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Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center presents...

WILD NIGHT FOR WILDLIFE




Join us for an evening of fun and fundraising - with all proceeds benefiting the injured and orphaned wildlife at Greenwood.

Meet Marc Bekoff, (<http://literati.net/Bekoff>) world famous animal behaviorist.

ENJOY: wine and beer tastings
 three-course dinner • silent and live auction
 including vacation stays in Beaver Creek, Telluride and Maui

\$65 per person
 5:30 - 10:00 PM, Friday October 30th
 Millennium Harvest House Boulder



For more information, contact Linda Tyler at director@greenwoodwildlife.org or visit www.greenwoodwildlife.org

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Kingbird babies



Greenwood Chatter

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Gift Cards to Grocery Stores

Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is a not-for-profit corporation that is devoted to the rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned wildlife. We have been in existence for over two decades and were incorporated in March, 1993.

We are named after "Greenwood," who was the first raccoon rehabilitated and released by our organization in 1982. Since then, we have successfully treated and released thousands of animals. Greenwood now maintains one of the largest wildlife rehabilitation facilities along Colorado's Front Range.

In October, 1993, Greenwood obtained 501(c)(3) status from the IRS as a non-profit charitable organization.

Our efforts are funded solely by the generosity of hundreds of concerned citizens, businesses, and organizations.

GREENWOOD PRESENTS WILD NIGHT FOR WILDLIFE 2009

by Linda Tyler, Executive Director

The date for Greenwood's Premier Event, *Wild Night for Wildlife* is quickly approaching! Please join us on October 30th for an exciting evening of fun and fundraising. All proceeds benefit the orphaned and injured animals at Greenwood. The festivities will take place between 5:30 and 10:00pm at the Millennium Harvest House, 1345 28th Street, Boulder.

World-famous animal behaviorist Marc Bekoff (<http://literati.net/Bekoff>) will be there to greet you and will also give a short presentation. The evening will begin with a silent auction, with something for everyone. Local breweries and wineries will be offering samplings of their best spirits while you "shop." Enjoy the culinary delights of a 3-course dinner, followed by an exciting and entertaining live auction led by Don Martin, acclaimed local auctioneer. The grand finale will be a direct appeal that will tug at your heartstrings and give you the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the patients that Greenwood gives the freedom to be wild again.

Auction items will include an electric bicycle, commissions from local artists, gift certificates from your favorite local businesses, stays in Telluride and Maui, and much, much more.

Tickets are \$65 per person in advance. Space is limited. You may register on-line at www.greenwoodwildlife.org or send your payment to Greenwood at P.O. Box 18987, Boulder, 80308. Please include your name, physical and email addresses, phone number, and a note if you would prefer a vegetarian entrée.

Interested in helping? Event Sponsorships from \$250-\$5,000 are available. We are also looking for a wide variety of items to be donated to the auction.

Please contact Linda Tyler at director@greenwoodwildlife.org or 303.823.8455 for more information. We look forward to seeing you at *Wild Night!*



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TO OUR SUPPORTERS:

The frantic summer days at Greenwood are starting to wind down a bit. We are still very busy with the second round of baby squirrels, and injured animals will continue to need our help throughout the fall and winter. But the raccoons that came in as babies in late spring are growing up and nearly ready for release. Baby birds have come and gone. Some of our injured patients have been released back into the wild. Staff and volunteers can finally catch their breath, reflect on the hard work that brought many happy endings for the animals, and mourn those that could not be saved.

There are times when we have 300 patients on-site during the warmer months. I'd like to share this glimpse into a typical summer day-in-the-life at Greenwood.

7:00 am — staff are arriving and heading directly to the ICU to treat those patients (normally around 25) who require critical care. The baby birds are chirping for their first meal, the orphaned raccoons are screeching for their first bottle, and the infant squirrels are hungry too. The injured Great Blue Heron and Double-crested Cormorant want fish in their bowls. The baby ducks in the waterfowl room need to be fed and have their cages cleaned.

Volunteers are right behind the staff and begin quickly mixing formula, chopping fruit, and preparing seeds, grains, greens, and worms. Then they are on their way to the feeding rotations along with the cage cleaning that will consume their four-hour shift and the two shifts that follow. The birds need nourishment every 45-60 minutes until dusk — the squirrels and raccoons require several bottle feedings over the course of the day.

9:00 am — Greenwood opens for animal intakes and quite often a line has formed — an injured bird, four abandoned young raccoons, seven duck eggs that are hatching as we watch. There are often 30 messages from the previous night and that many calls to return, offering advice and education to the public who are concerned about injured or abandoned wildlife. The calls and stream of new patients continue non-stop until closing.



Bobcat Kit

Other activities are a constant all day long. Staff carry on the treatments and medications in ICU. The juvenile coyote and two foxes need their wounds dressed. The outside animals are fed and their cages cleaned. Those inside that have grown stronger are transferred to the exterior enclosures in preparation for going back into the wild. Animals already outside are evaluated for their readiness for release and our release team is lining up appropriate sites and volunteers for transport. Several birds are put into crates and we happily watch them being driven away to their first taste of freedom in the wild.

