



GREENWOOD Chatter

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GREENWOOD MINI HISTORY

Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is a nonprofit corporation that is devoted to the rehabilitation and release of orphaned, sick, and injured 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.

In October, 1993, Greenwood obtained 501(c)(3) status from the IRS as a nonprofit charitable organization. Greenwood now maintains the largest wildlife rehabilitation facility along Colorado's Front Range. The vast majority of our funding comes from the generosity of concerned citizens, businesses, and foundations.

IMPING HELPED SAVE THIS CANADA GOOSE!

Ever hear of imping? It was a life changer for this unfortunate, and then fortunate, waterfowl!

It all started when passersby spotted a Canada Goose walking in the road last December. They realized it needed help, since one of its wings was dragging on the ground. Lacking a container, they scurried to the nearest store to find a box. Hurrying back, they were happy to see it hadn't traveled far. They were able to carefully collect it, then drive it to Greenwood.

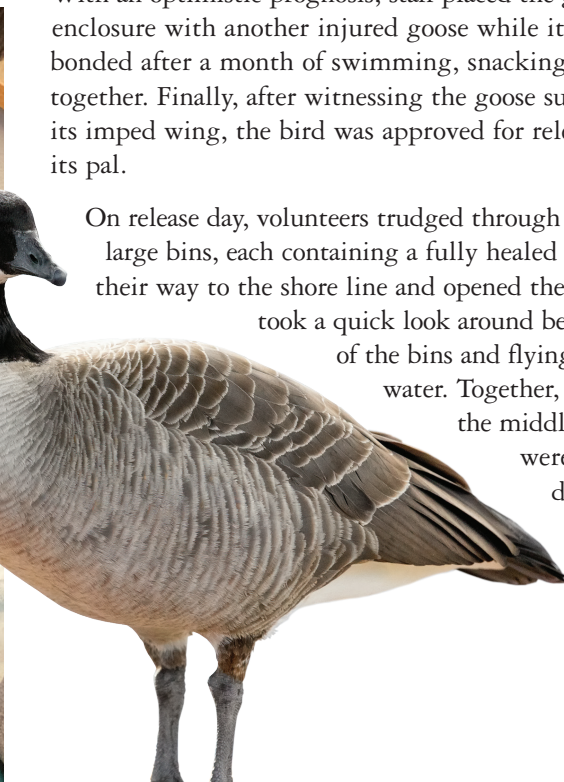
Our rehabilitation team assessed the goose and found it was in very poor condition. It had several wounds and six broken, essential flight feathers on one wing. X-rays showed a small wing fracture that was starting to heal. They began treatment with pain medication, antibiotics, calcium, and Vitamin D.

After several weeks of care, the goose's health improved, and the bird was flight tested. As anticipated, it could not get lift, given the missing flight feathers. Geese usually molt only once a year in the middle of the summer. In order to release it sooner, our team needed to intervene.

Luckily, an ancient procedure called imping can repair this type of damage. The process involves finding the perfect replacements for the broken feathers. In this case, staff used cadaver feathers. They carefully implanted them with bamboo dowels, hand-whittled to fit the size of the goose's feather shaft, and used an epoxy that sets quickly.

With an optimistic prognosis, staff placed the goose in an outdoor enclosure with another injured goose while it healed. The two bonded after a month of swimming, snacking, and preening together. Finally, after witnessing the goose successfully fly using its impinged wing, the bird was approved for release along with its pal.

On release day, volunteers trudged through the mud with two large bins, each containing a fully healed goose. They made their way to the shore line and opened the lids. Both animals took a quick look around before shooting out of the bins and flying into the open water. Together, they swam toward the middle of the lake. They were spotted a few days later, foraging together on the shoreline. Evidently, these two had formed a friendship!



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DEAR FRIENDS,

Happy Spring to all of you! We are gearing up for the busy season at Greenwood, which is almost upon us. Much of the world at Greenwood and beyond is still in flux, but hopefully some normalcy is in sight.

