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WILD SPIRIT WOLF SANCTUARY

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Our Mission

To provide permanent, safe sanctuary for abused and abandoned captive-bred wolves and wolf-dogs.

To educate the public on the wild wolf, the complexities of wolf-dog ownership and the excellent care and treatment of all animals domestic or wild.

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We truly need your continued support. Please remember any contribution you can make means the world to us and your donations are tax deductible.

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Our Axel proudly parades his Summer Cooler treat. Your quarterly donations are vital to our Sanctuary! Bring your camera and join the fun at our stupendous Howl-O-Ween pumpkin smash & party. Reserve your spot early (page 5).

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REBA

Cover photos:
Tasha Standish

Just try not to fall in love with our newest rescued fur-kids! We're honored to welcome five New Guinea singing dogs to our Wild Spirit family. Get to know our extremely rare kids who needed new homes after a hoarder's population was reduced (page 4). Please come visit our Singers, who New Guinea Singing Dogs International calls "a living, breathing, four-legged fossil."

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BEHIND THE SCENES By Leyton Cougar

For those of you who have been to Wild Spirit and have seen what we do and how we do it, and for those of you who are still wishing you could get out here and see what we are up to, I would like to give you a little behind the scenes tour.

If you could see our animal care division, you would be impressed by the way we feed and care for our wolves. I have no doubt at all that our animals get the best care possible. Certainly there is always room for improvement. However, the main improvement that we always think about and want to achieve is, upgrading our habitats. We would love to see them all with caves and ponds, plenty of trees, and native plants.

The real behind the scenes stuff is...what does it cost to run a sanctuary? Whew! That's where things get scary. For those of you wondering if WSWs is feeling our country's economic crisis, the answer is yes. As Executive Director (such a fancy title) it is always emotionally painful for me when I have to look at the cost of running this non-profit.

I am certain that, with the exception our Sanctuary's Board of Directors and maybe one or two employees, not many people know what it really takes to keep our doors open each month. While thinking about this newsletter article, I have been continuously baffled as to how to approach the subject without boring you with a profit and loss statement or our monthly financials. So, I am going to attempt to make things quick and easy to understand as best I can. Money and finance is not my strong suit, mostly because I never have any money to speak of. Still, in spite of really never much extra cash around, I personally feel the need to give a little each year to charities like Children's Hospital and VFW.

I often think about how insignificant my \$35.00 to \$100.00 dollars a year is to those organizations, but the more I thought about it, the more I began to consider our own non-profit. Any size donation matters to us, but we've always known life would be easier if we had a larger, much larger, membership base and animal sponsorship base.

Nationally recognized organizations like the two I just mentioned have such a large membership base that they raise serious dollars by "nickel and diming it." Heck, they can afford to send me a nickel in the mail a few times a year just to get my \$35.00! Organizations like those two also have large corporate-type benefactors that help them out, but the bread and butter are the little people like me. Their membership base has to be so large because only a small percentage of people are regular givers. I think everyone in marketing or anyone who owns a business knows this.

Wild Spirit does not have corporate sponsorship nor has received many grants over the years. It's generous folks like you who have kept us evolving and improving for the past 18 years. In order for us to keep our eyes on our future, Wild Spirit needs to find more members and animal sponsors. We have around 11,000 people on our e-mail list and our regular mailing list combined. If each of those persons would give a yearly donation of just \$35 dollars, we could easily pay our monthly bills all year.

You may be surprised to learn that when we send out our quarterly newsletter with the donation envelope inside to over 8,500 people, only about 350 people send us that envelope back with a donation, (around 1400 total each year). If each of our animals had 20 sponsors, all animal care would be covered completely each year, and even most vet care! It seems so simple. It's all about numbers, but more importantly, it's about human beings caring about wolves! I am so thankful for the handful of members that give so regularly and keep us doing what we are doing!

So anyway, here are a few numbers so you can see how your money gets spent. We have nine employees with me included, and our payroll costs are around \$173,000.00 a year. Mind you this is not just a job; it's a lifestyle. Hardly anyone works a forty hour work week. Most of the time, most of us work a minimum of 60 hours a week. During a rescue, we might do 40 hours in three days!

Our volunteer expenses are around \$24,000.00 annually. Why do volunteers cost

money? We live in such a remote area (1 hour from the nearest grocery store), that we provide our volunteers with food, housing, and transportation. Without the thousands of hours our volunteers contribute, we would long ago have expired from exhaustion.

The cost of fuel? Who wants to talk about the cost of fuel? Yikes. I was stuck in the California desert for three days just a couple weeks ago during our most recent rescue. The truck I was driving broke down and after we got it running (to the tune of nearly \$500.00); our Sanctuary credit card was full. I had to use my personal debit card and drain my savings to nearly zero to get back on my way. When I went to fill the tank...the price was \$5.38 a gallon. Whew!

