



# Happy Holidays



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## NEWSLETTER 2016

**Thank you to everyone who contributed in even a small way to Second Chance in 2016.**

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.



### 2016 SUCCESS STORIES



2016 was another busy year at Second Chance with more than 600 animals admitted encompassing more than 60 different species. Here are some of them.

While Second Chance is a *wildlife* rehabilitation facility, sometimes we provide care for injured domestic fowl. People buy them for Easter “gifts” and then dump them at local parks/ponds wrongly thinking that it is in their best interest. Waterfowl are very territorial and will attack any newcomers mercilessly. Unfortunately these poor birds usually end up badly injured, even killed. Visitors to the park may happen upon the injured fowl and bring them to Second Chance where we care for them until finding them a safer home. In the case of this female Pekin duck, however, other ducks did not cause her injuries. A woman allowed her dog off its leash in a park to attack the duck whose mate died trying to protect her. The woman then took her dog and left the park. While there was a witness, that person did not see where the attackers went, focusing instead on trying to help the ducks. Despite deep bite wounds to her back and abdomen, “Mrs. Duck” did survive and went to live at a farm sanctuary.



Glue traps, glue paper, fly paper, call it what you want - It is THE MOST INHUMANE form of pest control. It doesn't matter if you have mice, rats, snakes, whatever it says it was meant for, other things get stuck on it. Even for the "pests" it was meant for it is horrible. They struggle so hard that their skin pulls away from their muscles and they dislocate joints and fracture bones. They starve. They ingest some of the sticky stuff trying to gnaw themselves loose which sticks their mouths, esophagus, etc together. They do not die quickly. Then the people pick it up and toss it in the trash while the animal is still alive. We get many animals in this condition. Most do not survive. This Canyon Towhee did survive and was released after several weeks.





This Big Brown Bat was found by the rescuer in a very unusual way. They had recently moved into a new home that had a fireplace. A bat managed to get into the chimney because the cover was loose and flew into the open (unused) fireplace and out into the room. She landed on the couch where the rescuers captured her in a towel and then proceeded to put her outside where she flew off. When they went back inside, this tiny baby was on the couch. Baby bats attach themselves to mom's belly and stay there flying with her until they are too heavy. By that time they are fully furred and able to maintain their body temperature and so are left in a colony with other babies to wait for mom to return periodically to nurse them. This one was dislodged from mom's belly when they captured her. He was uninjured but required specialized milk replacement formula and then training to fly and capture insects on his own before release.



The privacy fence that protects animals in outdoor caging was in serious need of replacing. Because of generous donations to a Security Fence Fund we were able to replace it. This was the worst section. It was replaced this summer. We will replace the remaining fence next spring.



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](http://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](http://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.

