



January 2021

## Save the Date!



Save the date for Saturday, September 25, 2021 for Wild Night!

We are starting to prepare for our annual fundraiser, Wild Night for Wildlife 2021! We aren't sure what form (in-person, virtual, or a combination) our fantastic event will take. But we do know we'll have an online auction with something for everyone as well as exciting behind-the-scenes moments from the center with inspiring stories of the wildlife in our care! So mark your calendars and plan to have an evening of wild fun to support the thousands of wild animals that come through our doors each year!



### A Year's Review in Photos

We treated thousands of animals in 2020. Here is a sneak peek behind the scenes with some of our most eye-catching patients, thanks to our volunteer photographer, Ken Forman!

[Check it out!](#)

### It's Time for Winter Wildlife Proofing

You can prevent human-wildlife conflict! Take a few steps this month to ensure your home is properly sealed and not attracting wild mothers looking for a place to den.

[Click here to learn more about Winter Wildlife Proofing!](#)



[View Online Gallery](#)

## Thrift Shop & Consignment Gallery

Shop Consignment online! [Check out](#) some amazing items from the comfort of your home with the online gallery featuring furniture, jewelry, rugs, art and more.

You can also shop our thrift and consignment stores in person on Friday & Saturday from 11 am - 4 pm!

[GreenwoodConsignment.org](http://GreenwoodConsignment.org)

## Watch a Ring-billed Gull Return to the Wild



**Wildlife Stories**



This charismatic Ring-billed Gull from the video above was found limping around a Hobby Lobby parking lot! Luckily for the gull, a caring person noticed it as she walked by. The rescuer approached the gull and even with a human nearby, it did not fly away. She knew the animal needed assistance and called a friend to see if they could capture it. Together they carefully corralled the bird and, after calling Greenwood, were directed to bring the bird to a triage center near them.

A veterinarian there performed an initial evaluation and decided that the gull looked healthy enough to make the trip to Greenwood, where a licensed rehabilitator could further assess its injuries. Upon arrival, the rehabilitation team found the bird had a long list of ailments including an injured head, a painful right foot, dehydration, and emaciation.

We aren't sure what happened to this shorebird but with antibiotics, de-worming, and pain medication, along with some much needed food and water, the gull recovered and was released a mere eight days later near where it was found.



After following some friendly children home, an injured Canada Goose took up residence on their porch. When the goose hadn't left the next morning, the family realized something was amiss and contacted Greenwood. Our staff directed them to bring the waterfowl to our center for treatment.

Once the goose arrived, our rehabilitators examined it and performed several tests to figure out what was wrong. Not only was it acting abnormally by lacking a healthy fear of humans, it also had crust around its eyes and the skin on its legs was scaly. The team quickly realized the outward symptoms could be the result of lead poisoning, which can be fatal if left untreated. The team tested its lead level and performed several other blood tests.

The results indicated lead poisoning, and the medical team quickly began treatment. They gave the bird a high fiber diet, a few different supplements to help bond the metals and flush them from the system, and a goose friend to socialize with while it recovered.

This Canada Goose was fortunate to have a caring family realize something was wrong and contact Greenwood. After almost a month of treatment, the waterfowl was released back into the wild.

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