



# 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, sick, and injured 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.*



## THREE COZY COMPANIONS

Comfort in the world often develops in strange ways. This is the tale of three young birds that formed an essential bond that would help them thrive throughout their time at Greenwood.

A Killdeer was found wandering around a construction site all alone. Given it was too young to fend for itself, a caring rescuer brought the baby to our Center. When the chick first arrived, it seemed to be in good health. Our rehabilitation team was concerned that the little one would do poorly without companions. Since they are social birds, Killdeer can get stressed if they don't have company. The staff set out to find the orphan a suitable cohort.

We introduced a quail chick to the Killdeer's enclosure, and they quickly bonded. The quail followed the Killdeer as it scuttled around on its long legs. When they were ready to sleep, they would scooch close to each other under their feather-duster surrogate mom. A

short time later, Greenwood received a single Mallard orphan who joined the duo. Soon all three were inseparable. Together they pecked at their feed, cuddled under their feather duster, and shuffled around their enclosure, soaking up the heat from the light above.

Once their feathers replaced the fluff, they were moved into an outdoor enclosure — our "Duck Beach" facility. The caging in the beach was specifically created for them, ensuring they had a sandy substrate to roam on, shady branches to hide under, shallow pools for wading, and plenty of tasty feed to help them grow.

While the trio had become cozy companions at Greenwood, they each had to graduate to wild freedom and return to the habitat best suited for them. After a month, the Killdeer grew into a full-sized shorebird. It started to show the others its cool new ability: flight. That's when our rehabilitators knew it was time for release. Staff found a mudflat where other Killdeer were known to hang out. They heard the iconic "Ki-DEE! Ki-DEE!" call of an adult nearby as they opened the bin for the rehabilitated bird.

It scurried toward the shoreline and took a healthy swig of lake water before exploring its surroundings. We are sure the Killdeer was happy to join others of its kind once again. The other two babies had a little more growing to do before they were turned loose. It was great that they could keep each other company during their time at our Center.



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## DEAR FRIENDS,

It's been a busy and exciting time since you last heard from us. By the end of July, we'd cared for an additional 600 animals than at that same time in 2020.



Since Wild Bird Rescue and Rehab in Denver had closed, we took in almost every bird in need from north of Colorado Springs all the way to the Wyoming border. But thanks to your support and the dedication of our staff and volunteers, we made it happen and continue to do our best to save Colorado's wildlife.

As you might remember, last winter Greenwood pushed forward with preliminary plans to build our Bunny Hotel. The Boulder County Planning Department has unfortunately been behind due to COVID. We are optimistic that we will get our permit soon and have ordered the pre-engineered structure. We hope to move ahead with construction later this fall and begin preparations for the potentially 500+ rabbits that may come to the Center starting in spring 2022. Stay tuned for more exciting updates this winter!

As hectic as it has been with extra mouths to feed, we are busy working on our biggest fundraiser of the year, *Wild Night for Wildlife*, slated to take place at the Boulder JCC on September 24th. With your generosity and support, we remain strong and resilient in our mission. Thank you as always!

Sincerely,

Linda Tyler  
Executive Director



Eastern Cottontail

## THRIFT SHOP & CONSIGNMENT GALLERY

What a wild ride it's been! Our customers began shopping comfortably once again in the spring, and we saw a huge increase in donations and consignment appointments as people continued to clean and declutter their households. More than ever, we are motivated by our mission to recycle and reuse, engage with our community, and provide a one-of-a-kind experience for our patrons.

Our new and improved online gallery includes a shopping cart feature that allows us to sell 24/7. We have a large number of viewers from all across the country. Check it out! <https://stores.myresaleweb.com/greenwood-wildlife-gallery>

The health and well-being of our team members, patrons, and community remain our focus. Whether you're browsing upstairs in our consignment area or dropping off items after a decluttering session, we want you to feel good coming to our stores! We continue to be cautious with our COVID-19 guidelines and receive many thanks for keeping a safe environment for everyone.

You can support us year-round by donating, consigning, and shopping. Visit both of our stores under one roof. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Recycle + Reuse =  
Rehab for Wildlife

## SHOP TO SUPPORT OUR WILD PATIENTS

There are so many ways to support Colorado wildlife. One of the easiest is to purchase something you need and help Greenwood — what could be better? Awesome partnerships make it possible to provide care for the animals at Greenwood through routine shopping.

