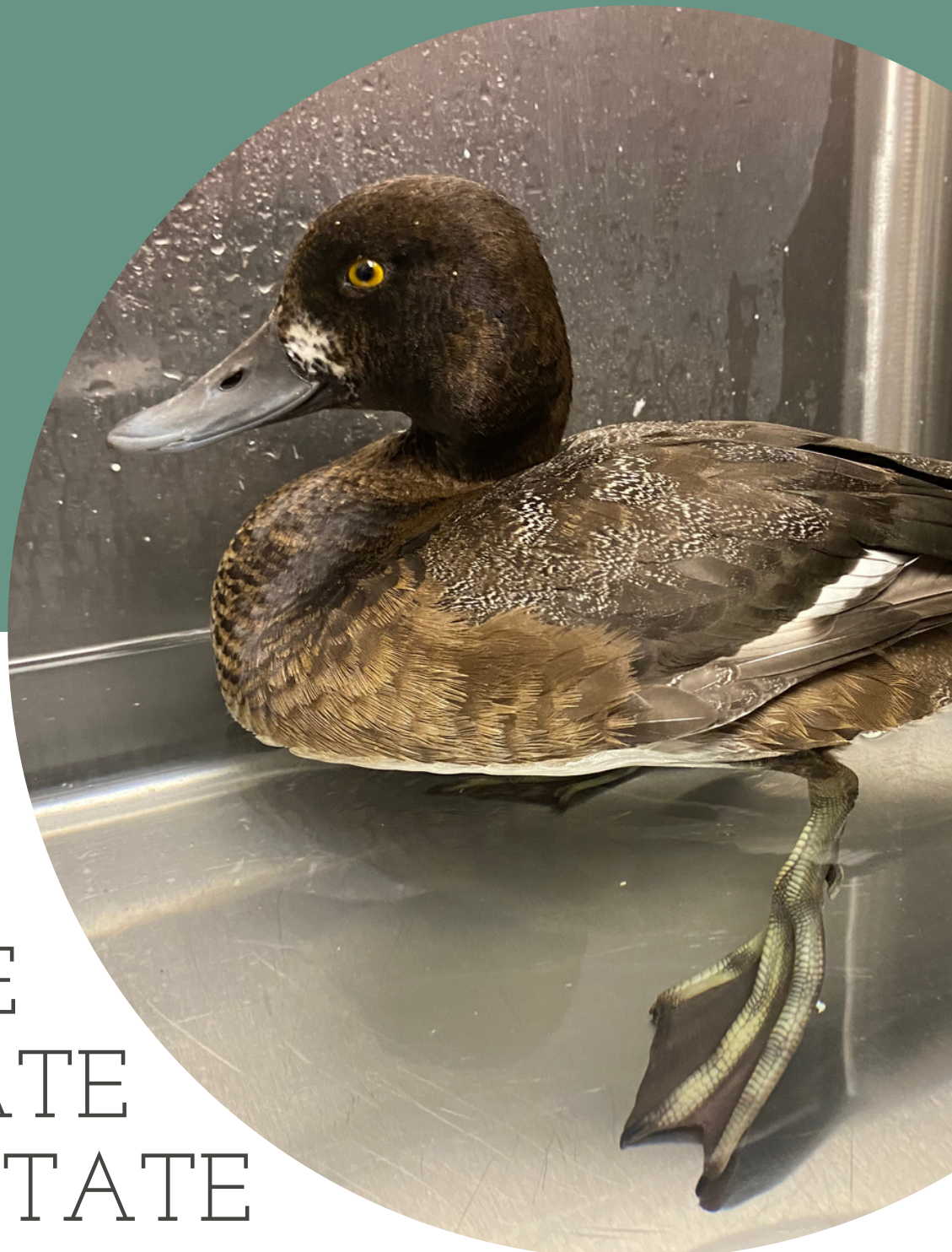




NORTHERN COLORADO
WILDLIFE + CENTER

ANNUAL REPORT

2022



EDUCATE
ADVOCATE
REHABILITATE

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear supporters of Northern Colorado Wildlife Center,

I am thrilled to share with you the incredible successes and achievements of our nonprofit in 2022. Through unwavering dedication to our mission of rescuing and rehabilitating wild animals, providing wildlife education, and enhancing habitats across Northern Colorado, it was our best year yet.

