all they need is a few days to finish "growing up." If at all possible, keep your pets inside or away from the birds for a few days. If you are in a public place and find a fledgling in danger, gently move the bird to the nearest bush and watch from afar to see if its parents are nearby.

#### I found a baby bird on the ground under a nest that has other babies in it. If I put the baby back in the nest, its parents will smell my scent and reject the baby.

Most songbirds have a limited sense of smell. Instead, they rely on keen vision and hearing to survive. If you find a baby bird (not a fledgling — see above) on the ground, quickly look for obvious injuries. If the bird is not injured, place it back in the nest. If you can't get to the nest, make a substitute nest out of a Tupperware-type container. First, make drainage holes in the container and line it with soft grasses or even toilet paper. Then, secure the nest high in the tree with rope or a staple gun and place the baby inside. Watch from afar to see if its parents recognize the baby and start to feed it. If there is something wrong with the baby, the parents may reject it and kick it out of the nest. If you put a bird back in the nest and see the parents kick it out a second time, please call Greenwood.

#### Everyone knows that all baby animals drink milk. So if I find a baby songbird, I should feed it milk right away.

Songbirds feed their young by collecting appropriate food: seeds, fruit, and, for most songbirds, bugs of all kinds — caterpillars, grubs, flies, aphids, beetles, grasshoppers. Some birds, such as pigeons and finches, even partially digest food and regurgitate it for their young. Many people, when faced with a begging, gaping baby bird, are tempted to give it warm

milk. Remember though, only mammals produce milk for their young. If you find a baby bird, do not feed it. Despite the best intentions, improper diet and feeding techniques will do more harm than good. Until the baby can get to a licensed rehabilitator with the proper training and access to special diets, keep the baby warm, away from curious children and pets and in a stress-free environment (ie. a small, covered box with air holes and toilet paper lining the bottom).



This baby house finch was fed scalded milk for a week before his finder brought him to Greenwood. His feathers were tattered and deformed and his bones were weak. Sadly, the bird's growth was too compromised and he did not survive.

#### Good bird parents will always be at the nest with their babies. I've checked a nest several times during the day and don't see the parents. They must have abandoned the nest.

Songbird parents spend most of their waking hours finding food for and feeding their babies. For example, a researcher found that one wren made 1,217 trips to its nest in a 16-hour period! There is great variation across species, but all parents work very hard to feed their families. As babies grow and begin to thermoregulate (that is, keep themselves warm or cool, as needed), it's not unusual for both parents to leave the nest to search for food. They come back to the nest, quickly put food in the babies' mouths, and are off again looking for more food. If a parent bird is startled, it may fly away and not return until it feels it is safe, so it's best not to stay near a nest too long. If you suspect that a nest is truly abandoned, remove pets from the area and observe the nest from far away to see if the parents return. Don't blink — you might miss them! If the parents don't return after several hours, call Greenwood for advice about what to do next.

#### I found an orphaned bird that I should bring to Greenwood, but Greenwood is closed for the evening — I should feed it 'round the clock until I can get it to a wildlife rehabilitator.

As stated above, the best thing to do is keep the baby in a warm, dark, quiet place. The bird can be placed in a substitute nest or box that is set partially on a heating pad set to "low." During transport, be sure to keep noise (music and conversation) to a minimum. Please remember, wild animals have an amazing ability to survive harsh times; however, stress of any kind should be avoided.

## WISH LIST

### FOOD AND BEDDING

Fruits and vegetables  
(no onions, please)  
Frozen insects (red grubs,  
bloodworms, brine shrimp)  
High-quality meat-meal-based  
dog and puppy food (dry)  
Wild bird, thistle, and  
safflower seeds  
Finch seed  
Pigeon mix  
Peanuts (in shell, no salt)  
Baby food—Stage One type  
(fruit, meat)  
Ceramic or plastic  
food/water bowls  
Ferret hammocks  
Ferret cages

### CLEANING SUPPLIES

Chlorine bleach  
Unscented laundry detergent  
Paper towels  
Garbage bags (39 gallon or larger)  
Liquid dishwashing detergent  
Heavy-duty scrub sponges  
Latex gloves, dishwashing gloves  
Brooms (indoor/outdoor)  
Disinfectant  
(lemon or citrus smell)

### BUILDING SUPPLIES

Untreated lumber  
Duct tape, masking tape  
Bungee cords  
Cable ties  
Shade cloth (green or tan)  
Tarps  
Hardware cloth (1/4")  
Fiberglass screen (4' wide)

### SPECIALTY ITEMS

Microscope  
Microscope slides and cover slips  
Digital gram scales  
Digital infant scale  
Postage scale  
Bandaging materials  
Microhematocrit tubes  
(hepranized)  
Digital camera

### MISCELLANEOUS

Butterfly/bird nets  
Ziploc bags (quart and gallon size)  
Plain and colored copy paper  
(especially light blue and lilac)  
Desk chairs  
Cordless phone (2 lines)  
Any office supplies!  
Small metal trash cans with lids  
Hose nozzles  
Garden hoses

## GREENWOOD WILDLIFE GIFT & THRIFT STORE—NEW MANAGER, NEW LOOK!

The Greenwood Wildlife Gift & Thrift Store recently hired a new manager, Bradley McCollough. Since Bradley has arrived, the store has taken on a new look. New display racks have been added that not only give the store more organization but also allow much more merchandise to be displayed.

