



NORTHERN COLORADO
WILDLIFE + CENTER

ANNUAL REPORT

2020



EDUCATE
ADVOCATE
REHABILITATE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2020 brought immense surprises and obstacles to us all, but our team's passion and problem solving mentality never wavered and we turned these challenges into opportunities that brought us the best year of growth that we have ever experienced at Northern Colorado Wildlife Center. Through disaster response, enacting virtual education programs, and safely responding to wildlife experiencing an emergency, we answered our community's needs and proved our nonprofit's resiliency through our adaptability. I am continually astounded by our community's generosity and by my team's consistent diligence and dedication to educating our community members and saving the wildlife of our neighborhoods and open spaces.

Thank you for your continued support!

Tallon Nightwalker

TALLON NIGHTWALKER

President of Board of Directors



OUR MISSION

The mission of Northern Colorado Wildlife Center, a 501(c)3 independent nonprofit, is to:

REHABILITATE sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife, and when successful, release those animals back into their natural habitats.



EDUCATE the public about the natural histories of wildlife native to northern Colorado, ways to peacefully coexist with them, and provide humane solutions to human-wildlife conflicts.

PROMOTE AND ADVOCATE for the preservation and restoration of native ecosystems that provide wildlife places to live and thrive.



RESPONDING TO DISASTER

AUSTRALIAN WILDFIRES

In February of 2020, as wildfires ravaged the Australian outback, our team volunteered their time and materials to sew supplies for facilities treating the wildlife displaced or injured by the fires. In this picture, our volunteer, Keely Ryan, can be seen sewing joey pouches for orphaned kangaroos before shipping them out.



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In March we all experienced the hardships brought on by the coronavirus pandemic. While we had to postpone many education events and fundraisers, we quickly implemented virtual programs through Zoom and YouTube and created our virtual wildlife museum which is now embedded and accessible to all through our website.



COLORADO WILDFIRES

In the summer of 2020 we initiated our nonprofit's wildfire response as the Cameron Peak, East Troublesome, and Lewstone fires exploded in size and threatened many of our Larimer county communities. Our team responded to the fire line to search for stray domestic animals and livestock, and also rescued wildlife fleeing or injured by the fire.



2020 TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS



2 MORE FULLY LICENSED WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS

After working as provisional wildlife rehabilitators for more than a year, Kate Boyd and Tallon Nightwalker were upgraded to fully licensed wildlife rehabilitators in December of 2020. They worked extensively under our organization's veterinarian, Miranda Sadar, and their sponsor, Bob Nightwalker, to learn how to care for and educate the public about reptiles and amphibians.



BOB NIGHTWALKER CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

Bob Nightwalker reached a significant career milestone in May of 2020 when he reached 20 years of service in wildlife rehabilitation. In 2016 he served as one of NCWC's founding members. Bob still actively serves on our board of directors and plays an integral role in our wildlife rehabilitation and rescue programs.

2020 PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS

Our team celebrated five of our team members who were awarded the Presidential Service Awards for their volunteer work.

- Alex Koenigsberg and Michela Dunbar received bronze levels for 100+ hours
- Emily Olivo received silver level for 200+ hours
- Kate Boyd received gold level for 400+ hours
- Bob Nightwalker received the life-time achievement award



