



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 for 34 years.

We are named after "Greenwood," who was 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.

AN UNUSUAL GUEST

Back in mid-October, Colorado Parks & Wildlife delivered a most unusual young mammal to Greenwood Wildlife — an opossum! At eight weeks old, this little marsupial with Mickey-Mouse-like ears won over our hearts very quickly. Adult opossums are not known for their beauty, but they sure are super cute when they're little!

Many folks are surprised to learn Colorado is home to opossums, and they are indeed a rare patient at Greenwood. Administrative staff dug through records and, to the best of our knowledge, Opie (as we named him) is only the second opossum the Center has ever seen. He had been found in the middle of a highway in northeastern Colorado, all by himself. Opossums are North America's only marsupial, and depending on the age of their offspring, carry their young in their pouch or on their backs. At eight weeks old, it's possible Opie had recently moved from mom's pouch to her back and fell off as she crossed the road.

Greenwood's Animal Care Supervisor, Lea Peshock, got on the phone right away to consult with rehabilitators at the South Florida Wildlife Center and the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota — rehabilitation centers where opossums are more common. Lea learned that staff needed to ensure he ate a varied diet high in calcium and phosphorus, so that his bones and other body systems would develop properly. Meals consist of chicken wings, salmon, sardines, mealworms, crickets and even papaya, because it's high in calcium phosphorus, as well as other fruits and vegetables. As omnivores, opossums are one of Mother Nature's natural recyclers.

Even though opossums are nocturnal animals, sunlight is a very important component of development. Since the first month of Opie's stay at Greenwood was indoors, rehabilitators set up an ultraviolet light over his caging to mimic sunlight and supplemented his diet with Vitamin D. They minimized disturbances during the daytime so that his circadian rhythm wasn't interrupted. Just in case you've ever wondered, opossums snore!

At four months old, Opie now stays in outside caging that is decked out with a large, hollow log to hide inside, plenty of straw to burrow through and a heat lamp to make sure he doesn't get frost-bite on his tail or ears. No expense has been spared for our special guest. If all continues to go well, Opie will be released in May when there is more greenery for him to munch on.

Photo courtesy of volunteer Rachel Ames



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DEAR FRIENDS,

It's hard to believe another baby season is upon us. In 2015, we cared for 2,975 animals — nearly 500 more than the previous year. Being extra-prepared is critical! Greenwood is buzzing as we organize, paint, clean and repair animal care areas. Seasonal staff are hired, and volunteer orientations and trainings have begun. Here we go!

Greenwood has many ideas and hopes for this year. Some of these will come to fruition, some may not. But we like to think big! We are building a perimeter fence around our outdoor raccoon enclosures. This will hopefully protect our orphans from diseases that may be carried by other curious wildlife that visit our property during the night. Additionally, the County permitting process is under way for a new waterfowl enclosure that will help us care for many more baby ducklings. We anticipate an increase from the 120 we had last season.

We'd like to provide a location for animal triage in both the Denver Metro area and Larimer County. Wildlife that need help would get it more quickly instead of

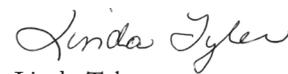
waiting for transport to Greenwood, and wildlife that need humane euthanasia would not suffer as long. We are looking for space and staffing for these two locations.

Ellicott Wildlife, the rehabilitation center in Colorado Springs, will be closing next year if they don't raise substantial funds in the next several months. This loss would leave Greenwood as the only large facility caring for songbirds, shorebirds and waterfowl north of Pueblo.

Colorado wildlife need your help! Whether you donate to Ellicott (<http://ellicottwildlife.com/>) or Greenwood, have a space we might use for triage, or volunteer, you can have a significant impact. Everything counts!

With your caring and support, we can make this upcoming season full of success stories for the animals that depend on us. Thanks as always for being there for them.

Sincerely,


Linda Tyler
Executive Director

MEET GREENWOOD'S NEW VOLUNTEER & OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Stacey Scarborough, a retired teacher, joined our Greenwood Wildlife team in January. After taking a summer trip to Alaska in 2015, she decided that wildlife rehabilitation and environmental stewardship were calling her to a second career.

Stacey brings passion for animals and dedication to their care. Her strong background in education and instructional programming will help to grow Greenwood's education and outreach efforts. Her experience dealing with middle-school and high-



school youth will be an asset in coordinating more than 500 volunteers a year at Greenwood.

Speaking of which, we're ramping up for the busy baby season here at the Center. If last year is any indication, we're going to need more animal care volunteers than ever this spring, summer and fall.

Orientation and training classes have already started, so make sure you apply soon. Applications can be found on Greenwood's website at www.greenwood-wildlife.org. Just go to the "Get Involved" tab and click on "Volunteer."

WILD NIGHT FOR WILDLIFE 2016
Mark your calendars now!

Last year's *Wild Night* was a huge success, raising more than \$110,000 to help the animals in our care. Please join us this year for another fun-filled evening on Friday, September 30, from 5:30 - 9:30 pm at the UCAR Event Center in Boulder.

