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Help Colorado's Wildlife Rehabilitators on Your Tax Return

Donate to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Cash Fund and a portion of Your Contribution Will Directly Support Wildlife Rehabilitation

Boulder County, CO (March 4, 2017) – For the first time, donating to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Cash Fund on your Colorado tax return will help support licensed wildlife rehabilitators that care for injured and orphaned wildlife.

“Having a stable, funded network of private wildlife rehabilitators helps to relieve the animal overload that all Colorado wildlife rehabilitation organizations are experiencing,” said Linda Tyler, Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center’s executive director. “Many people don’t realize that rehabilitators often care for thousands of orphaned and injured wildlife, often at their own expense. Contributing to this fund means that, as a whole, the rehabilitation community will be able to continue to care for as many wild animals as possible.”

State licensed individual wildlife rehabilitators and rehabilitation centers will be able to apply for these funds through a grant process.

Filling out line No. 1 of Colorado tax form 104CH (the Voluntary Contributions Schedule form) supports wildlife rehabilitation and preservation of threatened and endangered species in the state through Colorado Parks and Wildlife programs. Contributors can specify the amount of their donation. Donations are tax deductible and help support around 750 species of wildlife that cannot be hunted, fished or trapped.

“We joke that these animals don’t have an annual income to support their livelihood, but the reality is that some wildlife is more vulnerable than others,” said Dan Zimmerer, CPW’s partnership coordinator. “Rehab centers provide care for orphaned and recovering wildlife, a conservation service that these threatened and vulnerable animals otherwise would not receive. They could not do the work they do without the support of voluntary contributions.”

Please consider donating to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Cash Fund on Line 1 of your form 104CH this year. If you use a tax preparer, please ask how you can donate to this fund. For more information, visit <http://cpw.state.co.us/tax-checkoff>.

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Based near Lyons, CO, Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center's mission is to rehabilitate orphaned, sick and injured wildlife for release into appropriate habitats. Greenwood also strives to educate the public, emphasizing humane solutions to human/wildlife interactions.

Greenwood cared for more than 3,400 small mammals, birds and waterfowl/shorebirds last year, 75% of which were orphaned. The average cost to rehabilitate an animal is \$330 per patient. Since 1982, Greenwood has successfully released tens of thousands of animals, from hummingbird to coyote size, back to where they belong – in the wild and living free.