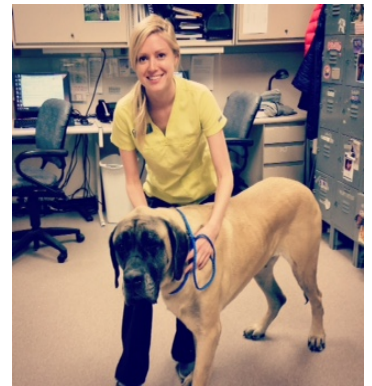




DECC Weekly Update: Wednesday, September 16, 2015

TEAM DECC presents: Andrea Lawless, Environmental Health
Featured Nonprofit: Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Wildlife Rehabilitation is a nonprofit niche that gets very little attention and most people do not even know that it exists. Yet when you run into an injured wildlife or find an orphaned baby wild animal, suddenly it becomes clear that wildlife rehabilitation is serving a great need. One thing that makes Colorado such a wonderful place to live is all of our outdoor space. This ecosystem would not be complete without our native wild species. Unfortunately, wildlife rehabilitation is extremely underfunded and a couple organizations just within the past few years have had to close their doors due to lack of funding. Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is one of the last remaining nonprofits that help our wild animals stay wild and return to their home outdoors. I found a baby squirrel that had fallen from its nest and was injured. When I brought it to their facility it was given care immediately and ended up being able to be released back to where it was found. It was great to know that there are people who are willing to care for our Coloradoan animals.



This week's featured agency: **Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center**

Mission Statement

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

We are the only rehabilitation facility of its kind serving the Front Range and are the largest mammal and songbird rehabilitation center in Colorado each year saving for more than 2,500 songbirds, mammals and waterfowl covering nearly 200 different species. This year, we expect the number of total animals cared for to reach, if not surpass, 3,000. Greenwood also strives to educate the public about humane solutions to human/wildlife interactions. We provide outreach programs for audiences of all ages regarding the wildlife rehabilitation process, humane solutions to human-wildlife conflicts, and how communities can help their local wildlife through stewardship. We reach more than 3,000 children and adults on average per year, and the demand and need for our services continues to grow. Since 1982, we've released tens of thousands of birds and mammals back into the wild, where they belong.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

