



GREENWOOD Chatter

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Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is a nonprofit corporation that is devoted to the rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned wildlife. We have been in existence since 1982.

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

In October, 1993, Greenwood obtained 501(c)(3) status from the IRS as a nonprofit charitable organization. The vast majority of our funding comes from the generosity of concerned citizens, businesses and foundations.

KEEPING UP WITH THE BUSIEST SEASON YET

This summer, Greenwood is busier than ever. At one point, we had 520 animals on site, nearly 200 more than at the same time last year. During June, we had over 1,000 animals come through our doors and averaged about 100 phone calls a day.

Our incredible team must be diligent and creative to keep things running. We are always adapting to fit the needs of individual species. For example, our outdoor squirrel "condos" have heavy mesh that rodents can't chew through but it can be dangerous for birds. To address this, we hung light screen panels in them, converting them to aviaries that are much gentler for our flying patients. Now they can be used between squirrel seasons.

Another resourceful solution is to immediately find foster parents in the wild for goslings that are brought to Greenwood, allowing more room for the hundreds of ducklings that come our way. Did you know that Canada Geese, unlike Mallards, are extremely protective parents and will care for orphaned goslings that are not their own? To help find foster families for all of the orphaned babies that come to us, we started a "Goose Sighting Log" this year to track locations of families with babies. Over 200 people contacted us to report sightings!

And speaking of geese — some RTD workers in Denver found a family trying to cross the Light Rail train tracks. Noticing the littlest goslings struggling over the tall rails, the caring human observers lifted the babies over the ties so that the family could be reunited on the other side.

Later, a worker further down the line heard chirping. It was getting dark at this point, but he could still see two goslings running quickly down the tracks. He radioed the trains to stop and chased after the goslings. Unfortunately, the rest of the family had already moved on, so this caring man brought the babies to Greenwood the next morning. Attempts to "adopt" them to other goose families were unsuccessful, so they were transferred to our friends at the rehabilitation center in Silt, CO, who have more space than we do.

Geese were only a small portion of the thousands of wild animals that needed our help this summer. A couple encountered a baby raccoon wandering alone in the most bizarre of places: on a busy off-roading trail popular with 4x4s. After determining that mom was no longer around, the couple knew the little one would not be safe if he were left there. They carefully contained him and brought him to Greenwood where he joined our other 80 orphaned raccoons.

During the busy season, we use lots of creativity to ensure we are doing everything we can to care for local wildlife. We so appreciate the support we receive from our community. We need all the help we can get!

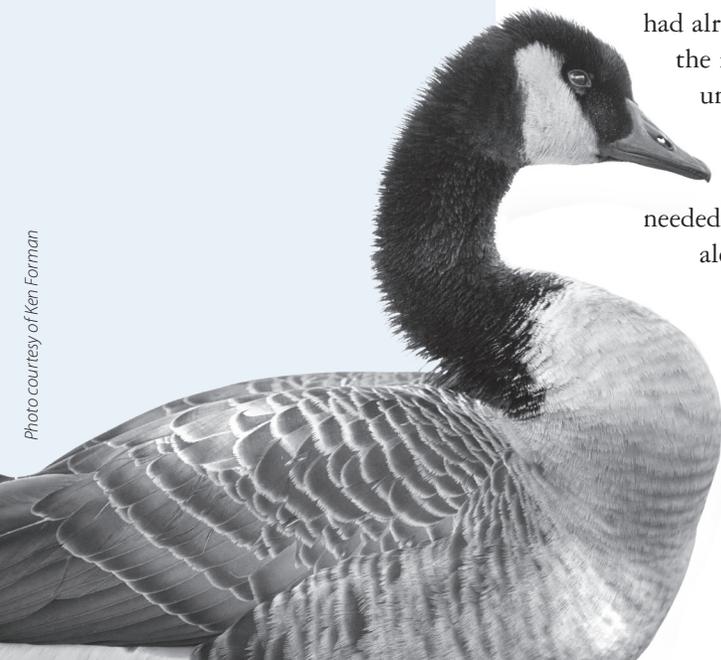


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DEAR FRIENDS,

With fewer and fewer resources for orphaned and injured animals, and with humans taking over more and more habitat, the need for Greenwood is greater than ever. In 2009 when I started here, we cared for 2,200 animals. Last year that number was 3,400 and, given the trend so far in 2018, we will far surpass that by year's end. Being the only center taking in both mammals and birds from north of Pueblo to the Wyoming border is daunting!

Looking ahead, we plan to start construction on the Crow Aviary early this fall. By then, life at Greenwood will have slowed down somewhat, and there will be less disruption for the animals. The board has also formed a committee to explore expanding into the Denver Metro area to better serve the community and wildlife on the entire Front Range.

With your support, we are able to make this work and also make plans for the future with confidence. We couldn't do it without your help and can't say enough about how grateful we are to each and every one of you for making Greenwood the success it is today.

Sincerely,

Linda Tyler
Executive Director



orphaned Mallard



baby Fox

Photos on this page courtesy of Ken Forman

WHO SHOPS OUR STORES?

Young, old, women, men, children, and students.

Customers on a budget, customers with NO budget, treasure hunters, collectors, stagers, and decorators.

People who are re-decorating their homes or apartments, looking for the perfect furniture accent piece, finding art for their collection, or discovering jewelry for themselves or as a gift.

Our customers who consign, donate, and purchase household goods, decor, jewelry, and more are from all walks of life. They



appreciate the value of what they find in the stores and love providing support to Greenwood for the orphaned, injured and sick wildlife.

