How You Can Help
(for those under 18)

Greenwood’s mission is to rehabilitate sick, injured and orphaned wildlife for release into appropriate habitats.

We care for 3,400+ patients a year, on average, (70% of which are orphaned) with an 80% success rate.

Greenwood also strives to educate the public, emphasizing humane solutions to human/wildlife interactions.

What is the #1 thing young people can do to help local wildlife?

Become a Wild Animal Advocate!

Every year, Greenwood admits hundreds of animals that didn’t actually need to come to our facility for help. Educate yourself on how to identify when and if a wild animal really needs assistance. Learn how to be a good steward to wildlife in our shared environment and prevent human/wildlife conflicts. Greenwood offers educational programs and resources to help the public identify an animal in need. Once you’ve educated yourself, it’s your turn to share what you know with others:

- Why it’s important to NOT feed wildlife
- Why wild animals shouldn’t be kept as pets
- And much more!

To learn more, please visit our website at www.greenwoodwildlife.org

Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center cannot allow persons under the age of 18 to volunteer at the Center with the wild animals, but that doesn’t mean you can’t help! Please see the other side of this brochure for fun, exciting ways you can get involved!
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**Build Nest Boxes**  Baby and juvenile mammals need a cozy place to call home while they’re in our care at Greenwood, and nest boxes make great temporary nests. We provide the construction plans, and you provide the materials and build the nest! This is a great woodworking project for crafty individuals.

**Construct Animal Care Bins and Mammal Caging**  Caring for more than 3,400 animals a year requires a lot of bins and caging! You can help us care for young birds, waterfowl and mammals by constructing new temporary homes for our patients. We have several different plans from which to choose.

**Collect Fresh Greens, Branches and Pinecones**  Some of our animal species need fresh greens daily as part of their natural diet, including hand-cut grass, dandelion greens and alfalfa. Branches and pinecones are not only needed for some of our patients’ meals, but also to equip our outdoor enclosures to mimic natural habitat. Please call Greenwood for more information before donating. All of these items need to be pesticide-free.

**Make Rice Socks (great for small children)**  Rice socks help to keep wild babies warm. When microwaved, rice socks absorb lots of heat. It then dissipates providing an essential heat source. This is a simple project involving tube socks, white rice and knot tying.

**Host Greenwood at your School**  Greenwood offers an educational/outreach program and loves to visit schools, birthday parties, girl scout/boy scout troops, and other community groups within the Boulder County area. Our program offers an overview of Greenwood’s mission and goals, guidelines for sharing our living space with our wild neighbors, rules to follow when you think a wild animal needs help, animal artifacts (nests, bird wings, skulls and more), pictures, videos, activities, a puppet show and more. Ask an adult to help you fill out a request form on our website.

**Sponsor an Animal**  Greenwood cares for more than 3,400 wild animals each year. Help us provide that care by sponsoring one of our current patients! Visit our website to fill out a sponsorship form and make a donation, and we’ll send you a laminated certificate that includes a picture, the story and the current status of the animal you’ve sponsored.

**Donate to our Store**  Donate your gently used toys, games, clothes and other items to Greenwood’s Thrift Shop & Consignment Gallery at 3600 Arapahoe in Boulder. All proceeds from our store go toward the care of our wild patients.

**Collect Supplies**  Check out Greenwood’s website for a wish list of current supply needs. Many of these things are common items that can be found around the house or at your nearest grocery store, including: paper towels, trash bags, copy paper, hand soap and more! Is your birthday approaching? Ask your friends and family for supply donations instead of presents, which we will use to provide care for our wild animals.

**Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award Projects**  Thinking about a project to help wildlife? Contact volunteers@greenwoodwildlife.org for information.

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