2020 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

REVENUE

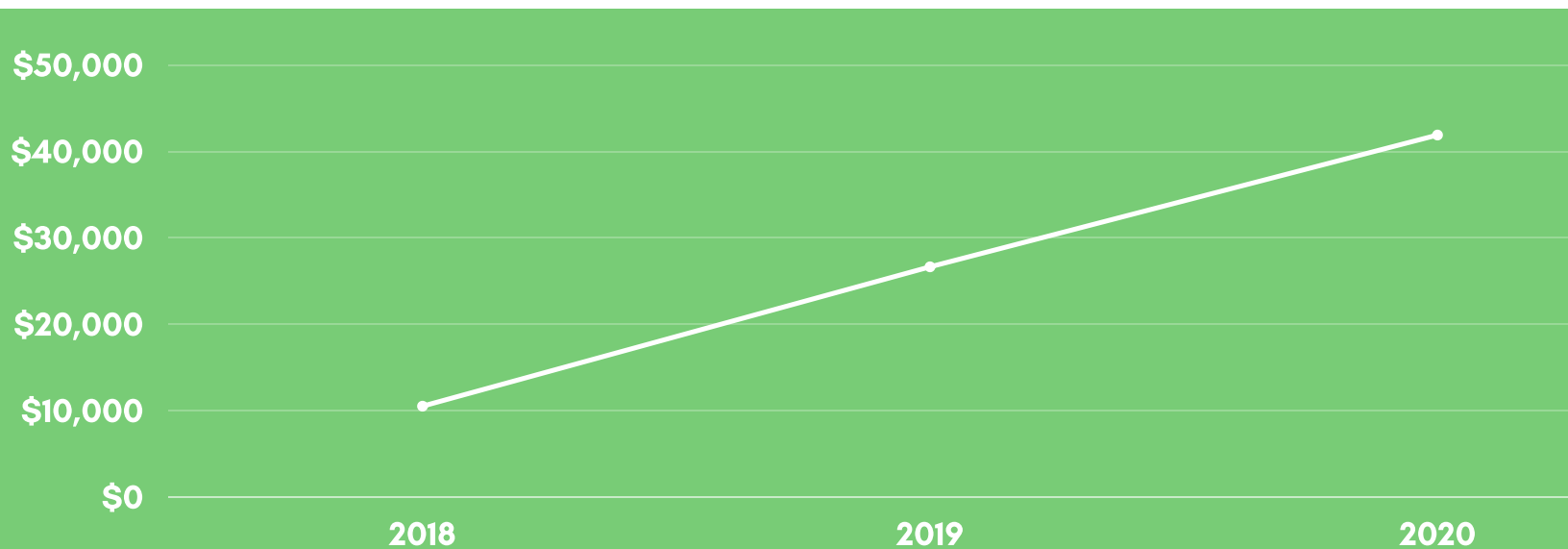
Rotating Fundraisers	\$500.00
Private Grants	\$1000.00
Corporate Doantions	\$250.00
Virtual Fundraisers	\$14,420.16
Public Donations	\$3,925.70
Other	\$25.00
Total	\$20,120.86

EXPENDITURES

Events and Fundraising	\$1500.00
Administration	\$350.00
Animal Care	\$2,320.00
Insurance	\$800.00
Total	\$4,970.00



NCWC CASH POSITION FLOW



WILDLIFE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION

In 2020 our team responded to over 210 calls for service and helped save many wild animals experiencing an emergency. While we only have capabilities to provide reptiles and amphibians with extended care, we can sometimes provide emergency medical care, welfare checks, reunites, and transportation services for birds and mammals.

WILDLIFE ASSISTED

Reptiles

- Snakes = 25
- Turtles = 18
- Lizards = 1

Amphibians

- Toads = 3
- Salamanders = 2

Birds

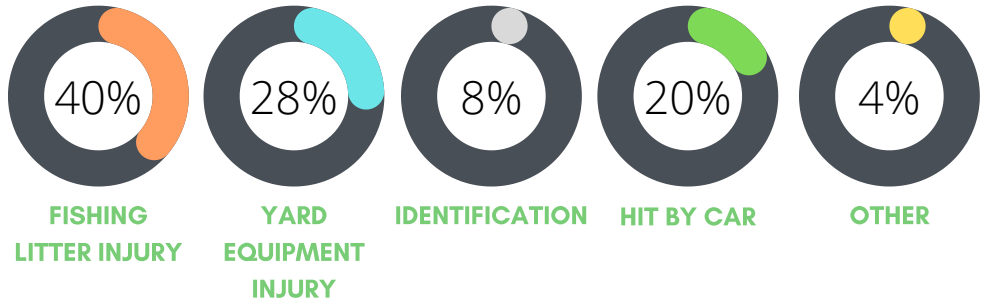
- Small birds = 42
- Waterfowl = 64
- Raptor = 1
- Turkey = 2
- Grouse = 1