Over the year, we were able to expand our services; including co-responding to wildlife emergencies with fire and police departments, conducting inspiring educational programs for schools and community groups, and acquiring a small, temporary facility that allowed us to take great strides in expanding our resources to better rehabilitate birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians.

It's all thanks to you - our passionate supporters - that we've been able to make such incredible progress and save the lives of so many precious wild animals. Thank you!

Tallon Nightwalker

TALLON NIGHTWALKER
Director of Northern Colorado Wildlife Center



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.



WORKING TO SAVE ALL

WORKING WITH NEW SPECIES

Our team is always ready to provide assistance to animals in need, regardless of the species. In 2022, we had the privilege of working with several new species, including a fawn who needed a helping hand, a skunk who was trapped in a window well, and a hawk who was hit by a car. We are so delighted we could play a part in saving these lives.



SHARING KNOWLEDGE

We are committed to promoting wildlife rescue and rehabilitation throughout our community. In addition to providing direct care to animals in need, we also worked with municipal first responder organizations to share our knowledge and skills. By doing so, these heroes learned how to safely intervene when finding an animal in distress.



SURVIVING AVIAN INFLUENZA

During the avian influenza outbreak that hit in November of 2022, NCWC remained dedicated to serving the community. Despite the challenges posed by the outbreak, our team worked tirelessly to ensure that scores of animals received the care and support they needed. To help protect our rehabilitator's mental health, NCWC partnered with LCC-K9 to provide emotional support and therapy dogs.



2022 TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS



EXPANDING HELP FOR WILDLIFE

Throughout 2022, NCWC remained dedicated to expanding our services and resources, in order to reach more animals in need. We are proud to report that our efforts were successful, as we built up the state's first dedicated wildlife rescue response vehicle, and leased a new temporary facility. This new facility allowed our team to expand into more bird and mammal rehabilitation, in addition to continuing to care for the reptile and amphibian patients we have served since 2019. Just before Christmas of 2022, NCWC achieved rehab licensing for native bats and small mammals.

MICHELA DUNBAR RECEIVES AWARD

Michela Dunbar, one of our dedicated rehabilitators, was recognized with a Noco Style 30 Under 30 award for her remarkable work in wildlife rehabilitation. Michela's passion for animals and her commitment to their well-being has not only saved countless lives but has also inspired many others to get involved in protecting our natural world. We are proud to have her on our team!



2022 PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS

Our team celebrated two of our volunteers who were awarded Presidential Service Awards for their work.

- Chad Peeples received gold level for 400+ hours
- Rachel Peeples received gold level for 400+ hours