We have exciting news! Soon Greenwood will be helping even more wildlife. Our local lagomorph rehabilitator at Colorado Wild Rabbit Foundation is planning to retire, leaving no one to care for bunnies from north Denver to the Wyoming border. Greenwood will be constructing a new facility dedicated to rabbit care. Thanks to two very generous donors, we have already raised the funds and building plans are under way. Since major construction during the busy season puts much stress



on the animals in our outside caging, the structure may not be completed until early 2022. Thankfully, Colorado Wild Rabbit Foundation will continue to operate until we are good to go. Meanwhile, we're looking forward to caring for bunnies!

All of us at Greenwood appreciate your support during these difficult times. Thanks to you, despite the challenges, we had a positive 2020 and are moving forward in 2021. None of this would be possible without your help!

Sincerely,

Linda Tyler
Executive Director



Red Fox



Cedar Waxwing

THRIFT SHOP & CONSIGNMENT GALLERY

Last year we talked about "Where are we headed in retail?" Little did we know it was going to be quite a rough and rocky ride on the COVID-19 train. After closing for a few months and reopening 2-4 days a week, we feel we're on steady ground again offering shopping Wednesdays thru Saturdays. During this crazy time, our customers were waiting at the door when we opened. Everyone seemed to have the desire to shop!

In our Gallery, we always have great ideas for redecorating, downsizing, and staging homes. We're abundant with art, beautiful antique Persian rugs, décor items, lighting — and don't forget the jewelry. Our furniture comes and goes quickly these days. Customers are continually browsing our online gallery where you can view up

to 500 items, which was a tremendous help during quarantine days.

In our Thrift Shop, we continue to receive beautiful designer clothes for men and women, many with original tags. We also offer great active wear, casual clothes, seasonal coats, accessories, and children's clothing.

We feel proud that we are able to supply a few necessities during this stressful time — desks, exercise equipment, books, toys, games — and our prices keep everyone satisfied. Our shoppers, donors, and consignors also feel proud that their purchases help save local wildlife.

**Recycle + Reuse =
Rehab for Wildlife**

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

NUMBER OF ANIMALS TREATED

Songbirds	1,595
Waterfowl & Shorebirds	469
Raptors (transferred)	1
Coyotes	1
Foxes	8
Rabbits	277
Raccoons	113
Squirrels	558
Reptiles (transferred)	4
Other Mammals	165
Total	3,191
Released	1,092
Transferred to Other Rehabilitators	99

By county

Boulder	32%
Denver Metro	23%
Larimer	19%
Other	14%
Weld	12%

Percentage of orphans

67% (64% of birds; 76% of mammals)

VOLUNTEER/ INTERNSHIP, & EDUCATION/OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Education/Outreach Program

Total Participants	1,564
Number of Events	37

Volunteer/Intern Program

Total Number of Volunteers & Interns	270
Total Volunteer Hours	17,820

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sources of Support

Contributions	\$473,526 (33%)
Events	\$165,858 (11%)
Retail Stores	\$359,469 (25%)
Foundations	\$194,119 (13%)
Municipal Contracts	\$ 77,000 (5%)
PPP Forgivable Loan/ Interest/Dividends	\$197,209 (13%)
Total	\$ 1,467,181

Expenses

Animal Care, Operations	\$558,745 (46%)
Community Education, Outreach	\$ 87,373 (6%)
Support Services	\$ 99,865 (8%)
Fundraising, Retail Stores	\$411,970 (33%)
Consignor Payouts	\$ 90,235 (7%)
Total	\$ 1,248,188

In-Kind	\$ 313,558
Total Net Assets 12/31/2020	\$ 1,010,431

BELTED KINGFISHER STRIKES A WINDOW

Greenwood gets hundreds of birds from window strikes each year. Recently a woman found a Belted Kingfisher on her back patio, lying there stunned just as the sun was setting. She hoped he would recover with rest, so she kept him safe in a box in a dark and quiet place indoors. In the morning, he still couldn't fly, so she brought him to Greenwood. As the rescuer told us this kingfisher's story, she expressed her wish for the bird's recovery. She had experienced the loss of her son and her dog just that month and hoped this animal wouldn't have the same fate.

