



# Greenwood Chatter

A PUBLICATION OF GREENWOOD WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER

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## **MOST PRESSING WISH-LIST ITEMS:**

Frozen Berries  
Canned Cat and Dog Food  
Esbilac Powder Formula  
Wild Bird Seed  
Digital Gram Scales  
Boxed Kleenex  
White Copy Paper  
Air Purifiers  
Latex Gloves — medium  
Paper Towels

*Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center 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 two decades 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, 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.*

## **WINTERING AT GREENWOOD — ALL THE FISH YOU CAN EAT**

*by Linda Tyler*

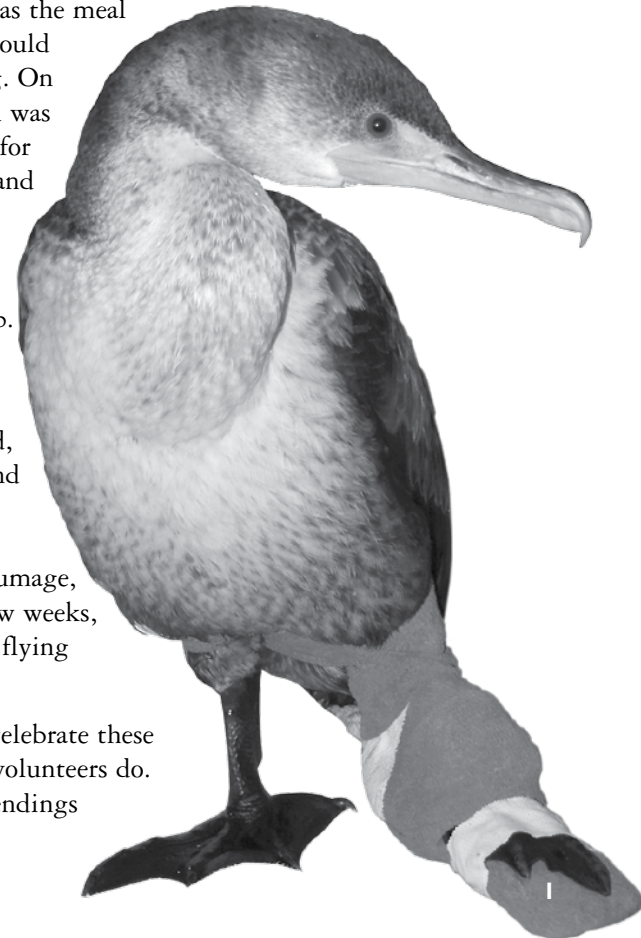
Greenwood goes the extra mile to care for and release each animal, despite their diverse individual needs. One prime example was the young male Double-crested Cormorant with a broken leg, brought to Greenwood last fall from City Park in Denver. One of our vets, Dr. Combs, fashioned a special splint that had to be worn for several weeks and changed frequently. He was kept in ICU in a cage with towels covering the floor to prevent bumble foot—a condition similar to bed sores that can occur when birds are confined for a length of time and cannot vary their perch or position.

Unlike many waterfowl in captivity, this cormorant had a voracious appetite, consuming 200 to 300 medium-sized minnows a day. He was picky, though. Nothing frozen for him — they had to be alive, costing Greenwood on average \$40 daily!

Once his splint could be removed, he was transferred to an outside pen with an adjoining 30 gallon pool. This water therapy improved his pronounced limp and strengthened his muscles. As soon as the meal of fish was added to the pool, he would eagerly start swimming and diving. On the colder mornings when the pool was frozen, he grew impatient waiting for staff to break the ice on the water and would begin spear-fishing directly from the bucket. After each morning dip, he would spread his wings out to dry under a heat lamp.

This bird's leg healed well and he continued to swim more strongly. After several months at Greenwood, he was released back to a small pond in City Park on an island with 60 pairs of nesting cormorants. Easily recognizable due to his juvenile plumage, staff observed him over the next few weeks, swimming, diving, and eventually flying to a larger pond in the park.

We hope you — our supporters — celebrate these successes as much as our staff and volunteers do. We could never have these happy endings without your help.