Our annual fuel cost, not including fuel for rescue trips, is a fiery \$13,500.00! I have entered those free fuel for a year contests--so far no luck. Annual utilities, like electricity, propane, phone bills and internet, cost about \$34,000.00. Land payments and taxes are around \$8,000.00 and our vehicle maintenance, registration, insurance and all that, socks us for about \$13,400.00 a year.

Insurance seems to suck everyone dry of funds. I am certain all our readers wish there was a cheaper solution! Our health and general liability insurance nails us for about \$32,000.00 a year, and is only going to get higher as soon as a couple of our new employees are added to our health plan.

Marketing is vital to stay afloat in any economy and I believe our marketing costs are low. We need more money to expand our marketing, make it better, and therefore, get more people involved. The more people we can reach, the more animals we can save, and the more improvements we can continue to make overall. We currently spend a little less than \$35,000.00 a year. That dollar amount includes the paper costs of our quarterly newsletter that you are reading now and the price of bulk mailing it to you. It also includes the cost of producing our only billboard on interstate 40 and its monthly rent fee, and our brochures and their distribution from Tucumcari, NM to the Grand Canyon, AZ. Currently, we need many more brochures and wider distribution!

As we all know, everything costs money, and our country is experiencing frightening money issues. I haven't even mentioned the cost of the general grounds and habitat maintenance and the upgrading of our facility, and so on. These numbers represent keeping the doors open and maintaining the lives of our rescues in the best way we can in our current financial state. Add up those numbers and we need over \$300,000.00 a year on the low end to just barely make it happen! That's over \$25,000.00 a month needed to do what we do now, with no extras or projects like habitat maintenance and so forth.

As I write this we are in debt around \$30,000.00 in back payroll taxes. We owe money to our printer and our brochure distributor to the tune of \$8,000.00. Our vet bill is just a hair under \$4,000.00. I guess it's painfully easy to see that we need all the members and animal sponsors we can get.

We need to get more people informed and engaged with Wild Spirit and our animals we care for. Wild Spirit needs your help now and forever! When you get done reading this article, will you please set it down and slip a check for \$35.00 or more in the envelope we have sent with this newsletter and send it out tomorrow? Then would you please share us with everyone you know!

If you don't have any spare cash right now, please read about GoodSearch on page 8 of our newsletter. You can enter Wild Spirit as your charity, and then GoodSearch will donate one penny for each internet search you make. When you buy items on-line with GoodShop, you can earn even more money for our wolves. We could all earn pennies a day or more for WSWs without opening our wallets!

Thank you everyone for your continued giving. All your love and support is noticed and deeply appreciated.

best friends

Thanks to our tireless and passionate staff, Allison, George, Angie, and Taylor, plus Cheryl, Ed, Crystal and our volunteers, Alex, Billy, Chloe, Dennis, Donna, Helen, Jane, Jenah, Kristina, Mikael, Tasha, Tom, and Trae.

You're the best!

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MEET OUR NEW KIDS

For folks as crazy about canines as we are, the chance to get to know one of the rarest in captivity was like finding Wonka's golden ticket. We first learned about the New Guinea singing dogs on a TV program two years ago. Some consider these wild kids to be most like dingoes, but others report that they have completely unique DNA. They get their name from their equally unique howl which is nearly impossible to describe. Some say it sounds like a barbershop quartet, and others describe it as an ethereal trill.

We've read reports that there are less than 200 New Guinea singing dogs in captivity, and that they may already be extinct in their native habitat. Naturally, it crossed our minds that Wild Spirit would be capable of offering these wild canines a safe place to



BOWIE
photos: Tasha Standish



BONO

live. We were thrilled when the opportunity presented itself.

The story starts sixteen years ago with a Pennsylvania man who bought a breeding pair of New Guinea singing dogs from a flea market. That same year, he obtained another pair from a kennel that had been shut down by his state. By October of 2010, he had over 80 Singers. They endured unsanitary, make-shift living conditions, including a half dozen adults housed in travel crates stacked on top of one another. It was reported that the press secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture said that, aside from not holding the proper licenses and not vaccinating his Singers for rabies, she thought the animals seemed loved and fed. However, it was clear that their owner was overwhelmed and she considered him to be a hoarder. Pennsylvania animal officials decided it would be best for all but 10 of his Singers to be placed in other homes or sanctuaries, and their owner cooperated fully. We are thankful for James McIntyre from NG Singing Dogs Conservation Society who went to assist, and Tom Wendt from NG Singing Dog International who went to the rescue and found refuge for 62 of the 88 animals. We send huge thanks to Samantha Burleson from Tom's organization who called us several months later. Five of the Singers who had gone to Arizona now needed to be relocated again. After all the details were arranged, Samantha's mother Roxy drove the Singers out to us. Thank you Roxy, for making the drive.