### AmazonSmile

Are you an Amazon devotee? When you shop at *smile.amazon.com*, you'll find the same low prices, vast selection, and convenient experience, with the bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Greenwood. While you browse, consider adding a few items from Greenwood's Amazon Wish List.

- Go to the website *smile.amazon.com*.
- The first time you visit, select Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center before you begin shopping.
- Amazon will remember your selection; and every time you shop through *smile.amazon.com*, we receive a donation.

### King Soopers

Do you frequent King Soopers? If so, please consider taking advantage of money you're already spending by turning a portion of it into a donation to Greenwood. Simply link your Alternative ID to us, and King Soopers will send us a percentage of the funds.

- Login to your King Soopers account or create a new account. (It's free.)
- Mouse over your name in the top right corner and click "My Account."
- Click "Community Rewards" on the left-hand side of the page.
- Search for Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center or enter "NW288."
- Click "Enroll."

### Bonfire.com

Check out Greenwood's latest merchandise designs! After hearing their story, one of our amazing volunteers was inspired to paint the three bird companions featured on the cover of this newsletter. Purchase a mug, tee, or crewneck sweatshirt with this trio, and help pay for the supplies it takes to care for wildlife like them. Other designs are available, including our Bunny Hotel logo.

<https://www.bonfire.com/store/greenwood-wildlife-rehabilitation-store>

### Greenwood Gear

Stop by our Center and pick up logo tees, hats, hoodies, and polos for yourself or those special animal lovers in your life! A wide variety of colors and sizes are available.



## ANIMAL TAILS 1 — An Update: Red Foxes

Wondering what happened to the orphaned fox kits that came to our Center in April after the death of their family? They have returned to the wild! To give them the best chance, we transferred them to a licensed rehabilitator in the southern Colorado foothills who could offer a "soft release." This meant they would enjoy a large, outdoor pen in prime habitat. The first night they were fed with the doors closed. The next night, the gates to their enclosure were opened, and their dinner lay just outside. This trend continued for a few days, with the foxes' food placed further and further from the entrance. After a week, these feisty critters stopped coming back for food. They had found a place to den and no longer needed humans. They are now free and wild!



Photograph by Mysti Tatro

## ANIMAL TAILS 2 — Western Kingbird Gets Boots

A Western Kingbird was brought to our Center after a rescuer noticed it breathing heavily and unable to move. Our medical team evaluated the patient and found that it had developed a disorder called foot curling. This issue is caused when a nest isn't sturdy or large enough for youngsters. They cannot sit correctly, and their feet curl from poor muscle tone. Birds need very strong foot muscles to be able to perch. Our staff treated this condition by putting boots on its feet and administering anti-inflammatories. We hope that with a few weeks of rehabilitation this bird's feet will mend and it will be released back into the wild.

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## WILD NIGHT IS ONLY THREE WEEKS AWAY!

Please join us for the 13th annual *Wild Night for Wildlife*, Greenwood's biggest fundraiser, on Friday, September 24. Enjoy an evening of fun and fundraising! We will keep you updated on any COVID-19 restrictions ([GreenwoodWildnight.com](http://GreenwoodWildnight.com)).

### Event details

- Hearty appetizers, wine, and beer.
- Online auction opening mid-morning Wednesday, 9/22 and closing 7:00 pm Tuesday, 9/28.
- Emcee for the evening, Gary Shapiro with 9 News.
- Heads and Tails game with a chance to win \$400 in Amazon gift cards.
- An entertaining live auction and heartwarming special appeal featuring well-known auctioneer Don Martin.
- Live auction items include mountain getaways in Dillon and Estes Park, a two-night stay and private sail in San Diego harbor, and a five-night stay and play in a Tucson golf community.



No fee to register for the online auction only. Registration is \$60. Register at [GreenwoodWildnight.com](http://GreenwoodWildnight.com).

Bring a group of 8 for \$450

**FRIDAY, September 24**  
**Jewish Community Center (JCC),**  
**6007 Oreg Avenue, Boulder**

Happy Hour 5:00 - 6:15 pm  
Event Program 6:15 - 7:15 pm

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