Mammals

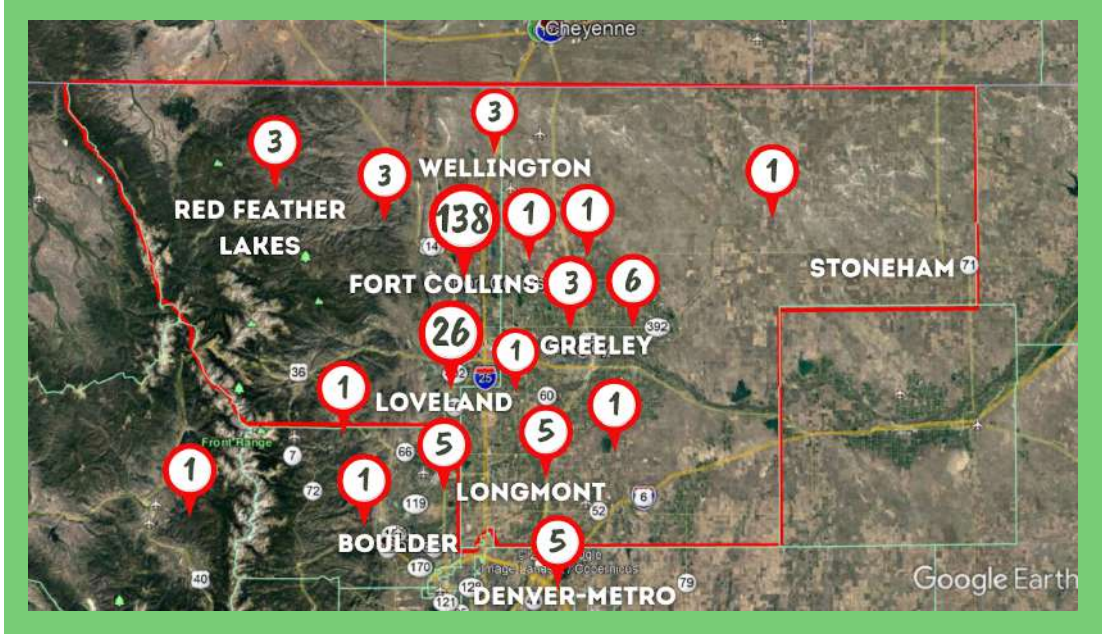
- Squirrels = 20
- Raccoons = 16
- Mice = 7
- Cottontails = 23
- Ungulates = 5
- Fox = 3
- Bats = 1

Total wild animals served = 231

CALL TYPE



NCWC SERVICE AREA MAP



2020 CASE HIGHLIGHTS

WINDSOR PELICAN RESCUES

On both November 22nd and November 29th, our wildlife rescue team responded to two different injured pelicans in Windsor. One had been tangled in fishing line with the hook in its throat, and the other was hit by a golf ball and suffered a broken wing. Both cases required a kayak for the water rescue, but our team successfully rescued and stabilized both in the field and transported them to Birds of Prey Foundation for further care and recovery.



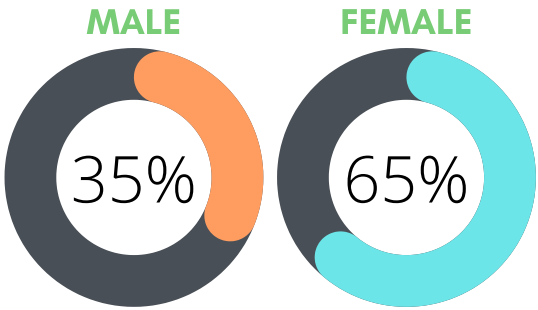
BULLSNAKE RESCUE

On July 22nd Michela Dunbar responded to help someone who had found a bullsnake tangled in their garden netting. Luckily Michela was able to quickly cut the snake out with the help of two other team members. After only a couple day stay with our licensed wildlife rehabilitator, he was able to be released back where he was found in Boulder.

