



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 facilities 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.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PRACTICE COMPASSION?

Merriam-Webster defines compassion as "sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it." At Greenwood, we take compassion one step further. We put selfish needs and our own desires completely aside. Our only consideration is what is best for the animal. We take whatever steps necessary to provide the optimal outcome for wildlife. As a result, our work can be extremely emotional at times. How do we cope with these feelings? By reminding ourselves of the important purpose our work serves in the community.

Our staff and volunteers aren't the only ones who demonstrate this type of compassion. We rely on you, our supporters, and the caring rescuers who put their trust in us, our work, and our mission of releasing wild animals back into nature.

One such rescuer, a young animal lover named Ella, was with her mother in downtown Estes Park when she came across a male Mallard. He was missing a lot of the beautiful, emerald green feathers from the back of his head and a large scab covered that area. She called Greenwood for advice. It seemed clear he needed to be rescued, so we walked her through that process.

The duck evaded Ella's attempts to contain him. A group of onlookers started to gather to watch. Finally, the crowd helped herd the duck far enough from the other ducks for Ella and her mother to throw a blanket over him. Shortly after, they brought him to Greenwood.

Ella visited the center several times to check on the duck's status. His condition continued to improve, the wound healed substantially, and he was happily released after a month in our care. During one of her visits, Ella professed that she would have loved to keep him as a pet, but she knew better. We explained the legal issues and ethics of keeping wildlife as pets, but she felt sure the duck could have been domesticated. In spite of her personal desires, though, Ella demonstrated selfless compassion by doing what was best for the animal.

Your own compassion allows us to exist. Your support of our mission is a perfect example of altruism. Thank you for believing in us and the orphaned and injured wildlife in our care!



Injured Mallard

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DEAR FRIENDS,

Thank you for your amazing support in 2018! With your help, we were able to care for more than 3,600 mammals, birds, and waterfowl. This is an increase of 200 animals compared to the previous year and 1,355 over five years ago.

While we take in more patients each year, we also support smaller organizations and home rehabilitators. I was honored to be chosen as Treasurer of the Colorado Nongame Conservation and Wildlife Restoration Board. It's exciting that, for the first time in our state's history, tax refund monies have been dispersed to support rehabilitation.

Greenwood opted out of receiving funds from this initiative. It is so much more impactful to smaller rehabilitators and will help keep them alive and thriving. Close to \$17,000 in grants ranging from \$1,000 - \$3,000 were distributed to eight wonderful organizations. Please support this effort by donating all or part of your state tax refund. We would love to have more money to give next year!



Sincerely,

Linda Tyler
Linda Tyler
Executive Director

And of course, Greenwood still needs your help. If we all work together, we can keep wildlife rehabilitation flourishing in Colorado.

The many positive outcomes for the wildlife we care for inspire us to continue working so hard, along with knowing we have your continuing support. Thank you again for all that you do!



Blue Jay being fed

THRIFT SHOP & CONSIGNMENT GALLERY

Greenwood Consignment has always been known for our amazing and unique furniture. We've also become the "go-to" consignment store in Boulder County and beyond for area rugs, jewelry, and framed art. New consignors have chosen us to sell their beautiful antique Persian rugs. Our framed art inventory continues to grow, and customers view our collection as if visiting a museum.

In November, we added a spacious new jewelry case. The additional display space makes our selection even more tempting. We consistently surprise everyone with our furniture, décor, and jewelry.

The Thrift Shop continues to see the number of donations grow, keeping our staff on their toes to price and display inventory. Customers from all walks of life enjoy the Shop. We stock our books, décor, housewares, art, jewelry, clothing, and accessories daily to cater to the needs and imagination of our regulars.

What makes us happy? Comments from our customers like this one: "I love visiting your stores because I never know what I'm going to find, and I'm never disappointed!"

**Recycle + Reuse =
Rehab for Wildlife**

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

NUMBER OF ANIMALS TREATED

Songbirds	1,876
Raptors (transferred)	3
Waterfowl & Shorebirds	578
Coyotes	3
Foxes	10
Other Mammals	158
Rabbits	263
Raccoons	154
Squirrels	571
Reptiles (transferred)	4
Grand Total	3,620
Released	1,247
Transferred to other Rehabilitators	329

EDUCATION & OUTREACH PROGRAM

Total Participants	7,425
Number of Events	116

VOLUNTEER & INTERN PROGRAMS

Number of Volunteers/Interns	583
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Number of Volunteers Hours

Animal Care	10,272
Interns	10,318
Education/Outreach	418
Fundraising	676
Board of Directors	610
Thrift/Consignment Stores	4,259
Community Service	575
Other	1,212
Total	28,340

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sources of Support

Contributions	\$ 388,064 (27%)
Events	\$ 194,508 (14%)
Retail Stores	\$ 588,113 (41%)
Foundations	\$ 181,876 (13%)
Municipal Contracts	\$ 77,000 (5%)
Total	\$1,429,561

