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Great Horned Owl abandoned in the city by its mother

Arapahoe County Animal Control rescues abandoned owl outside of Centennial building

Littleton, Colo. --- Arapahoe County Animal Control rescued a baby Great Horned Owl outside of an office building on Revere Parkway in Centennial last Tuesday morning. Upon examination of the vicinity, no nest was found. Animal Control Officers are baffled as to how the owl got there.

Apparently abandoned by its mother and yet still too young to fly, Animal Control had the owl transferred to the Birds of Prey Foundation where he will be cared for until he is old enough to be released to the wild. Birds of prey are generally released at the same location where they are found.

Animal Control rescues an average 350 - 400 wildlife a year. This includes small birds, skunks, rabbits, ducks, geese, raccoons, foxes, owls, hawks and rattlesnakes. The most unusual rescues however, were a fox den of babies; and a golden eagle.

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