Don't miss the open bar, 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 plenty of auction



items. Contact Linda Tyler at linda@greenwoodwildlife.org or 303.823.8455 for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

Wild, untrained pigeons can recognize individual human faces! Researchers of similar build and skin color even changed clothes to try to fool the pigeons, but the birds still knew who would shoo them away and who wouldn't.

ANIMAL TALES

Bushtit

A Bushtit came to see us this winter after glancing off the windshield of a moving car. While not in the best of shape, the bird managed to survive with no broken bones. This little lady was a pretty vocal patient and kept rehabilitators on their toes with her quick movements. After plenty of cage rest, a pain medication regimen and an ample supply of mealworms, which the bird enjoyed smacking on her food dish before eating them, the Bushtit was cleared for release. You



Photo courtesy of Jenny Bryant

Bushtit

can watch this on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/greenwoodwildliferehabilitationcenter. Just scroll to the Bushtit release on February 5!

Talkin' About the Duck Wash

Every winter, Greenwood cares for a dozen or more Northern Shovelers and other ducks who make the unfortunate mistake of landing in a muck pit at a wastewater treatment plant. The dark color of the pit fools the ducks into believing that plenty of juicy, nutritious bugs are just waiting to be dined on!

Upon arrival at Greenwood, each duck is gently washed with dishwashing liquid in warm water before being placed in a warm, towel-lined bin underneath a heat lamp. This is the holding area until the Duck Wash is set up and ready for operation. The Duck Wash is a four-step process consisting of a high-concentrated Dawn dishwashing liquid bath, a low-concentrated Dawn bath, a rinse and a towel dry. It takes 2-3 rehabilitators and volunteers to complete this procedure. Each duck also gets a dose of ToxiBan, an activated charcoal, to take care of any muck that may have been ingested.

One to three weeks later, once the ducks have gotten their waterproofing back, it's off to the wild they go. Now you know!

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sources of Support

Contributions	\$287,540 (23%)
Events	\$168,287 (13%)
Retail Stores	\$620,486 (49%)
Foundations	\$122,796 (9%)
Municipal Contracts	\$57,000 (6%)
Total	\$1,256,109

Expenses

Animal Care, Operations	\$360,649 (33%)
Community Education, Outreach	\$65,869 (6%)
Support Services	\$33,201 (3%)
Fundraising, Retail Stores	\$449,895 (41%)
Consignor Payouts	\$188,211 (17%)
Total	\$1,097,825
In-Kind Donations	\$309,675
Total Net Assets (12.31.2015)	\$617,648

Volunteer & Outreach Program

Education/Outreach Participants	3,429
Total Number Volunteers & Interns	527
Total Volunteer Hours	24,708

ANIMALS TREATED

Songbirds	1,674
Coyotes	2
Foxes	2
Reptiles	1
Rabbits	354
Raccoons	128
Raptors	5
Squirrels	360
Mammals, Other	126
Waterfowl & Shorebirds	323
Grand Total	2,975
Released	1,056
Transferred to other Rehabilitators	380



Northern Shoveler

Photo courtesy of volunteer Rachel Ames



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OUR STORES IN 2016 — NEW YEAR, NEW TEAM, NEW LOOK!

Greenwood's Thrift Shop & Consignment Gallery is headed into 2016 with many exciting changes. Our management and sales teams have changed in both stores, and we have updated the layout and look of our Thrift Shop. Our Consignment Gallery continues to bring in new and returning customers and consignors.

Donations remain steady from wildlife lovers and other supporters who, by chance, have found us by consigning their furniture, decor or jewelry. They discover that Greenwood's Consignment Gallery, with our Thrift Shop on the floor below, is a one-stop shop for supporting their favorite cause.

In an effort to reach more prospective consignors and donors, our social media expert has worked tirelessly to connect us with not just Boulder County, but also other areas of Colorado and even surrounding states. Our presence on Facebook, Craigslist and eBay has generated many new inquiries and increased our customer base.

New consignors and new customers guarantee that we can continue to support the work done by the Center. In 2015, the Thrift Shop & Consignment Gallery contributed more than \$32,000 to help rehabilitate orphaned and injured wildlife

patients. Our retail stores are also critical in raising awareness in the community about the animals in Greenwood's care. Please make it a point to come see us — we can guarantee you'll always find the unexpected!

BABY SHOWER SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Baby shower season is upon us, and we need your help collecting supplies for the thousands of baby birds, waterfowl and mammals that will come through our doors this year. We need bleach, frozen berries and mixed vegetables, paper towels, natural feather dusters and more!

Your in-kind donations help Greenwood to reduce costs for these items and make more resources available for medicine, hospital supplies and specialty foods that aren't readily available to the public.

Visit our website (www.greenwoodwildlife.org), hover over the donate tab and click "Wish List" for a complete list. Donations are tax-deductible and can be dropped off at the Center from 9 am – 4 pm daily or at our Thrift Shop (3600 Arapahoe in Boulder) from 10 am – 5:30 pm, Monday – Saturday, and from noon – 4 pm on Sunday.