We were elated to welcome three girls, Foxy, Reba and Princess, and two boys, Bono and Bowie. Foxy is 2 years old, and the other kids are only one. Our travel-weary kids had the unusual luxury of being examined by Silje, the celebrity "Wildlife Vet" only moments after they arrived (see story opposite). We have done no official research so far, but in our professional opinion, Singers are capable

of giving you an extreme case of "Too Cute-itis." They will steal your heart in approximately 18 seconds. As adorable as they are though, the folks who know Singers best, including the man who was hoarding them, all agree they are not good pets (sound familiar?). And the sound of their song? We...can't describe it, yet.

We read that in their native New Guinea, Singers were seen more in pairs than in packs. For 30 years now, no one in their native country has seen them at all. We've already had to do some rearranging with our five new kids. Our precious Princess now lives separately with our gregarious CoverCanine, "Reba." Thankfully, the girls are getting along so far. Both girls suffered a few bloody bites and had to be removed from the other Singers. Beautiful Foxy is the oldest, and is Princess' mom. Our boy Bowie, is ultra playful and equally adorable. Bono is our sweet "lap-dog" who sure could use some extra sponsors. While living in Arizona before coming to WSW, he picked up Coccidioidomycosis fungus (Valley Fever), which began destroying his right shoulder muscle. Bono, and all our Singers, tested positive for the fungus and all are now taking oral Fluconazole. They will continue to take it for a full year, just in case. Perhaps you could be a medication sponsor for our Singers? Our new kids have already been "fixed." Because they are inbred, none of the rescued Singers could have been good candidates for any kind of conservation breeding program.

On the lighter side, they have already fallen in love with staff and volunteers. They have also relished their first enrichment treat at Summer Coolers. We can't wait to see them with the pumpkin treats next month at our Howl-O-Ween party. Please make plans to join us for perhaps the first time in canine history that a New Guinea singing dog cracks open a treat-filled pumpkin! With your donations, you grace these precious fur-kids with a beautiful home, bellies full of top-notch food, and unending love and fun.

Sponsor one of our new fur-kids and you become one of the rarest types of animal sponsors on Earth, for one of the rarest wild canines on Earth! We think a Singer sponsorship makes an ideal gift for the holidays! Thank you for caring for our planet's wildlife, and thanks again to all those who work so hard to help protect Singers each day.



FOXY



PRINCESS



REBA



ANGIE WITH SILJE
photo: Alex Borowicz



provided a great piece of footage for "Wildlife Vet."

We had another great adventure with our new Norwegian friends when we went to Silver City to assist with some wolf-dog captures and procedures. Our Wild Spirit team helped capture the wolf-dogs, and once the animals were sedated, we assisted Silje during their examinations and vaccinations.

It was a great learning experience for me. I plan to visit Silje and Gaute in Norway next year. We will keep you posted on our film debut!

WILDLIFE VET By Angie Albrecht

This past June, Wild Spirit had the great pleasure of hosting a veterinary film crew from Norway. Silje Hvarnes, D.V.M has her own television series called, "VILLDYRLEGEN" or "Wildlife Vet." Silje and her husband, Gaute, are reality TV stars back in their home country. This married couple travels the world, along with their young daughter, helping wild animals in need, while filming their adventures for "Wildlife Vet." The Norwegian celebrities and their crew came out to Wild Spirit to shoot footage of day to day life at our Sanctuary for the second season of their show.

We lined up some routine animal care procedures such as vaccinations, ear cleaning and some blood draws for lab work. During their visit, we received our latest rescues, a group of five New Guinea Singing Dogs. Silje performed a general exam on each of the Singers, and then de-wormed and vaccinated our shy new arrivals; all the while her film crew and husband Gaute, captured the exciting event for their show.

I had the opportunity to serve as Silje's assistant. Having many years of veterinary care experience, I felt very comfortable with this role. Silje is a wonderful person and a terrific veterinarian. She has a special way about her that really helps the animals remain calm. It sure helped us humans too.

During one of our routine procedures at our Sanctuary, a local neighbor came by unexpectedly with his goat that had been wounded during a dog attack. Silje jumped into action. We were able to keep "Billy" calm and treat his injuries.

We also treated one of our arctic fur-kids, Teton, for ticks in his ears. Because Teton was raised by his mother, Sierra, he is not one of our more social animals. In order to properly treat him, we had to capture him. In a tense moment during the procedure, Teton's temperature reached 107.0 degrees, which is dangerously high. We had plenty of people around to assist in cooling him down, by applying water and cool towels to his extremities. Teton's temperature began to come down and we were able to release him without further complications. The whole procedure

Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary Howl-o-Ween 2011



Saturday, October 22nd!

3:00pm to 10:00pm

If you're looking for a Halloween Party like no other, please join us for our 6th annual Howl-O-Ween!

Reservations are REQUIRED so please call 1-505-775-3304!

Schedule of Events

11:00am, 12:30pm, 2:00pm, 3:30 pm - Guided Tours
Tag along for one of our guided tours led by a knowledgeable volunteer. These tour times will be available to anyone, regardless of your participation in our Howl-O-Ween Party.

