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Brangelina have honking reunion

Goose returns to the pond and his mate after recovering from having a nail in his neck.

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Brad the goose is back home with his mate Angelina, thanks to volunteers with Carolina Waterfowl Rescue.

"He was honking inside his crate when we got (to the pond) and carrying on. He knew he was home and was anxious to see Angelina again," said Jennifer Gordon, director of Carolina Waterfowl Rescue. When the goose was released, "they ran to each other. It was very sweet. Some of the volunteers were tearing up."

The volunteers received the call last month about a goose with a nail through its neck at a pond in northeast Charlotte. They believe he was attacked with a nail gun.

After several weeks of attempting to capture the goose, he was netted June 7 and taken to a local vet for surgery. The nail, which pierced the goose's esophagus, was removed. Brad spent 10 days at the Carolina Waterfowl Rescue Center in Matthews resting and being treated with antibiotics and the wound healed.

"Our goal is always to get the animals back into the wild," Gordon said. "At least this time we have a happy ending." Gordon said.

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