If you haven't visited the store before, please do so. If you have been in before, come on back! Either way, it's a good bet you'll find something you'll want to take home. If you have some unneeded, gently used clothes, jewelry, toys, tools, small furniture, etc.—how about donating them to the store for resale? All proceeds go towards Greenwood's mission of wildlife rehabilitation. And be sure to say "HI!" to Bradley or his assistants, Vicki and Diane.

## GREENWOOD MARKETPLACE

When you buy Greenwood merchandise, you can support the Sanctuary and show your love for Colorado's wildlife. Please visit our Gift & Thrift Store in Boulder or call the Sanctuary at 303.545.5849 to view or purchase the following merchandise:

Adult Logo T-Shirt \$15

Youth Logo T-Shirt \$11

Logo Hat \$15

Greeting Cards — Squirrel, Robin,  
Heron, or Swallows (\$2 each)

2007 Greenwood Calendar \$5 (marked  
down from \$15)

## HAPPY 25th ANNIVERSARY!

Beginning in the Fall of 2007, Greenwood will celebrate its 25th anniversary of rehabilitating Colorado's wildlife! This anniversary will also continue through much of 2008 —

## PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

You can help Greenwood by giving us your old printer cartridges. When they run out or dry up, don't throw them away — give them to Greenwood instead! We have an arrangement with a recycling company that will give us cash for used cartridges, both inkjet and laser.

Ask your neighbors, friends, family, and work colleagues to donate their empty inkjet and laser cartridges to our sanctuary. We will accept all brands (except remanufactured cartridges) as long as they are not damaged. Simply drop off the empties at the Sanctuary or at the Gift & Thrift Store. We can arrange for pickup of large orders (30 or more cartridges) from companies. Please call 303.545.5849 and leave a message if you would like to arrange pick-up.

Do something good for the environment — recycle AND support Colorado's wildlife!



stay tuned for our next newsletter. A special edition dedicated to Greenwood's amazing heritage and promising future, the Fall newsletter will highlight our anniversary celebrations.

## FALL FESTIVAL 2006: A SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATION OF OUR RELEASES!

It's not every day that you are greeted on the side of the highway by a 5-foot 6-inch squirrel... Then again, not every day is Greenwood Wildlife's Fall Festival!

October 28th and 29th marked our first Fall Festival. Hundreds of visitors came to the sanctuary to celebrate our releases from the "busy season" of 2006. In addition to Sanctuary tours, games, crafts, and food, we offered educational opportunities for the public (of all ages) regarding Colorado's wildlife. We had four live bands that added to the fun atmosphere as well.

Our work might seem like a mystery to some people because, as a wildlife hospital, we cannot regularly give tours or show the public what we do. Stress and habituation are some of the biggest risks for wild animals in captivity, and the animals always come first. To reduce stress and keep them as wild as possible, our patients are only around people long enough to be fed, medicated, and cleaned. At the end of October, our patient load decreases dramatically, so last year, we invited the public to celebrate our successes at the end of the season.



Giant squirrel Annette Yamada-Day spent much of her day flagging down visitors on Highway 66.

The event turned out to be a big hit. Despite a snowstorm just two days before the big weekend, we were greeted with sunny skies and hardly a cloud in sight. (A big thanks to Michael Arnold for shoveling out the entire footprint for the tents!) We had just the right number of pumpkins (120!) for carving and things ran smoothly, thanks to our dedicated staff, volunteers, board, and donors. The weekend raised over \$3,800 and introduced many new faces to the sanctuary and the field of wildlife rehabilitation.

*Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary's mission is to rehabilitate and release sick, injured and orphaned wildlife back into the Colorado ecosystem and to educate the public about humane solutions to human-wildlife interactions.*

People often forget that our mission is two-fold. Not only do we rehabilitate and release wild animals in need — we also educate the public to prevent animals from needing rehabilitation in the first place. Our Fall Festival embraced our entire mission in educating our visitors and giving them a peek at what we do.

Fall Festival could not have been so successful without our numerous sponsors — thank you:

*Daily Camera  
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Subway Sandwiches — Lyons  
Lucky's Market  
Ideal Market  
Glacier Ice Cream  
Chili's — Longmont  
Niwot Market*



Greg Brooks and daughter Aria carve a pumpkin together. As an added bonus for the Sanctuary, we collected seeds from the activity to feed our patients.

*Rockin' Robin's  
Berry Patch  
Murphy's Bar & Grill  
Einstein Bros. Bagels — Longmont & Boulder  
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A baby fox squirrel stays warm with a heated rice sock easily made by Greenwood volunteers.