2022 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

REVENUE

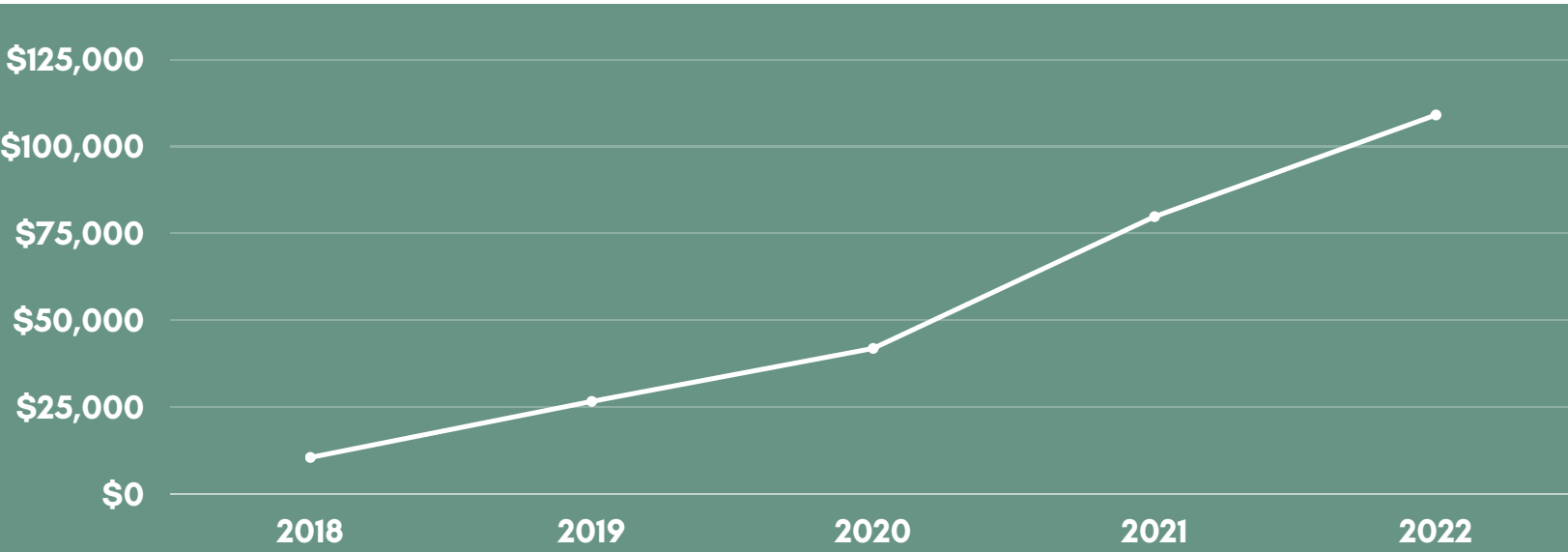
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| Fundraisers..... | \$7,040.24 |
| Grants | \$36,369.72 |
| Corporate Donations..... | \$2,912.40 |
| Public Donations..... | \$116,877.47 |
| Total | \$163,199.83 |

EXPENDITURES

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Animal Care Supplies | \$10,117.05 |
| Rescue Supplies | \$20,000.06 |
| Veterinary Care..... | \$1,840.86 |
| Educational Programs Supplies..... | \$926.09 |
| Habitat Improvement Supplies..... | \$3,000.00 |
| Donor Relations..... | \$650.00 |
| Volunteer Supplies..... | \$275.47 |
| Fundraising | \$830.25 |
| Occupancy | \$10,500.00 |
| Salary and related expenses..... | \$89,372.20 |
| Marketing/Advertising..... | \$4,313.49 |
| Permits and Licensing..... | \$1,755.00 |
| Insurance | \$6,442.33 |
| Misc. | \$4,771.59 |
| Total | \$160,203.50 |



NCWC CASH POSITION FLOW



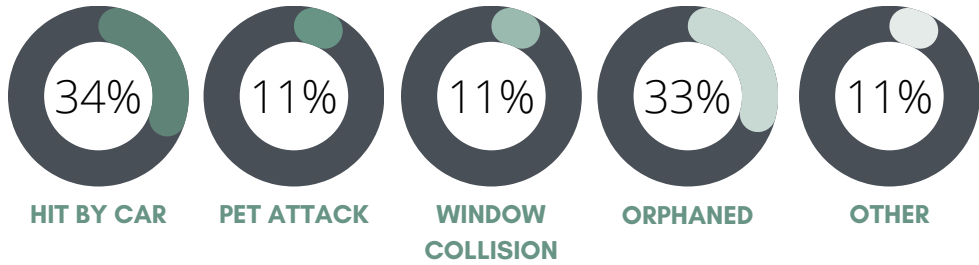
WILDLIFE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION

In 2022, our team responded to over 1900 calls for service and helped save over 2600 wild animals experiencing an emergency. That's over 5 times the call volume that we experienced in 2021. We are the only wildlife rehabilitation center in Larimer county to provide field services, emergency triage care, and rehabilitation to almost every species in the state.