WILDLIFE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

With the coronavirus pandemic halting the majority of in-person education and outreach abilities, NCWC had to adapt quickly to ensure community members of all ages could still receive the important environmental education that our team offers. Our educational programs on humane solutions and coexistence play a huge role in building appreciation for wildlife within our community, and we believe that our education can prevent situations where people unknowingly injure or orphan wildlife.

EDUCATIONAL REACH



VIRTUAL WILDLIFE MUSEUM

Our largest adaptation to a world of virtual learning was creating and implementing a virtual wildlife education center using Artsteps. This virtual museum is free and accessible to anyone with an internet connection and can be used on smart devices or computers. This virtual center features 150 educational displays and over 60 realistic, 3D rendered, interactive Colorado wildlife species.



SOCIAL MEDIA EDUCATION

In addition to increasing our social media education efforts on our Facebook and Instagram pages, we also created a YouTube and TikTok channel to further our educational reach. On average, our environmental education reached between 40,000 and 60,000 accounts per month. These new outreach tools also allowed us to begin reaching and interacting with international audiences in Canada, Australia, the UK, and Greece.

ADVOCATING FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT

While our team continues to work towards finding a property to call home for our future facility expansion, we use the 50 years of wildlife rehabilitation experience on our team to help advocate for, and increase the protection of, the open spaces and habitats that wildlife call home.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Getting outside and cleaning up natural areas was one of the easiest and safest ways people could social distance while helping wildlife in 2020. Our nonprofit not only promoted this message to our community, but also took part in it as we were able to volunteer and remove litter at over 15 different natural areas throughout Larimer and Weld county; even adopting Red Fox Meadows natural area in Fort Collins. Our team knows that by removing this mask, plastic, and fishing litter, we will prevent wildlife from being injured and allow our community members to better enjoy the beautiful aesthetics of our Northern Colorado natural areas and open spaces.



NATURAL AREAS SERVED

- Red Fox Meadows
- Kingfisher Point
- North Shields Ponds
- Pineridge
- Springer
- Cathy Fromme Prairie
- Horsetooth Reservoir
- Riverbend Ponds
- Arapahoe Bend
- Prospect Ponds
- Fort Collins City Park
- Running Deer
- Cottonwood Hollow
- Cattail Chorus
- River's Edge
- Old St. Louis
- Lake Loveland City Park



HUGHES OPEN SPACE PETITION INITIATIVE

With the help of the nonprofits PATHS and the Northern Colorado Herpetological Society, we ran a successful petition initiative aimed at protecting a 165 acres of open space in west Fort Collins. While only 3,200 signatures were required to get the measure placed on the April 2021 Fort Collins ballot, our nonprofit coalition turned in over 8,800. This placed the fate of the property in the voter's hands, and the measure to keep it open ultimately passed.

2020 WILDLIFE CENTER TEAM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tallon Nightwalker, President

Kate Boyd, Vice President

Alex Koenigsberg, Treasurer

Michela Dunbar, Secretary

Emily Olivo, Volunteer/Outreach Chair

Bob Nightwalker, Board Member

Lacey Gaechter, Board Member

Jacquelyn Schoppe, Board Member

VETERINARY TEAM

Dr. Miranda Sadar, DVM

Theresa Sterling Carlson, CVT

VOLUNTEERS

Anya Davies

Ayla Jane

Brett Hoffman

Jennie Smith

Jennifer Litzau

Keely Ryan

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Rebecca LaPole

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Sara Newman

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Trent Brant

Ty Taylor



2020 WILDLIFE CENTER PARTNERS

JOINT VENTURE PARTNER

Northern Colorado Herpetological Society

PRIMARY VETERINARY PARTNER

Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital

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Larimer County Sheriff's Office