3:00pm - Jack-O-Lantern Carving Contest

4:00pm - Pumpkin Toss

5:30pm - Ambassador Program

6:30pm - Dinner in the Courtyard

7:30pm - Wild Spirit Night Tour

8:30pm - Campfire Program

Cabins and campsites are also available at the nearby El Morro RV Park and Cabins.

This event is by reservation only. Space is limited.

Ticket prices are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children (ages 7 to 12). Price includes a free tour on Saturday or Sunday, all of the day's activities, camping, and dinner.

http://www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org/howloween_2011.php



Four mighty "Lobos" from the University of New Mexico football team brought their power to help their fellow wolves at Wild Spirit. Kicker James Aho, defensive end Jake Carr, defensive tackle Reggie Ellis, and long snapper Evan Jacobson, blessed us with an afternoon of hard work.



They made great strides on the pond and cave home for our wolves, Forest, Thunder and Alice. Carolyn Fischman and Janessa Leonsky worked right beside the Lobos all afternoon! Forest came by later to say thanks...and try to destroy a box of gloves. He paused for a moment to pose for this sweet "team photo." Howling thanks to the Lobo Football players and to Marie Lobo for setting this up. Thanks again to Christine Crawford who donated the funds and started this project earlier this summer!

We're always looking for Weekend Warriors. Give us a call (505-775-3304) and ask to speak with Taylor.



From left to right: Reggie Ellis, Evan Jacobson, Carolyn Fischman, Jake Carr, James Aho, Leyton Cougar, Forest, and Allison Bailey.

My name is George Stapleton and I would like to share with you a true story about an AMAZING place that most of you know ALL about. For those of you who do not know me or my history with WSWS, let me take you down my road to our Wolves!! The Land of Enchantment has been just that for me, Enchanting! From my first trip through Santa Fe to Mexico in 1973 (when I was 10), to a Church retreat at Ghost Ranch in 1979, I had always traveled through New Mexico, but never lived here until the mid 90's. I went to a little known area of New Mexico called Candy Kitchen, near Ramah. There I found the Candy Kitchen Wolf

and Wolf-Hybrid Rescue Ranch, aka CKRR, now known as Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary. In the early 1990's through 2003, CKRR was pioneering responsible ownership and/or rescue of captive-bred wolves and wolf-dogs as opposed to extermination. The little known 501(C)3 non-profit organization was in its early development and was sorely in need of resources and money to fulfill its mission, which included rescuing wolves and wolf-dogs from all over the country and giving them a home.

In 1995, I came to CKRR with the intent of leaving what I thought was a "wolf-dog" at the facility. I was so moved by what was happening there that I stayed for the next three years, working at the best "job" I had ever had. I lived with Wolves!! I was privileged to meet and handle Nayati, one of the ambassador wolves of this organization. With our trusty companion Kahn (the dog that I ended up leaving here), Nayati and I traveled around the Western United States educating the public about the plight of captive-bred wolves and wolf-dogs, and helped raise money to operate CKRR. Nayati, Kahn and I participated in modeling work at Artists Ride, in Wall, South Dakota, The Environmental Media Awards in Los Angeles CA, and even landed a bit part in a movie called "John Carpenters Vampires," filmed right here in New Mexico. There was so much more that we did in those glorious two years that I would like to share, so just ask me the next time you are here....

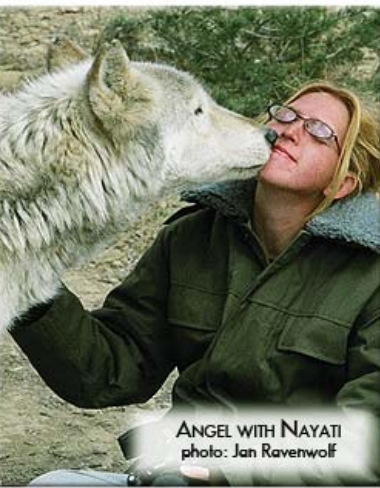
Enter Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary (aka WSWS) 2010; the evolution of CKRR, and my return to the wolves of New Mexico. Transitioning in 2003, the USDA monitored, 501(C)3 non-profit had become the premier wolf rescue facility in the Western United States. Leyton Cougar, Executive Director, and his Team of courageous, dedicated Wolf-Walkers, had somehow taken the old CKRR and placed it in a cocoon. What had emerged is one of the wonders of New Mexico: a Wolf Sanctuary, providing permanent, safe sanctuary for abused and abandoned captive-bred wolves and wolf-dogs. This metamorphosis was almost unreal to me. When I was here in the early years, we did what we could. Now, everything that can be done to care for these wolves is being done! The wolf kitchen and feeding program, the enclosures (the sizes are enormous compared to my day), the ponds and caves in the enclosures, the gift shop, I could go on and on. Just know that it was YOU all that made this happen with your generosity, and it was Leyton and his Team that translated your generosity into what you see today. And I thank you; because of You, WSWS is: rescuing wolves, providing 24 hour enrichment and physical care for those rescues, educating the public about wolves and wolf-dogs, teaching ecology and conservation of our environment with ambassador wolves, creating world-wide volunteer/intern experiences year round, and hosting approximately 7000 people for site visitation, year round.