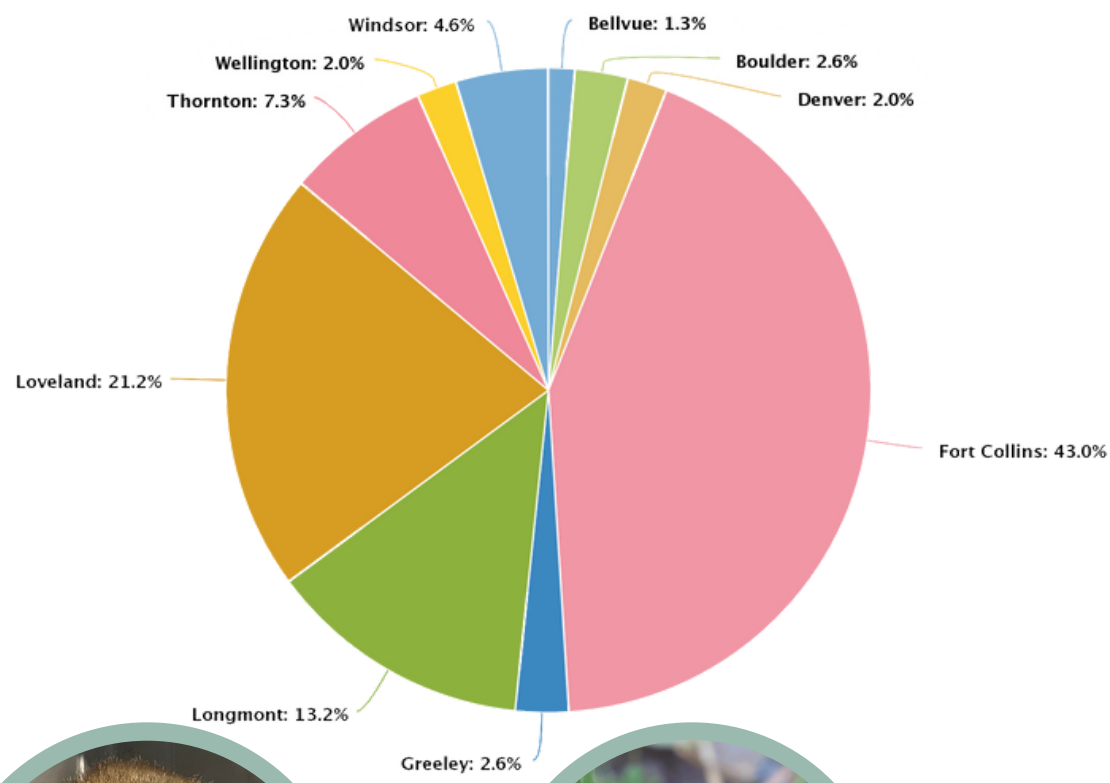
WILDLIFE ASSISTED

- Reptiles = 194**
 - Snakes = 97
 - Turtles = 95
 - Lizards = 2
- Amphibians = 18**
 - Toads = 7
 - Frogs = 3
 - Salamanders = 8
- Birds = 1,421**
 - Small Birds = 570
 - Water Birds = 642
 - Raptors = 62
 - Unknown Birds = 147
- Mammals = 977**
 - Squirrels = 214
 - Other Rodents = 43
 - Raccoons = 121
 - Cottontails = 413
 - Ungulates = 58
 - Large Canids = 31
 - Bats = 59
 - Other Mammals = 38
- Other/Unknown = 14**

REASON FOR NEEDING HELP



OUR REACH



Total animals served = 2,624

2022 CASE HIGHLIGHTS

"BILL" FINDS A SAFE FOREVER HOME

NCWC rescued a western box turtle in February of 2022 that had been abandoned at a pet store. The turtle was wild before being captured, but had been neglected throughout its life. Once in our care, the turtle received extensive medical attention, but unfortunately some of its deformities were permanent. Due to these conditions, the turtle could not be released and was instead adopted to a safe forever home where it will receive the care and attention it deserves. The turtle earned the name "Bill". In one of the photos, you can see a comparison to a healthy box turtle patient.



