



# 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, injured, and sick 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.*

## BUNNIES CAUGHT IN MARSHALL BLAZE RECOVER FROM BURNS

On December 30, 2021, the Marshall Fire blazed through Boulder County neighborhoods at a horrifying rate. Over 1,000 homes were destroyed. Our hearts go out to all those affected by this tragedy. We feel very fortunate to be part of a community that has come together with such compassion during this traumatic time.

At the Center, our staff prepared for possible intakes from the fire. Thankfully, we received only a handful of calls about injured wildlife. One was regarding an Eastern Cottontail discovered in Louisville. After the fire, residents returned to the area where their homes once stood. Park rangers from St. Vrain State Park volunteered to help people pick up the pieces. One of the officers noticed a young girl trying to coax a rabbit out of the brush. He grabbed an old fishing net and an apple from his lunch to use as bait. Together they captured the cottontail, getting a closer look at the burns on its face. As daylight dwindled, the officer brought the injured creature home, then to our facility the next morning.



Upon its arrival, staff were surprised to see the bunny in relatively good condition, despite its burns. The fur on its face and chin was singed. One eye was swollen but still intact. Rehabilitators got to work treating the burns with a host of creams and ointments and administering pain medication. They set up a comfortable enclosure for the rabbit, with hay, lettuce, and, of course, an apple slice. For several days, staff cleaned its wounds, re-applied burn cream, and fed it cherry-flavored pain medicine. The critter gulped the medication excitedly, enjoying the taste of sweet cherry.

Just days after the rabbit's arrival, another Colorado rehabilitator who specializes in lagomorphs let us know that she also had a bunny from the fire. It seemed in good health despite its burns and was in need of a buddy. Greenwood's medical team decided the best thing for both animals was to be near each other in a quiet space. The rabbit was transferred to the other rehabilitator the next day.

After some time, the rabbits' burns healed. The rehabilitation teams worked together to find an appropriate release site within the required 10-mile radius of where these critters were found. The scorched earth they were taken from did not provide enough cover or food. Luckily, they were able to find a suitable nearby spot to release them back into the wild. We are happy to have the ability to give them a second chance.

Because of supporters like you, our community is stronger. It is a true pleasure to serve local wildlife and Coloradoans.



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## DEAR FRIENDS,

We're very excited to be celebrating our 40th anniversary in 2022. How far we've come since Sunny Apke, the Education Director of the Humane Society of Boulder Valley, realized the unmet need for orphaned, injured, and sick wildlife in Boulder County. With the Humane Society's blessing, she started a rehabilitation center in a closet in their facility. In March 1993, the Center incorporated and changed its name to Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary (now Center) after the first raccoon that was rehabilitated. It had been burned in a chimney fire — "green wood doesn't burn."

The goals of Greenwood since its inception in 1982 have been two-fold: rehabilitation and release of wildlife and education of the public to prevent or minimize human-wildlife conflict. It's been quite a journey from a closet to a Longmont veterinarian's office to modular trailers to



our current state-of-the-art facility. More importantly, during these four decades, we've cared for over 200 distinct species and rehabilitated and released nearly

57,000 wildlife in need. I am optimistic that the future will continue to be bright.

We hope you'll celebrate with us throughout the year. Along with this significant milestone, we're commemorating you — our supporters who have been beside us all the way. Though the journey hasn't always been easy, together as a community we have persevered through the highs and lows of the past 40 years.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Tyler".

Linda Tyler  
Executive Director

## LONG-TIME GREENWOOD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RETIRE

After more than 13 years, Linda Tyler will retire this coming September. She has served Boulder County nonprofits for the past 45 years, including Boulder Valley Women's Health Center, Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, and Longmont Humane Society. "I'm proud of the difference I've made in this incredible community. It's time to move on to my next adventure, whatever that might be. One thing for sure, I'll be looking for volunteer opportunities that are a bit less stressful."

To quote Paul Lavell, former board member and current volunteer, "When I joined Greenwood in 2001, it struggled each year to meet a minimal budget and was run almost strictly by volunteers. During Linda's tenure, her fundraising and organizational talents have built Greenwood into a strong and viable organization. Greenwood has also increased its patient numbers as other

rehabilitation centers failed. Linda has truly earned her retirement!"

Amanda Lau, Associate Director, will be taking over the Executive Director position. We all look forward to Greenwood's continued success with her at the helm.