Our task here will never end, until you and we are no longer needed, until people no longer do to wolves those things that make WSWS so necessary. What can you do? Everything!! That is what I have seen, you all made WSWS what it is today. You all have given so much, and it is your continued support that controls our future. We need and appreciate you!

OUR ANGEL...

We all sorely miss our former staff member Angel Bennett. We all wish her the best as she starts a new chapter of her life at college. We'd like to honor her by sharing some of our favorite memories of our remarkable friend.

I remember the first day I met Angel. I was visiting the Sanctuary with my dear friend, Jan. I had not been out to Wild Spirit for at least a year and although



ANGEL WITH NAYATI
photo: Jan Ravenwolf

I had never even talked to Angel, she greeted me warmly and allowed me to talk to her about my relationship with Nayati, one of the wolves I had previously developed a bond with. She was gracious enough to take me up to see my dear friend, Nayati. As we started down the tour path, Nayati saw me approaching and began to whimper and wag his tail, which was hanging low, a sure sign he recognized me. Angel pointed this out to me and I think she was a little surprised by Nayati's reaction to me, as it had been so long since I had seen him. Nayati loved Angel too. From that moment on I knew Angel was going to do great things, not only at WSWs, but in life. I miss her dearly and have learned so much from her. I wish her all the best. Angie.

I have nothing but good memories of our talented Angel; the hundreds of times she made something better, created something amazing, or made a lightning-fast decision that made the best sense. My favorite memory of Angel is when I walked into the office in the wee hours of the morning. Leyton, Lakota and I had just returned from our trip to get six arctic wolf pups. Angel was waiting and ready. Puppy Love swept over her face as she reached for the wiry, frantic, underweight pup she later named Sabine. I told her both Sabine and Storm had been struggling with nursing from the bottle, and would need as much time as Angel could give. I had not a glimmer of a doubt that Sabine and all her needy siblings would be in the greatest hands they could find. Blessing people with peace-of-mind is one of Angel's many talents. You're the greatest, and you'll be our family forever. Love, Georgia.



ANGEL WITH
SABINE & STORM

My favorite Angel moment is a simple one, but I feel the simple moments in life are always the best. She, Allison, Christina and I went in to Albuquerque the day I was to return to Richmond, following my first Howl-O-Ween. We found a quiet little Chinese restaurant called Pei Wei and had an absolutely delightful lunch, filled with good food, deep laughs, and good friends. It was probably that day when I realized I must return to the Sanctuary for good, simply because of the community and friendship I felt. Taylor

Angel and I sat at an Albuquerque I-Hop after a long and stressful night. Just the day before, we were shopping in the 'big city'

until we received a phone call from Leyton. Sassy was attacked by her pen mates and he was currently rushing her to the veterinarian. Before long, we had traveled to one vet, then another, as the clock ticked the evening away. Angel decided to remain at the emergency vet with Sassy while Leyton and I checked into a motel. When the morning dawned, Leyton took over the watch of Sassy, and Angel and I tracked down the nearest I-Hop for breakfast. If I thought I was tired from the tossing and turning in bed, I honestly couldn't believe how Angel was still awake. She must have been absolutely exhausted, which she confirmed when we discussed her night in Sassy's small recovery kennel. When the waitress arrived, Angel ordered one of I-Hops infamous pancake concoctions and I ordered something much smaller - granola, I believe. She stared quizzically at me, wondering how I wasn't hungry, and I stared back, curious at how she could eat such a big meal. She said that when



ANGEL AT THE VET
photo: Jan Ravenwolf

stressed, she wants to eat comfort food. I replied when I'm stressed, I get ill thinking about a meal. Soon we were reliving past Sanctuary emergencies or other stresses in our lives. One thing led to another, and it wasn't long before we were laughing and joking while downing cup after cup of coffee. Just two good friends chatting about a job they both love so dearly, despite the stresses and occasional heartbreak, over a plate of pancakes and a bowl of granola. Allison.

Angel had a way of only having to tell you something just one time, and if you did not get it, there were rarely second chances. Let me tell you my lesson from an Angel. I made the mistake of taking a person in with a wolf; at that time I did not have this permission. Later, Leyton actually read about this incident when it was posted on-line and asked me about it. He was mad, but the disappointment from Angel was excruciating! When Angel asked me why I had done that, I had no response. I have never felt so bad about letting a person down - this was no ordinary person, this was Angel. My respect for her demanded so much more and when given the opportunity to demonstrate that respect, I failed! And I do not fail. I had let down the "Angel" of Wild Spirit, and I knew it. She did not even have to say or do anything; it was in my tears of shame, as plain as the heart that I wear on my sleeve. She never said a thing to me to make me feel bad, she never yelled at me. This young woman had (has) a power about her which makes you only want to do your best. My lesson from an Angel: if you walk with wolves, mind what you do, lest the wolf be put in danger. Thank you, Angel...I miss you...George.