DUCKLINGS ALONE ON AN ISLAND

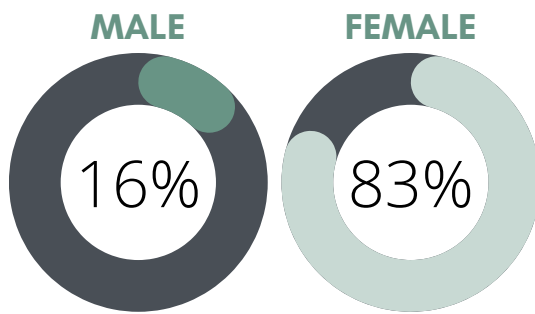
NCWC's wildlife rescue team sprang into action when they received a call about a group of orphaned ducklings stranded on a traffic island after their mother was tragically killed by a car while crossing the street. The team immediately headed to the scene and found the frightened ducklings huddled together on the island, unable to make it to safety on their own. With great care and precision, the team stopped traffic and used specialized equipment to safely transport the ducklings to the nearest wildlife rehabilitation center for urgent medical attention, and to be raised and released with other orphans.



WILDLIFE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

NCWC's education and outreach programs continue to play a vital role in promoting the humane treatment of wildlife within our community. In 2022, we reached even more people through a range of initiatives, including in-person presentations, virtual events, and educational materials that we distributed widely throughout Northern Colorado. Our programs focused on a variety of topics, from coexisting with wildlife to understanding the role of predators in our ecosystem. We are proud to have educated over 10,000 people of all ages, backgrounds, and demographics, thanks to the dedication of our skilled educators and volunteers. Looking ahead, we are excited to continue expanding our outreach efforts and connecting with even more people in the years to come.

EDUCATIONAL REACH



OUR FIRST WILD FEST!

NCWC's team hosted the first-ever Wild Fest, a highly successful environmental education event that brought together over 20 organizations under one roof. More than 500 visitors had the opportunity to interact with over 30 educational ambassador animals from various organizations, learning about local wildlife and their importance in the ecosystem.



FORT COLLINS TOP DOG

NCWC's second annual Fort Collins Top Dog fundraiser was a huge success, raising tens of thousands of dollars in life-saving funds for animals in need. Congratulations to Knox, the 2022 winner who was crowned Fort Collins' Top Dog! We are incredibly grateful to our sponsors, volunteers, and community members who supported this important event.



ADVOCATING FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT

Wildlife rehabilitation centers play a critical role in protecting and improving local wildlife habitats. This is why NCWC is committed to protecting local wildlife habitats. In 2022, our team worked tirelessly to remove hundreds of pounds of litter from natural areas in Northern Colorado, including over 3,000 feet of littered fishing line. These efforts are critical in protecting wildlife from the dangers of pollution and preserving their habitats for future generations.

TRAINING THE STEWARDS OF THE FUTURE

NCWC launched the Wildlife Hero Training class series in 2022 to teach community members how to safely intervene when they find a wild animal in distress. These free classes reached hundreds of people and also taught participants how they can help protect wildlife every day by taking simple steps such as installing chimney caps, watching for wildlife on the roadway, and closing dumpster lids. By educating our community, NCWC is empowering individuals to become wildlife heroes and make a positive impact on the lives of animals in Northern Colorado.



NATURAL AREAS SERVED

- Red Fox Meadows
- Kingfisher Point
- North Shields Ponds
- Poudre River
- Edora Park
- Ross
- Goose Hollow
- Watson's Lake
- Horsetooth Reservoir
- Riverbend Ponds
- Arapahoe Bend
- Prospect Ponds
- Fort Collins City Park
- Hughes Open Space
- Avery Park
- Red Fox
- Mountain Vista
- Cottonwood Hollow
- Cattail Chorus
- River's Edge
- Lake Loveland
- Gateway
- Reservoir Ridge
- And More!

PREVENTING INJURIES THROUGH LITTER CLEAN-UPS

NCWC is committed to protecting wildlife and their habitats by promoting environmental conservation. In 2022, our team completed two litter clean-ups per month at various natural areas, parks, and open spaces in Northern Colorado. By removing trash and debris from these areas, we are creating safer and healthier environments for local wildlife to thrive. Our efforts to keep natural spaces clean and healthy not only benefit animals, but also contribute to the overall well-being of our community.

2022 WILDLIFE CENTER TEAM

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TO OUR
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DEDICATED
VOLUNTEERS!

