



Happy Holidays



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NEWSLETTER 2016

Thank you to everyone who contributed in even a small way to Second Chance in 2017.

Last spring we sent out a plea to our supporters letting everyone know that in order for Second Chance to continue operating through 2017 we needed to be able to pay our professional wildlife rehabilitators who are state and federally licensed to work with wildlife. We needed to raise \$30,000 to pay a licensed wildlife rehabilitator and that this funding is in addition to the \$30,000 we need every year for animal feed, veterinary care and general operations. YOU all met this goal!

We will need to raise the same amount of funds for 2018. 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.

2017 SUCCESS STORIES

2017 was another busy year at Second Chance with more than 650 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.

www.youtube.com/channel/UCg0l1ajojW2IHNSqwnmYeNg



In mid-April we received a call from a gentleman in Cripple Creek who had found a pelican in a field nowhere near a lake or pond. The adult bird had been mauled by one or more dogs and had leg, rib and shoulder fractures. We never did figure out why it ended up where it was found. No one expected it to be able to fly again even it did recover. After several months of intense care and the kindness of many fisher-people bringing us their catches, Pete the Pelican did fly and was released into an area with other pelicans.





There was no shortage of ducklings this summer. We admitted more than usual from El Paso County due to the closing of Ellicott Rehab Center.



There was also an increase in the number of bats admitted this year due to the closing of Ellicott Rehab Center.



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.