9:00 pm — staff and volunteers do their final feedings, treatments, and cleanup. It's time to turn out the lights and rest up for another busy day tomorrow.

My first summer at Greenwood was eye-opening. I have a new appreciation for the incredible work that is done here and I am so inspired by the dedication and commitment. I sincerely hope you will generously support Greenwood throughout the year, allowing us to continue our vital work to protect the wildlife in Colorado. The animals need your help, as always.

Sincerely,

Linda Tyler
Linda Tyler
Executive Director

SPREADING THE WORD

By Lindsey Goodwick, Volunteer Services Manager

Greenwood is no stranger to devoting long hours providing necessary medical care to thousands of stricken patients. Even though this takes up most of the day, we are still committed to fulfilling the other important piece of our mission: striving to educate the public by emphasizing humane solutions to human/wildlife interactions.

Greenwood receives thousands of phone calls a year. Given our staffing and volunteer constraints, we may not always be available to immediately field each one. But we do our best to return them all, whether it is a wildlife emergency or people who simply need reassurance that they did the right thing for the animal.

Many of these calls are from people who finds themselves in a pickle. A baby animal seems to have been abandoned and they feel they need to intervene. Quite often, the animal is fine — we can help them determine which ones are probably best left alone and which may truly need human intervention.

Like most people, I never received a lecture in school teaching me what to do if I find an animal that may need help. With

urban boundaries continuing to encroach on wild territories, it is increasingly important to know how to respond to wildlife situations.

Every year, Greenwood visits countless school groups, scout troops, civic organizations, outreach events, festivals, and other community settings to spread the word on what should be done when finding a wild animal that may need assistance. Whom should they call? Should they try to rescue it? Where can they take it? All these questions and more are answered through Greenwood's programs that reach thousands of individuals of all ages in Colorado.

If you would like to learn more, please visit our web site, www.greenwoodwildlife.org. You can also make an on-line donation there that will directly benefit these programs and assist Greenwood and its volunteers in educating the many people yet to be reached. With your help, we can continue to secure a future for Colorado's wildlife.

THE "BAND OF FIVE"

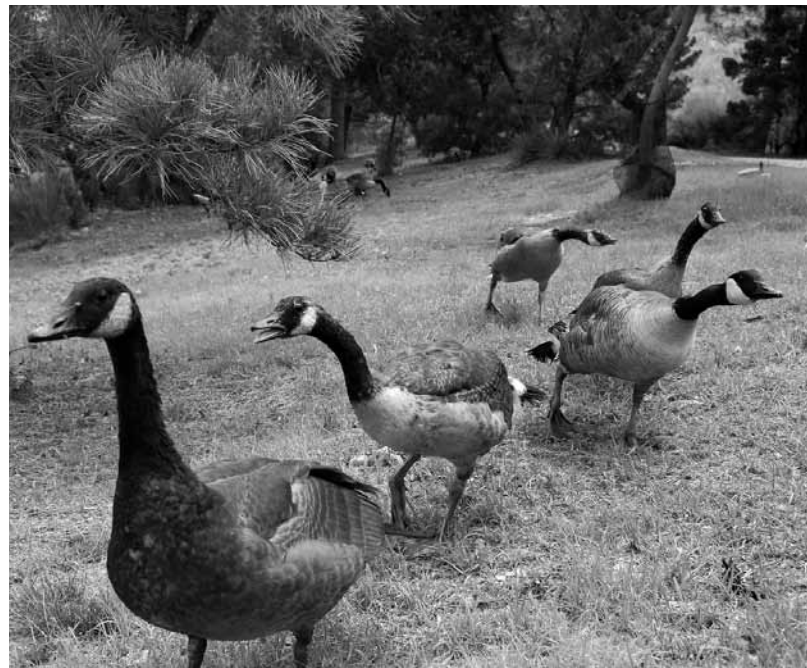
By Linda Chameroy, Bird Care Manager

It was a gorgeous summer day when I had the pleasure of releasing five young geese, ready for their new life in the wild. The site was a lovely wooded area with ponds where the human residents watch out for all new inhabitants. The nervous geese slowly exited their carriers, nibbling at the fresh grass and heading towards the water, approaching the many other geese that were watching with curiosity.

The youngsters stayed together as they moved around in the flock. We were happy to see two adults "adopt" the little ones and lead them off into the water. Just then, as it always does, the resident swan came by to check out the newcomers. This immense and glorious bird scared the young geese, who scattered with the older ones — except for one youngster, who paddled off in the opposite direction. Looking very lost, it tried desperately to get through the brush and back to the shore, finally succeeding. By then the rest of the group were nowhere in sight.

Feeling panicked, I knew they needed to be reunited somehow. I started down the road, herding the little goose as best I could. Not much needed to be done — it walked alongside me, stretching its neck as high as it could, searching for the others. We strolled down the road together and turned the bend. There, much to my relief, was the rest of the "band," still with the adults. Greeted noisily by the rest of the gaggle, this little goose ran hurriedly to the group, madly flapping its wings.

What a wonderful day this was for me! I am always grateful to experience the amazing results of the hard work and dedication of the Greenwood volunteers and staff. They cared tirelessly for these animals so that this day could come. Freedom to be wild — that's what Greenwood is all about.



Goose release