



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.



PACIFIC LOON CRASH LANDS INLAND

A loon might sound like a character from a television show. But in reality, it is a water bird that is not so common in Colorado. Only one species in this family is known to regularly migrate through our state, the Common Loon. Imagine our surprise when Greenwood received a juvenile Pacific Loon in need. Sightings in Colorado have been few and far between, but their populations are strong along the coasts. In our 40-year history, Greenwood has never treated this species!

The animal arrived in poor condition, underweight with injuries to its wing and abrasions on its feet. Luckily for the loon, a caring woman was walking by and noticed it in distress. She flagged down a construction crew, and together they corralled the bird for transport to our Center.

Water birds of this type will often crash land on asphalt, mistaking the stretch of road for a body of water. Our rehabilitators assumed this is what caused the scrapes. Since these creatures have evolved for diving rather than walking, they are unable to take off from land, leaving this poor critter stranded on the road. We are so glad a caring resident was able to get it help!

Once at the Center, our waterfowl specialists jumped into action. They provided medications to make it more comfortable and devised a plan for its care. Very soon, the loon was on the mend. Nutrient-packed fish, pain medications, anti-parasite treatments, and swim therapy were just a few methods utilized to aid in its recovery. The bird began gaining weight and became much livelier in its enclosure. After just the third day of care, it attempted to jump out of its indoor pool! The Animal Care Team moved it into an outdoor enclosure with a big swimming hole and beach. The loon thrived in the open-air space, diving and gorging on fish all the live-long day.

With the loon's condition improving, specialists began to look for the best possible release site. Greenwood was given access to a private pond filled with fish and free from human activities. The loon passed its "flap test," meaning it was ready for flight and prepared for its return to the wild. On release day, it hopped from its transport bin and swam calmly out into the open water. It immediately dunked its head and slurped down a fish. What a great sign to the spectating rehabilitators, who were overjoyed with the success! The Greenwood team couldn't have been happier in helping this special species return to the wild.



Pacific Loon

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DEAR FRIENDS,

End-of-summer and warm-weather adventures are in full flight, and so is our Center as we immerse ourselves in the business of baby season. From April until October, our rehabilitators and animal care team of staff, interns, and volunteers are at their busiest, feeding thousands of hungry mouths, tending to injuries and ailments, and releasing wildlife back to their native habitats.

Listening to the busy hum of the day and noisy chorus of chirps, squeaks, and calls reminds me of our community's unwavering commitment to Colorado's wildlife. Your continued support and dedication provide critical resources for the animals in our care this summer and beyond.

Every day, our team is busy tending the animals at Greenwood, and we can't believe how quickly the summer is flying by! It's already time for our annual gala, *Wild Night for Wildlife*. Always an entertaining occasion, *Wild Night* brings our community together for heartwarming wildlife tales, delicious food and drinks,



and a special appeal and live auction led by auctioneer extraordinaire Don Martin. Ed Greene of 9News will be our emcee for the evening. We hope you can join us on Friday, September 16, at the Boulder Jewish Community Center for this exciting event! Funds raised during the gala will go directly to the over 4,000 animals that come through our doors each year.

With your generosity and support, we can continue to be the lifesaving difference for our wildlife. Thank you as always!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Lau".

Amanda Lau
Executive Director



Photo by Ken Forman

GREENWOOD THRIFT SHOP & CONSIGNMENT GALLERY

Overall, 2022 has been fantastic for our stores. In March, we were chosen as the #1 Thrift and Consignment Store in Colorado by *Apartment Therapy*. *Apartment Therapy* is a lifestyle blog and publishing company focused on home design and decor. A few weeks later, *Westword* magazine chose us as the #1 Thrift and Consignment Store in the Metro Denver area. What a way to begin our year!

We have acquired so many fabulous new consignors and patrons who visit our stores weekly to search for beautiful clothes, shoes, furniture, and household decor. And of course, we would not have this incredible inventory without our dedicated donors and consignors.

Last spring, we added Sunday as another shopping day at our stores. This gives the community another chance to visit us and find great treasures. Don't forget you can browse and shop our gallery online 24/7 at <https://stores.myresaleweb.com/greenwood-wildlife-gallery/>

Shopping, donating, and consigning with us is such a great way to support Greenwood Wildlife year-round. Don't forget about us when you are downsizing, redecorating, or reorganizing your wardrobe.

**Reuse + Recycle =
Rehab for Wildlife**

SHOP TO SUPPORT OUR GREENWOOD 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 our facility through routine shopping.

AmazonSmile

Are you an Amazon shopper? 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 our Amazon Wish List.

- Go to the website *smile.amazon.com*.
- The first time you visit, select Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center as your charity of choice 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 shop at 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 40th Anniversary merchandise designs and buy a hat, beanie, water bottle, or shirt featuring our 40th anniversary logo. Your purchase supports the care of thousands of wildlife that come through our doors each year.

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

Greenwood Gear

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



ANIMAL TAILS 1 — Rock Squirrel Rocks Recovery

A young Rock Squirrel was found on his back under a tree in Loveland, struggling in the summer heat. After an unsuccessful reunite, the rescuer fed him puppy milk and then brought him to Greenwood, in hopes of saving this tiny mammal's life. Unfortunately, despite good intentions, the milk caused fluid to build up in the tiny rodent's lungs. Luckily, our staff was able to clear that up with antibiotics, and he now shows no signs of pneumonia. The critter is devouring our specialty formula several times a day and being introduced to some blackberries, grass, and the occasional sweet potato. With his hearty appetite and long snoozes, we have lots of hope that this Rock Squirrel will recover and return to the wild.



ANIMAL TAILS 2 — Magpie Trio Takes to the Skies

Three sassy Black-billed Magpies were released back into their natural habitat this summer. These sporty-looking birds came to Greenwood orphaned after their nest was destroyed and their mother did not return. They were in relatively good shape when they arrived, other than mild dehydration. Our medical staff were thrilled with their good health since the magpies' finder had fed them chicken for several days. Often the instinct for rescuers to feed baby critters has ended fatally for our patients. We provided the feathered tykes with much needed hydration and a warm napping nest. When they moved to our outside caging to mature and learn to forage, these three cheeky chirpers were side by side, swinging from branches and taunting the animal care staff. On release day, the trio jetted to the skies, ready for a new adventure.



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WILD NIGHT IS ONLY THREE WEEKS AWAY!

Please join us for the 14th annual *Wild Night for Wildlife*, Greenwood's biggest fundraiser, on Friday, September 16 from 5:00 to 7:15 pm. Enjoy an evening of fun and fundraising at the Jewish Community Center in Boulder!

Event details

- Hearty appetizers, wine, beer and a specialty drink offered by Tito's Vodka, the Salty Prairie Dog.
- Online auction opening mid-morning Tuesday, 9/12, closing 2 pm Sunday, 9/18.
- Heads and Tails Game with a chance to win \$300 in Amazon gift cards.
- Emcee for the evening, Ed Greene with 9News.
- An engaging live auction and heart warming special appeal featuring entertaining auctioneer Don Martin.
- Live auction items include a two-night visit and private sail in San Diego Harbor, a golf getaway in Tucson, a



selection of staycations in Boulder, Estes Park, and Niwot, and much more!

No fee to register for the online auction only. Registration is \$60.
Bring a group of 8 for \$450.

Register now at greenwoodwildnight.com

FRIDAY, September 16:

Happy Hour 5:00 - 6:15 pm

Event Program 6:15 - 7:15 pm

**Jewish Community Center,
6007 Oreg Avenue, Boulder**

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