Bullock's Oriole



## ANNUAL REPORT 2021

### NUMBER OF ANIMALS TREATED

Songbirds	2,159
Waterfowl & Shorebirds	515
Coyotes	1
Foxes	11
Rabbits	420
Raccoons	85
Squirrels	653
Other Mammals	181

Total	4,025
Released	1,338
Transferred to Other Rehabilitators	175

### By county

Boulder	34%
Denver Metro	38%
Larimer	16%
Other	11%
Weld	1%

### Percentage of orphans

74% (70% of birds; 81% of mammals)

### VOLUNTEER/INTERNSHIP & EDUCATION/OUTREACH PROGRAMS

#### Education/Outreach Program

Total Participants	5,018
Number of Events	39

#### Volunteer/Intern Program

Total Number of Volunteers/Interns	351
Total Volunteer Hours	27,140

### UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Sources of Support

Contributions	\$ 515,787 (31%)
Events	\$ 159,283 (10%)
Retail Stores	\$ 526,036 (32%)
Foundations	\$ 154,037 (9%)
Municipal Contracts	\$ 77,000 (5%)
PPP Forgivable Loan/ Interest/Dividends	\$ 204,845 (13%)
Total	\$1,636,988

#### Expenses

Animal Care, Operations	\$ 585,243 (43%)
Community Education, Outreach	\$ 113,871 (8%)
Support Services	\$ 126,363 (9%)
Fundraising, Retail Stores	\$ 395,088 (30%)
Consignor Payouts	\$ 135,157 (10%)
Total	\$1,355,722

In-Kind	\$ 410,970
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#### Total Net Assets

(includes fixed assets) 12/31/2021 \$2,786,149

## OILED-UP MALLARD DUCK RECOVERS AT GREENWOOD

A Mallard came to Greenwood looking a lot less duck and a lot more blob. A Bennett resident found the bird on their property, soaked in crude oil. We aren't really sure how she managed to get so drenched. But our Animal Care team is skilled at washing oiled feathers, having done it so often in the past. This unlucky duck needed six baths before she was completely stripped of oil! Staff found no injuries, but she needed to stay at our Center until her feathers were water-proofed again. When waterfowl are washed with soap, all of the natural oils are also removed from their feathers. The birds need this oily protection to

stay warm and afloat; without it, their downy feathers would constantly be water-logged. After seven days of cleaning and preening, the duck was released at a nearby pond.



Mallard Duck

## 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, thousands 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](http://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 am - 4 pm daily (please call first — 303-823-8455) or at our stores (3600 Arapahoe, Boulder, 11 am - 5 pm, Wednesday through Saturday; 12 pm - 4 pm Sunday). Donations are tax-deductible.

## REDHEAD RESPONDS TO THERAPY

A beautiful Redhead was found in a backyard in Loveland. Thankfully our Northern Colorado Wildlife Center partners were able to rescue and transport the injured duck to Greenwood. Animal Care staff found he had sustained some sort of trauma that resulted in a spinal injury and neurological condition. This Redhead was going to need a lot of therapy before he would be ready for the wild. Rehabilitators triaged his condition until our volunteer veterinarian could further assess his injuries. Together they drafted a treatment plan to get the bird walking and flying again. After some rest, medications, and nutritious food, the waterfowl was ready for physical therapy and did "swimmingly" in his

first session. Nearly two weeks after arriving at Greenwood, the Redhead was moved to an outdoor enclosure where he could dip and plunge, gaining needed strength before he was returned to the wild.



Redhead Duck



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## JOIN US FOR WILD NIGHT FOR WILDLIFE 2022!

Mark your calendars now for Wild Night for Wildlife.  
We look forward to seeing you on Friday, September 16th  
at the Boulder JCC for an evening of fun and fundraising  
in support of Greenwood's wildlife and  
education programs.

- Happy Hour, 5:00 - 6:15 pm
- Event Program, 6:15 - 7:15 pm
- Wine, beer, and hearty hors d'oeuvres
- Online auction with something for everyone
- Emcee for the evening, Ed Greene with 9News
- An exhilarating live auction and heartwarming special appeal led by Don Martin, giving you the opportunity to help wildlife in need



Sponsorships start at \$500, and we always need items for the auctions. To sponsor or donate, contact Amanda Lau, Associate Director, at [amanda@greenwoodwildlife.org](mailto:amanda@greenwoodwildlife.org).

## THRIFT SHOP & CONSIGNMENT GALLERY

Sadly, many local thrift and consignment stores have closed since September, 2021. Yet our Thrift Shop and Consignment Gallery have witnessed an increase in customers, donors, and consignors who want to save their household goods from the landfill. We are grateful that our doors are still open for people in Boulder County to continue to recycle, reuse, and repurpose their furniture, clothing, décor, and much more.

The future is wide open for our stores as we continue to accept donations and consignment inventory. We look forward to 2022, no matter what is thrown our way. We will work hard to overcome all obstacles and increase sales, all to help Colorado's wildlife.

Please remember our stores when you are ready to clear the clutter from your home, downsize, or redecorate. You can support the animals in Greenwood's care year-round through donations, consignment, and shopping.

# Recycle + Reuse = Rehab for the animals