ANGEL WITH FOREST



EARN DONATIONS EVERYTIME YOU SEARCH & SHOP ON-LINE!

When shopping on-line for the Holidays or anytime, use GoodShop and earn money for our wolves! Over 2,500 on-line stores will donate a percentage of your purchase to WSWs. Plus, GoodSearch will donate one penny for each search you make using their toolbar or website. Without even thinking about it, we could each earn at least a dime a day for our wolves! Since 2005, you've raised over \$3,900 through GoodSearch. Now, you can even track how much you've earned personally. It's so easy, and costs us nothing. So, get to shopping and searching for the wolves! Encourage your friends, your kids, and folks at work to use GoodSearch every day. Let's watch this simple tool work wonders for our Sanctuary. Thank you so much for opening your hearts to our wolves and wolf-dogs. We couldn't be here without you.

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1. Go to www.goodsearch.com/goodshop.aspx
2. Enter "Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary" in the box that says "Enter your charity here."
3. Click the "Verify" button and then download the toolbar.
4. Search for a store, or pick from a list under "Search for Store Name," or "Find Stores from Store List." Click "Shop Now."



Karen Tiner and Cipriano Salas made it happen! Our heartfelt howl of thanks to them, and the Herculean volunteers from Team Depot for one stupendous afternoon of getting stuff done! They knocked out a stretch of our tour path and then presented us with gifts when our wolves Flurry and Forest came out to meet them. We also send our deepest thank you to The Home Depot for the fat donation check that helped make it all possible. We've seen the power of The Home Depot!



Photos: Jenah Osland



SPONSORSHIP NUMBERS

We've calculated that it takes a minimum of 15 sponsors per year at \$125 each to help take care of one of our rescued fur-kids. Of course our ultimate goal would be for each of them to have hundreds. Most of our kids lost some sponsors, but new kid, Junior, soars to #3 with 21, while Argo finds 12, but Gypsy is bumped from #3 to nearly last with only 7 renewed sponsors! Our New Guinea Singers are in last place, and looking for help. We think a sponsorship package makes a great gift! Your support keeps our animals thriving and our hopes alive. Thank you!

Ally.....40	Lucian.....11	Savannah.....8
Contessa.....27	Nimoy.....11	Azteca.....7
Junior.....21	Romeo.....11	Cove.....7
Jaeger.....20	Thunder.....11	Gypsy.....7
Dakota.....18	Duchess.....10	Nakota.....7
Silva.....14	Goldie.....10	Navar.....7
Kota.....13	Lani.....10	Oscar.....7
Alice.....12	Luna.....10	Rain.....7
Argo.....12	Maki.....10	Specter.....7
Axel.....12	Riot.....10	Skye.....6
Cheyenne...12	Sabine.....10	Teton.....6
Storm.....12	Sassy.....10	Katrina.....5
Sugar.....12	Shasta.....10	Saint.....5
Angel.....11	Two-Toe.....10	Bono.....0
Brutus.....11	Brutus II.....9	Bowie.....0
Dusty.....11	Juno.....9	Foxy.....0
Flurry.....11	Nikki.....9	Princess.....0
Forest.....11	Akela.....8	Reba.....0
Lakota.....11	Powder.....8	

WEEKEND WARRIORS

Please come out and be a part of our exciting transformation. We would love to have volunteers who enjoy building, and working outside bring their power to our projects. Donating your valuable time for our wolves makes things happen. Currently, our projects are: Cave Houses and Ponds inside enclosures (while the animals wait in other enclosures), and finishing our Tour Path. Contact Taylor at Wild Spirit (505-775-3304), and let him know when you can come out. Hope to see you soon!

HOWL-O-WEEN - FALL FUND-RAISING PARTY

We work diligently to make each day at our Sanctuary a great one for our furry residents. Beyond providing superior care all year, we like to enrich Sanctuary life with four festive days of just plain fun. And you're invited, so bring your camera! We're passing out stuffed pumpkins on October 22nd (details page 5). The festivities are possible thanks to your donations. Each quarter, we ask you to send a \$35 donation, either using the envelope provided, or with an on-line credit card donation, or give us a call with your credit card number. Your donation is tax deductible and any amount is vital to us. For each \$35 donation, we'll send you a personalized Howl-O-Ween certificate with a photo of an animal of your choice relishing the treat you helped provide. Thank you!

FUND-RAISER PHOTO GALLERY THANKS FOR SUMMER COOLERS!



