

Greyhaven Exotic Bird Sanctuary

Your Opportunity to Bring a Parrot Back to Health, Happiness, and Security

Perhaps the Largest Animal Rescue in North America

In June 2016, Greyhaven Exotic Bird Sanctuary and teams of kind-hearted volunteers became involved in what may be the largest animal rescue in North America. We saved 584 parrots from deplorable conditions at the World Parrot Refuge in Coombs, BC. The news made national headlines.

The charity that had supported the refuge collapsed after the illness and death of its founder and the resignation of several board members. Conditions at the refuge were truly appalling. The birds were living in dark, dirty, rat-infested enclosures. Many of the birds were ill, underweight, mutilated, or injured due to fighting and self-harm. The SPCA ordered extensive renovations, along with veterinary care for the birds, but did not provide funding to make this happen.



Greyhaven Steps in

Everyone agreed that the situation at the refuge was untenable, and the unasked question was “What will happen if we don’t do something?” The “we” in question was Greyhaven Exotic Bird Sanctuary, a small, volunteer-run parrot rescue that normally takes in, and adopts out, about 200 birds a year. The challenge of rescuing, relocating, and rehoming almost 600 birds was overwhelming; even more overwhelming was the fear of what would happen if we *didn't* step in.

The Urgent Need for Your Support

Between the beginning of June and the end of July all of the birds were removed from the World Parrot Refuge and dispersed to several safe, temporary locations. During the relocation process Greyhaven paid staff wages at the refuge, along with operating expenses, and veterinary costs began to mount. With the removal of the birds these costs continued to climb as the organization paid rent, food, medical costs, and sundry expenses for the care of the birds. While adoptions have been moving along well, it is anticipated that wrapping up the entire endeavour will not be possible before at least the fall of 2017.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY AND HELP THESE BIRDS HAVE THEIR NEW LEASE ON LIFE

These wonderful, magical, majestic, funny, intelligent birds did nothing to deserve a life of uncertainty and fear. Greyhaven is doing everything possible to ensure that that life is behind them, but it costs money – a lot of money. By donating to Greyhaven you will be helping a precious spirit find a safe place to land.



2 Ways to Give

Donations can be sent to [Greyhaven Exotic Bird Sanctuary](http://greyhaven.bc.ca), a registered charity in Canada (you will receive a tax receipt).

1. Mail your cheques to Greyhaven Exotic Bird Sanctuary, PO Box 441, 800 – 15355 – 24th Avenue, Surrey, BC, V4A 2H9 Canada
2. Give online, or become a monthly supporter, at

<http://greyhaven.bc.ca/donate-today>