**Recycle + Reuse =
Rehab for the animals**

ANIMAL TALES

A Raccoon with a Cast

This little raccoon was found lying at the foot of a cottonwood, flat on her tummy near an outdoor fitness class. Fortunately, an animal lover in the class couldn't bear the thought of leaving this baby to suffer on the ground. When she saw blood coming from the raccoon's nose, she knew something had to be wrong. So she carefully scooped her up and brought her to Greenwood.



The baby was evaluated and x-rayed; staff determined that she had a broken arm. Our creative rehabilitation staff constructed a tiny cast to fasten the bones back together. Sadly, she also had an untreatable form of pneumonia and died in our care.

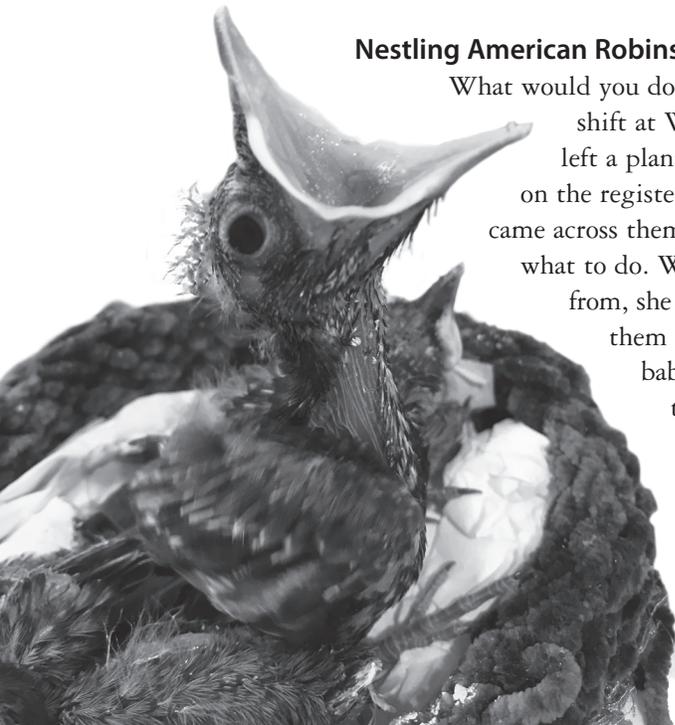
Yellow-bellied Marmot

This marmot was found under the hood of a car with mild burns on his feet from the heat of the engine. It's common for this species to be attracted in the cooler high country to the warmth of a car. Our staff delicately treated the injuries and brought him back to health before releasing him into a secluded, rocky area at a high elevation where he will thrive. When exploring the beautiful outdoors while hiking, camping, and more, remember check your car for stowaways before heading home!



Nestling American Robins

What would you do if you were working the night shift at Walmart and an unknown person left a plant pot with a nest of baby birds on the register? Luckily a caring employee came across them immediately and knew exactly what to do. With no idea where they came from, she wasn't able to attempt to reunite them with their parents. She kept the babies warm overnight and brought them to Greenwood in the morning, where we identified them as American Robins. They thrived with the other hundreds of birds on site and were released back into the wild.



CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY WITH A FUNDRAISER

Many of our amazing supporters make the selfless decision to request donations to Greenwood for their birthday instead of receiving presents from their friends and family. Did you know that Facebook has a built-in fundraising tool to make it easier than ever to raise funds in honor of your day? The best part is that every single cent that is raised goes directly to Greenwood. To create a birthday fundraiser through Facebook, start by clicking the "Fundraisers" button on the right side of your home page and follow the steps.



Of course, Facebook isn't the only way to raise donations for Greenwood on your birthday! You can host a party or a get-together and request cash or check donations instead of presents. Our young supporters enjoy hosting supply drives, where they collect much needed household items that Greenwood uses for animal care. The best part about it? You get to receive a "Thank You" note instead of having to write a bunch of them!

HANG OUT FOR WILDLIFE (NEW)!

Mark your calendars for these fun and creative new fundraising events where a portion of your money spent will be donated to Greenwood.

Saturday, October 13 — Enjoy step-by-step painting instruction in a fun and relaxed atmosphere at POSH Splat in Boulder and head home with your very own masterpiece.

Saturday, November 3 — Pick a piece of pottery and make it personal by painting it at Color Me Mine in Boulder. Take home the beautiful finished product once it's fired.

More details to come! Keep an eye on our website, greenwoodwildlife.org.



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WILD NIGHT IS LESS THAN THREE WEEKS AWAY!

Please join us for the 10th annual *Wild Night for Wildlife*, Greenwood's biggest fundraiser, on Friday, Sept. 7 and enjoy an evening of fun and fundraising. Don't miss the silent auction with something for everyone, an open bar with wine and beer, and a buffet dinner. An exciting live auction and special appeal presented by local auctioneer Don Martin follow. All proceeds benefit the nearly 3,500 orphaned and injured wildlife that come to Greenwood each year. To register call 303.823.8455 or visit www.greenwoodwildnight.com.

As the top bidder, you could enjoy one of many auction items including

- Beach trips to Akumal, Mexico, Maui, North Carolina's Outer Banks, and Santa Cruz, CA



- Private gourmet dinner for eight at the Boulder Cork
- Colorado getaways to Edwards, Estes Park, Silverthorne, and Telluride
- Behind-the-scenes experience with a beekeeper, chocolatier, or wildlife rehabber

View the complete live auction list at www.greenwoodwildlife.org.

Event details

Friday, September 7,
5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

UCAR Event Center, 3080 Center Green Dr., Unit CG1 (NW corner of Foothills Parkway/Valmont Road in Boulder)

Tickets are \$85 in advance, \$95 at the door. A table for eight can be purchased for \$650.

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