Expenses

Animal Care, Operations	\$ 515,367 (40%)
Community Education, Outreach	\$ 103,660 (8%)
Support Services	\$ 77,745 (6%)
Fundraising, Retail Stores	\$ 441,633 (34%)
Consignor Payouts	\$ 157,348 (12%)
Total	\$1,295,753

In-Kind Donations	\$ 451,163
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Total Net Assets (12.31.2018)	\$ 829,253
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ANIMAL TALES

A Peaceful Porcupine

Greenwood gets some of the most unique animals during the winter months. That was definitely the case when we got the call about an injured porcupine in Summit County that had likely been hit by a car and was barely moving. A caring Animal Control Officer from Breckenridge safely transported him more than two hours to our center in Lyons. When the porcupine arrived, he was able to walk; but he clearly had serious injuries. Since he was a big animal and not easily transportable, our volunteer veterinarian promptly found someone with a mobile X-ray machine to come to the center. The results showed the porcupine's injuries were too severe for him to ever be released into the wild. He was euthanized in a peaceful setting, putting an end to his pain.

The Grateful Goose

Have you ever heard of a Cackling Goose? They look very similar to Canada Geese but are significantly smaller.

This winter, a Cackling Goose arrived at Greenwood with its wing covered in frozen blood that had soaked into the feathers. Our experienced staff and volunteers spent over 30 minutes cleaning it up well enough to see the cause of the injury. Surprisingly they found only a small wound and a couple of broken blood feathers. After some time healing at Greenwood, the goose was successfully released back into the wild!



HEALTHCARE FOR HUMMINGBIRDS? TAX CHECKOFF TO SUPPORT WILDLIFE

Wildlife lovers throughout Colorado can easily utilize the Voluntary Contributions Schedule (104CH) on their state tax forms to donate part or all of their tax refund to support the care of orphaned and injured wildlife. A portion of the contributions to the Nongame Conservation and Wildlife Restoration Fund are distributed to rehabilitators, licensed through Colorado Parks and Wildlife, who care for these animals — often at their own expense.

This year, many rehabilitators that we work closely with, such as Colorado Wild Rabbit Foundation and Colorado Native Bird Care and Conservation, used these funds for medical bills and diagnostic testing. Please donate and help Colorado's wildlife!

DINE OUT FOR WILDLIFE AND UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS!

Please join us at the following generous businesses, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit Greenwood. Check out some amazing local shops and restaurants and help wildlife at the same time!

- Pints for Purpose at Finkel & Garf Brewery (Gunbarrel) — 3 - 9 p.m., Tuesday, April 2
- Percentage day at Whole Pets Holistic (Pearl Street location) — all day, Saturday, April 6
- Jill's Restaurant (St Julien Hotel, Boulder) — vegan dinner, Monday, April 22
- Parma Trattoria & Mozzarella Bar (Louisville) — dinner, Tuesday, July 9

More Dine Out Days are coming. Check greenwooddineout.com for updates.



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WILD NIGHT FOR WILDLIFE 2019

Mark your calendars now!

Last year's *Wild Night* was a huge success, clearing more than \$120,000 to help the animals in our care. Please join us for another fun-filled evening on Friday, September 20, 5:15 - 9:15 p.m. at the UCAR Event Center in Boulder.

You won't want to miss the open bar with wine and beer, delicious appetizers, savory buffet dinner, silent and live auctions, and special appeal. Admission is \$85 in advance; a table for eight can be purchased for \$650. Sponsorships from \$250 - \$10,000 are available, and we always need items for the auctions.

To donate or sponsor, contact Linda Tyler at linda@greenwoodwildlife.org or 303.823.8455 soon!



ANNUAL BABY SHOWER DRIVE UNDERWAY

The baby wildlife of Colorado need your help! Support Greenwood in caring for the thousands of orphaned birds and mammals we treat every year. Please donate supplies such as paper towels, copy paper, unscented hand soap, trash bags, birdseed, and more!

It's easier than ever to shop online for our baby shower! Visit our Wish List on Amazon to donate items and easily ship them directly to us at Greenwood. Make sure to select Greenwood Wildlife as your charity choice in Amazon Smile. When you shop Amazon through smile.amazon.com, a portion of the money spent on your purchase is also donated to Greenwood. It's a win-win!

It takes dedicated care from our staff and volunteers and your profound generosity to raise these spring orphans. We need every bit of help we can get to make a crucial difference in the lives of the animals that depend on us.

Visit greenwoodbabyshower.com to see a complete list of our needs, and access the Amazon Wish List. Donations are tax-deductible and can be dropped off at the Center 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily or at our Thrift Shop (3600 Arapahoe Ave. in Boulder) 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday - Saturday and noon - 4 p.m. Sunday.