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Geese Released After Triumphant Recovery

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WAXHAW, N.C. -- More than two dozen geese waddled their way out of their cages and into a pond for the first time in more than a month. The geese were found June 10 soaked in motor oil at the Westlake Business Park in [Charlotte](#).

That's when Deanna Epps created a temporary shelter for the geese at her [home](#) in Waxhaw. Epps and other volunteers with the Carolina Waterfowl nursed the animals back to health.

"It felt really good to get these guys back to health," Epps said. "We didn't lose any of them."

"It was physically and mentally exhausting," said Jennifer Gordan. "We had six to eight hours at a time where we were washing birds, day after day," she said.

The volunteers watched like proud [parents](#) as 26 of the 28 geese were released back into the wild on Sunday in Waxhaw. The group is still taking care of two birds that were not ready to be released.

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