



Happy Holidays



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Thank you to everyone who contributed in even a small way to Second Chance in 2018.

Once again, YOU, our fabulous supporters, met our goal of raising \$30,000 to pay a professional, state and federally licensed wildlife rehabilitator in addition to the \$30,000 we need every year for animal feed, veterinary care and general operations! THANK YOU.

As you know, with the closure of Ellicott Wildlife Rehab our volume increased as we became the only operational facility between Boulder and the southern border of the state licensed to care for migratory songbirds, waterfowl, and bats. Second Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation receives no funding from Colorado Parks and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife or any other government agency. We rely entirely on donations to pay for food, medical treatment and all aspects of animal care. Your past generosity made possible the successful release of healthy animals like those in the stories below. Besides the very generous and much needed monetary donations, other people donated fresh produce, bird seed, cleaning supplies and their time and gasoline to transport animals, as well as the hard work of cleaning at the facility. Thank you also to the veterinarians who helped us throughout the year.



2018 SUCCESS STORIES



2018 was another busy year at Second Chance with more than 700 animals admitted encompassing more than 60 different species. Here are some of them. Visit our YouTube channel for videos of these and other animals that have been cared for at Second Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation. <https://bit.ly/2SviSXe>



In late October, dog walkers from PAWS (a local no-kill animal shelter) found this rather large snapping turtle by following a blood trail. Two of their volunteers, (one of which was trained by Second Chance to capture and transport wildlife) brought the turtle to Second Chance. Even with the shell repair procedure, it will take weeks to months for these wounds to heal. You can see in the third picture just how big this turtle is. It fills the bottom of our bathtub! This gigantic creature will be released next spring. Thanks to our veterinarians and PAWS for their great work!





We have two amazing groups of volunteers that we call “The Duck Patrol”; one in Pueblo West and one in Pueblo. These dedicated folks routinely monitor ponds at all local parks for dumped pet ducks and geese and wild or domestic waterfowl that have become entangled in carelessly tossed aside hooks and fishing line. **It is illegal to dump your domestic ducks and geese in ponds, lakes, streams in our area.** These poor birds are badly injured, even killed, by the wild ducks and geese who view them as intruders into their territory, or by dogs that are allowed off leash and chase and capture the unwanted abandoned. Thanks to these teams, we can get medical help for the injured ones. If you or someone you know ever needs to rehome their ducks or geese, there is a wonderful network of people on facebook in a group called Colorado Domestic Duck Rescue Network. They will help you find new homes for your waterfowl at no cost.



This holiday season give a gift from the heart. In lieu of a store bought gift for that person who has everything or the animal lover on your list consider a donation to Second Chance in their name. We will send them a commemorative certificate and a card with a photo of one of the animals we have cared for at Second Chance or send it to you so you can give it to them. You can also make a donation in memory of a lost loved one. Their name will be placed on the memorials page of our website at www.secondchancewildlife.net. And when you donate, you may be able to double your gift. Many employers offer a matching employee gift program. Ask at your place of employment.

Donations may be made on line on our website at www.secondchancewildlife.net , or on our facebook page at Second Chance Wildlife Rehab Center or mailed directly to Second Chance Wildlife Rehab at 2730 Colfax Ave., Pueblo, CO 81003. **Second Chance Wildlife Rehab Center is a 501c3 nonprofit organization with no paid administrative staff so your gift goes directly to animal care and your donation is tax deductible.**

Please remember that none of this would be possible without YOUR GENEROSITY!
Thank you again to everyone who brought an animal in need to us and to all of our donors and volunteers.
We at Second Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation wish you and your family a peaceful holiday season.