Larimer Humane Society

Loveland Open Lands

Maxline Brewing

Nature's Educators

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Odell Brewing

PATHS: Planning Action for Transforming Hughes Sustainably

Pinot's Palette

Red Wing Shoes

Rocky Mountain Raptor Program

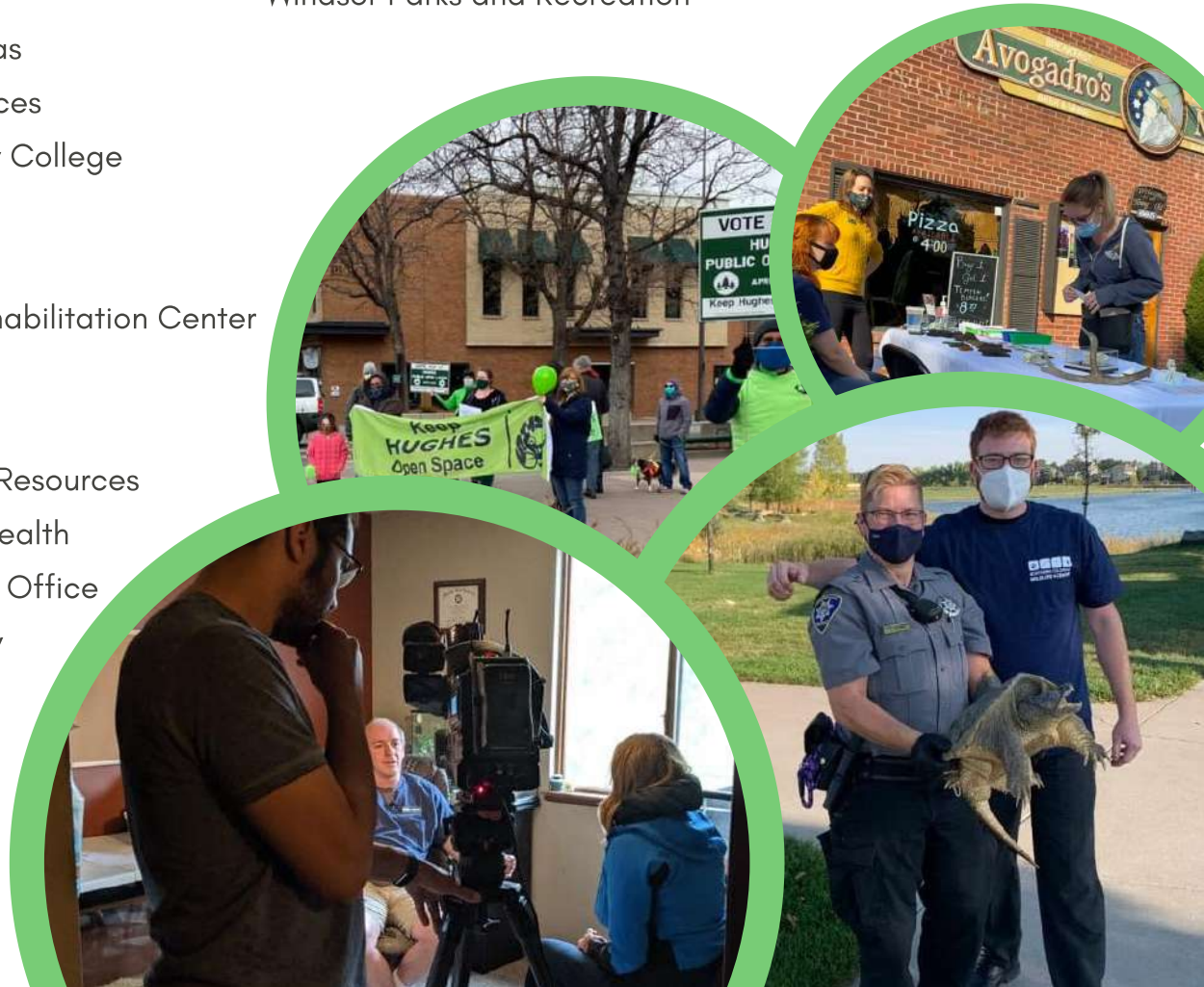
Scrumpy's Cider

The Coloradoan

Tomahawk Live Trap

Weld County Health and Environment

Windsor Parks and Recreation



2020 WILDLIFE CENTER DONORS

FOUNDATIONS

AmazonSmile Foundation
Facebook Community Fund
King Soopers Community Rewards
Network for Good
PayPal Giving Fund
Schwab Charitable Giving

MAJOR DONORS

Alex Koenigsberg
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Barbara Branstad
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Bob Nightwalker
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