NAVAR
Age: 8 Sponsors: 7



KATRINA photo: A Albrecht
Age: 4 Sponsors: 5



ARGO
Age: 4 Sponsors: 12



BOWIE photo: Tasha Standish
Age: 1 Sponsors: 0



DAKOTA
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FOXY photo: Tasha Standish
Age: 2 Sponsors: 0



JUNIOR photo: A Albrecht
Age: 11 Sponsors: 21



RIOT photo: A Albrecht
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PRINCESS photo: Tasha Standish
Age: 1 Sponsors: 0

WISH LIST

GIFT CARDS

In our opinion, you can never go wrong donating a gift card. Our favorite stores are: Wal-Mart, Home Depot & Sam's Club.



LATEX GLOVES

We feed our fur-kids raw meat, so our volunteers must wear vinyl or latex gloves. All sizes, please, but XL for sure.



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BUILDING SUPPLIES

Maybe you've got a surplus of the following items? If you don't feel like hauling them out, you could purchase a Home Depot gift card and we'll do the shopping and hauling!

PLYWOOD- 1/2" & 1/4", 4' x 8'

PRIVACY FENCE- 6' x 3 1/2"

CINDER BLOCKS- 8 x 8 x 16

CONCRETE MIX- 60 lb bags



PORTABLE WELDING BENCH

We spend many hours welding metal for enclosures, gates and fencing. Life would be sweeter if our work sat up higher.

CHIPPER/SHREDDER

We'll tidy and care for our surrounding woods and make mulch to keep our animals' enclosures cleaner & more comfortable.

BATTERIES FOR SOLAR POWER

Naturally, we're "Going Green." Some buildings are already solar, and some need more batteries to power up. We use 12v, marine deep cycle, 590-720 CCA from Wal-Mart.

CONTACTOR TABLE SAW

18 VOLT CORDLESS DRILLS

INK PRINTER REFILL KITS

Here's another item you can shop for online through GoodSearch, and WSWS will get a percentage of the sale as a donation. We need lots of black ink, but color, too.

EQUIPMENT RENTALS

Please save us hours of manual labor!

COMMERCIAL TRENCHER- ONE WEEK

BOBCAT- TWO WEEKS



PICK UP TRUCK- Ford F250 or F350

with 8' bed and lift gate for hauling meat. We drive over 900 miles weekly, for meat & supplies. The meat can weigh up to 3000 pounds per pick up so we need a heavy duty truck!



"LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK

Helping us spread the word about Wild Spirit is one of the best ways you can help us. Of course, The Social Network is nearly unbeatable for easily keeping in contact with people you know, and finding new people with similar interests. We kindly ask you to "Like" us on Facebook. If you're already on Facebook, please visit Leyton's page and Flurry's page by typing their names in the search box. You can also go to Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary's page. There are a lot of "Wild" entries, so make sure you get to us. Then, just click the thumbs up button. The more people "Like" us, the more exposure we get. If you're thinking Facebook is just for young folks, talk to Leyton's parents, Myrlee and Terry. They're having a great time checking in with family and friends!

WILD GIFTS

Order online at www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org, send the form in this newsletter with your payment, or call us for a credit card order.



\$20
plus \$5
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A WOLF AND HIS MAN

A Wolf and His Man by Liz Parr and Leyton Cougar is the amazing story of the twelve year relationship between Leyton and his wolf partner, Raven. It's also a remarkable photo chronicle with full color, glossy illustrations of their unique story. We think it makes a great gift, and we're sure it's something most folks don't already have. Call 505-775-3304 or order online at our website at www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org. And now on

Amazon! (Make sure to buy your copy using GoodShop for a donation to WSWS)! If you've read *A Wolf and His Man*, we would really appreciate a review on Amazon. Thanks for all you do!



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HOWLING CD

Our original Wild Spirit CD allows you to enjoy captured huffs, puffs, whines, snorts, snarls, growls, and of course - most breathtaking of all - our wolf howls. Marvel at more than fifty wolves singing together in harmony; some tracks are just wolf sounds, other are accompanied with music. A small booklet accompanies your CD and explains the different sounds and songs.



\$12
4 pack
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GREETING CARD 4-PACK

Hannah Leigh Jones created this painting in 2009 when she was 12. We've turned it into a full color greeting card. A wolf and a raven dancing by a moonlit forest lake make this charming card suitable for any occasion. This young artist shares her talents and love for wolves to help the rescues of Wild Spirit. We hope to put

a calendar together featuring Hannah's paintings, but look for more greeting cards soon.



What did you do?! I'm telling...



We love to thank people! Please don't hesitate to let us know if you or someone you know needs to be mentioned in our newsletter. We truly appreciate you all!

JUDY MYERS- Our belated thank you for toys for Dusty Pup and joint supplements for Silva! Thank you, Judy!

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF ED GARDNER-

A heartfelt thank you to the following list of folks.