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## TO OUR SUPPORTERS:

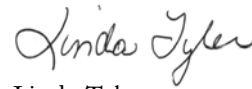
Summer has arrived and the season of baby wildlife is upon us. And along with the miracle of nature's new beginning comes a fresh start for Greenwood. In early February, we moved into our new building. The temporary trailers were hauled away with some feelings of nostalgia but mostly celebration. With improved ventilation, additional space, and other amenities, we are able to provide higher quality of care from the moment the animals arrive in our triage room to the time of their release.

Our new Animal Care Manager, Susan Honeycutt, began work at the Center in early April. Susan is a well-known local rehabilitator with many years of experience who brings much direction and leadership to this position. In addition, we have greatly increased our outreach and education efforts and created an Advisory Board to complement our Board of Directors. We are putting procedures in place to comply with Division of Wildlife regulations that will be in force July 1 and have four new, fully licensed rehabilitators on board. Due to budget constraints, we are utilizing more volunteers in animal care instead of hiring numerous seasonal staff.

Financial stability at Greenwood has always been a challenge. We are pursuing more sources of diverse and dependable income. Contract negotiations are underway with several municipalities in addition to the one we currently have with Longmont. We are applying for additional grants, reaching out to new donors, improving our thrift store, and strengthening our relationship with the neighboring town of Lyons and other communities. Our premier event, Wild Night for Wildlife, is planned for October 30, 2009 at the Millennium Harvest House in Boulder. (See the accompanying story.)

Just as the animals depend on us, we depend on you. Your support is the most valuable resource in helping the new Greenwood flourish. Please give generously so that we can provide for the animals today, tomorrow, and far into the future. Thank you from all of us.

Sincerely,



Linda Tyler  
Executive Director

## ANNUAL REPORT 2008

### Animal Intakes

Songbirds	1,363
Rabbits	381
Squirrels	362
Waterfowl & Shorebirds	134
Raccoons	95
Mammals (Other)	63
Foxes	17
Raptors (transferred out)	12
Coyotes	5
Reptiles	3

**Total** **2,435**

Total Volunteer Hours 11,740

Animal Care 8,280  
Marketing, Fundraising, Outreach 2,180  
Board of Directors 1,280

Intern Hours 1,755

Education/Outreach Participants 1,516

### Financial Report

#### Sources of Support

Contributions	\$246,399 (56%)
Government Contracts	\$18,000 (4%)
Foundations	\$29,205 (7%)
Thrift Store	\$77,186 (18%)
Investment Income, Internal Transfers	\$67,083 (15%)

**Total** **\$437,873**

#### Expenses

Animal Care, Operations	\$280,932 (64%)
Community Outreach	\$13,207 (3%)
Support Services	\$62,000 (14%)
Fundraising, Thrift Store	\$81,734 (19%)

**Total** **\$437,873**

## TO THOSE WE COULDN'T SAVE

by Nicki Kravcisin, Assistant Animal Care Manager

The thrill of seeing any wild animal free in its normal habitat evokes awareness of the beauty and complexity of nature. Releasing a healthy animal back to the wild provides an unmatched feeling of closure. A strong sense of accomplishment comes from knowing that the injury healed and the animal regained strength. Things are as they should be. Happy endings are rewarding. Remembering the bird in flight or the squirrel leaving the nest box helps a rehabilitator get through the cases that do not make it back home. We do our best but sometimes the injuries are too severe for the animal to survive or even want to survive.

*In memory* of Cottontail, broken legs and spine; Adult Robin, cat attack.

It may take days or weeks before animals are noticed and caught, so the injury has advanced too far.

*In memory* of Canada Goose, severe dehydration and bacterial infection.

Often animals come to us after being kept by a well-meaning citizen. The ravages of insufficient nutrition and medical care have weakened the body's ability to heal and grow.

*In memory* of Baby Fox Squirrel, dehydration and emaciation.

Even when the animal is rescued and brought to us immediately, the disease may not be treatable.

*In memory* of Adult Raccoon, blind and distemper.

The hardest are the animals that respond to treatment — they grow and thrive. They may advance to the pre-release cage in preparation for freedom and then something goes wrong. The release becomes not to freedom but away from suffering.

I acknowledge each animal for its uniqueness, beauty, and strength. I respect each for being wild. I make a promise to do my best to help each heal and be free.