Our rehabilitator examined the kingfisher for injuries. He checked his wings, legs, head, and toes while paying particular attention to signs of a neurological condition, common for window-strike

victims. He administered anti-inflammatories, predicting that the animal was still suffering from a hard knock to the head. The next day, the kingfisher was able to fly about in his enclosure. Our team was eager to share this great news with the caring rescuer who had experienced such heavy losses recently. The bird was released that day — taking off, free and wild again!



TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT WILDLIFE WITH STATE INCOME TAXES

Want to help wildlife across Colorado when you file your taxes? Here are two easy ways!

Option 1: ReFUND Colorado

Donate a portion of your refund directly to Greenwood by writing our full organization name along with our ID number (20033002513) on line 19 of the Voluntary Contributions Schedule. Your contribution will be used for medicine, vaccines, food, and enrichment for the

wild animals that come to our Center hoping for a second chance.

Option 2: Tax Checkoff

Use the Voluntary Contributions Schedule to donate a portion of your refund to the "Colorado Nongame Conservation and Wildlife Restoration Cash Fund." Greenwood has opted out of receiving money from this fund so it can be directed to other rehabilitators that support our work.

Please donate and help Colorado's wildlife!

COTTONTAIL FALLS — IT ISN'T WONDERLAND!

A caring Longmont resident brought a wounded Eastern Cottontail to Greenwood after he discovered her in a window well. Our rehabilitation team hypothesized that a predator had chased her into the well where she then fell five to six feet. After evaluation, staff started to craft the rabbit's recovery plan. Her wounds would be treated with antibiotics to avoid infection. She also had spinal trauma that required anti-inflammatories and cage rest.

After this round of treatment, we hope that her injuries will heal and her hop

will have more pep. She is currently unable to move her hind legs properly. Aside from receiving high-quality medical care, the rabbit now stays warm and cozy in an enclosure fitted with a wooden nesting box made by a local Boy Scout troop. She eats scads of Timothy hay, apple chunks, and lettuce. We hope that she will feel like a new rabbit at the end of her six-day treatment and return home shortly after! Remember, you can avoid conflicts like this one by covering your window wells!



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WILD NIGHT FOR WILDLIFE 2021

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 25

You won't want to miss *Wild Night for Wildlife 2021*. We're looking forward to seeing you in September, regardless of whether we're able to meet in person, virtually, or some combination of the two! With COVID-19, the safety of our community is our top priority, and we'll adapt *Wild Night* as needed. Stay tuned for more information as the year progresses. Regardless of the format, we promise you a fun-filled evening.

- Happy Hour, 5:30–6:00 pm
- Event Program, 6:00–7:00 pm
- Online auction with something for everyone
- An exhilarating live auction and heartwarming special appeal led by Don Martin, giving you the opportunity to help wildlife in need

Sponsorships starting from \$500 are available, and we always need items for the auctions.

To donate or sponsor, contact Amanda Lau, Associate Director at amanda@greenwoodwildlife.org.



HELP US HELP THE BABIES!

The first babies of the season have arrived at Greenwood Wildlife, and they need YOUR support! Every spring and summer, hundreds of orphaned wild animals rely on us for lifesaving care. Please help these little ones to grow healthy and strong before they're released back into the wild. Visit greenwoodbabyshower.com for a list of needs as well as the link to our Amazon wish list. Remember to select Greenwood as your charity of choice through Amazon Smile to donate a portion of your shopping dollars to us. Supplies can be shipped directly from Amazon to the Center. They can also be dropped off in person at either the Center from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm daily (please call first — 303-823-8455) or at our stores (3600 Arapahoe, Boulder) 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, Wednesday through Saturday. Donations are tax-deductible.



Baby Raccoon