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## GREENWOOD PRESENTS WILD NIGHT FOR WILDLIFE 2009

by Linda Tyler

Greenwood proudly announces our premier event, Wild Night for Wildlife. Please join us for an exciting evening of fun and fundraising, with all proceeds benefiting the sick, orphaned, and injured wildlife in our community.

Mark your calendars now for October 30, 2009. The festivities will take place between 5:30 and 10:00pm at the Millennium Harvest House, 1345 28th Street, Boulder. World-famous animal behaviorist Marc Bekoff (<http://literati.net/Bekoff>) will be there to greet you.



The evening begins with a silent auction with something for everyone. Sip on beverages from the finest local breweries and wineries while you “shop.” Enjoy the

culinary delights of a three-course dinner, followed by an exciting and entertaining live auction led by Don Martin, renowned local auctioneer. The grand finale will be a direct appeal that will touch your heart and give you the opportunity to make a huge difference in the lives of the injured and orphaned wildlife in Greenwood's care.

Tickets are \$65 in advance per person. Auction items range from gift certificates for your favorite local restaurant to stays at vacation homes in Telluride and Beaver Creek.

Sponsorships from \$250 - \$5,000 are available and we promise great marketing and advertising opportunities in exchange for your generous support. We are also in need of a wide variety of auction items.

Please contact Linda Tyler at [director@greenwoodwildlife.org](mailto:director@greenwoodwildlife.org) or 303.823.8455 for more information. We look forward to seeing you at Wild Night!

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## OTHER WAYS TO HELP THE ANIMALS

**Shop and donate** — Greenwood Wildlife Gift and Thrift Shop — Boulder's Best Kept Secret.

Shop for those hard-to-find and unique treasures! You'll discover something different each day, and every purchase helps the animals in our care. We are always in need of donated, gently used items. The store is located at 3083 Walnut in Boulder — 303.245.0800. Visit [www.greenwoodwildlife.org](http://www.greenwoodwildlife.org) for more information.

**Buy Greenwood paraphernalia online.**

You'll find a wide array of items from mouse pads, mugs, slippers, and other attire with all proceeds coming to Greenwood. Go to [www.Zazzle.com/wonderducks](http://www.Zazzle.com/wonderducks).

**Purchase the exclusive book,**

*“Wonder Ducks — Anatomy of a Colorado Wildlife Rescue”.*

Share with your friends the heartwarming story of the ducks that lost their waterproofing from a contaminant at a wastewater plant and Greenwood's valiant quest to save them. Visit [www.wonderducks.com](http://www.wonderducks.com) to learn more.

**Hold a food and supply drive in your neighborhood, community group, or school.** View the wish list of much-needed items at [www.greenwoodwildlife.org](http://www.greenwoodwildlife.org).

## THE DECISION TO VOLUNTEER

By Monica Stoffregen

I decided to volunteer at Greenwood because I wanted to help injured wildlife. Many animals and birds have adapted to living closer to humans. But with this new proximity comes more interaction than before, sometimes in negative ways. I want to give wildlife as much opportunity to survive as possible and I believe that we do that at Greenwood.

Since starting in 2007, I have felt a pull any time I'm away from the center. The energy there is always upbeat but calming. It's nurturing for my soul as much as for the wildlife who temporarily reside there. I've never felt that what I do there is work — it's so satisfying for me to be helping and making life as good as can be for the patients.

I'm spellbound by each wild creature I meet. I remember the first winter I volunteered, I helped staff wash a mallard


that had been swimming in polluted water. It came in covered in greasy grime and I attempted to hold it still while staff scrubbed its feathers, legs, and feet. The dirty water coming off was horrifying. After about 45 minutes, most of the contaminants were removed. It was wrapped in a towel and taken back to its pen, where it promptly turned its head to



look down its beak at us. Not soon after, it started eating and all was well again.

Then there was Tanya, the baby squirrel. She was absolutely terrified and refused to eat from the syringe, hiding in her box when I approached. I managed to get my hand around the backside of the cage, cover up the view of the front of me with a sheet and she ate! I wanted to celebrate!

Volunteering at Greenwood gives me joy. I believe my experience has allowed me to find my passion in life and for that I am so grateful. I feel that I've already learned so much from the animals but there is so much more to learn. I'm honored to be given this opportunity to help. It's one of the most satisfying experiences I've known yet and has allowed me to grow spiritually. Thank you, Greenwood, for making this possible.

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