We join you in mourning the loss of such a fantastic man: Athena Korines and Nichole Rofus, Donna Koczurik, Arlene Sopata, Hollie Hollon, Janice Shimokubo, Ellen Rutherford, Mary Makrenas, Leslie Figueroa, Jennifer Russ, Julia French, Marlene Deck, Eric Enders, Victoria Bastian, Ellen Spurr, Kelly Bullock, Michelle Wells, Patty Escobar, Dawn Rumoro, "On behalf of all of his many friends at Comcast" Cynthia Hennecke, Rich Boote, Breena Garside, John & Judy Damusis, Neil Shapiro, Margaret Mancoff, Lisa Covert, Linda & Joel Mollner, Carol E McCormick, Catharine Ward, Denise LaChance, Meredith Hatcher, Karen Demas, Meg Walsh, Marcia Parker, "with love from Sue & Frank's co-workers at Guidant Wealth Advisors" Geoffrey Cheesman, Gayle Gordon, Joanne Saccomanno, Mary Ellen Rossi-Knickel, Sharon Costello, Rhonda Konrath, Celia Grace Murnock, John & Mary Lucas, Patricia Malatia, Edward Budzynski, Dale & Marilyn Shinavar, Edward & Margaret Perotti, John & Theresa Schmidt, Robert & Susan Brunner, Edna & David Atella, Marilee Ciello & F. Michael Smith, Michele Slowinski, Stevan & Sandra Sormaz, Diane Holmes, Hallie Garside, Jim, Jill & Sophie Gollwitzer, Pablo Sosa, Kathy Mora, Rosemarie Carsello, Marcia Mueller, John & Jennifer Weber, Lou & Ellen Brock, Jerry Fiore, Robert & Dolores Vanoni, Susan Zondor, Holly A. Barrett, John & Judy Damusis, and Linda Drake.

WOLFSTOCK- Massive thanks to Christina Basler and the tremendous bands who made our first fun WolfStock a howling good time: Rebbe's Orkestra, Candela, Goddess of Arno, Balkan Dance Band, The Seeing Things, Trout and Norm. See you next time!

BIG BEEFY CHECKS- Dick Thayer, Jan Ravenwolf, TV 2 Norway, Wanda Langlet, Nancy Kinneman, Robert Stecko & Beth Stuart, Tom & Jane Tally, Terri Parsons, John & Judy Damusis, Anthony & Kay Marks, David Dorsey, David & Loretta Frow, and Wanda & Russell Langlet. Thank you all so much for your inspirational generosity and the sigh of relief it brings us.

BERNICE DALBY- Our dear friend Bernice came to save the day and shaved off over one third our outstanding printing bill. Thank you, Bernice, from the bottom our hearts!

NORMA YOUNG- WSWs best friend Norma has always been there for our wolves, and for us, too. Thank you, Norma, for blessing us with your unwavering support.

MARY JANE FASO & ELLEN TICKNER- Happy Birthday Mary Jane and Ellen, and thank you for requesting donations to our Sanctuary in lieu of birthday gifts!

ELYSE BARKIN- Thank you Elyse for the lovely wolf portrait necklaces for our gift shop!

DAVE DORSEY- Dave came and spoiled us with a truckful of grills, tools, and gloves. Thank you Dave for always knowing how to brighten our lives.

JOAN LAMUNYON SANFORD- Thank you Joan for coming out to do chair massage at Open House and making a donation

for our wolves!

LORRIS ADAMS- Thanks dear pal, for the prints & donation!
DICK THAYER- Dick always blesses us with his constant support, and peace of mind. Thank you Dick for the beefy check needed to get our ATV repaired. It makes life so much easier.

PAUL CASTER QUIKCRETE- Thank you Paul, for the cement donation! You're making our wolf home makeovers a reality.

STEPHEN COLE- Thanks Stephen, for great box of help!

REBECCA COHEN- Howls to 8-year-old Rebecca and friends who had a lemonade and pencil stand to raise money for our wolves. What a fantastic job! (Romeo says, "Hi!")

WALTER MEECH OF C&E CONCRETE- We are so excited and grateful for the donation of 40 tons of crusher fines to help our tour path transform! Thank you so much, Walter, for this stellar contribution!

TERRY & BOBBI SHELTON AND EDDY MAUZY- Thank you to our dear friends whose invaluable work has made some of our big wishes come true. Most recently, we thank Terry and his friend Eddy for calling Walter Meech at C & E Concrete. Walter agreed to donate 40 tons of crusher fines for our tour path! We appreciate you and couldn't be happier that Terry is getting stronger!

TOUR PATH HEROES- Huge thanks to our latest sponsors: Jan Ravenwolf, Paul Oostenbrug, Ginny Kagan, David Craft, Dotty Weller, Catherine Goessman, Razvan Preda, Bonnie Long, Alyssa Peterson, Kirsten Swenson, Marie Lobo and Casie, Jeannie, Ginger, RJ, Karen, Kevin and Rebecca, Anonymous, Blake Bouraw, Susan Fox, Edward Khmara & Joy Silha, Jessica Gilmore, Nikki Mann, Lee & Jeanie Nguyen, George Shuster, Barbara Damron, Nancy Hoffman, Carol Capitano, Marion Mallard, Laura & Alan Winland, Louise Kahn, Rich Trommer, and Sharon Milhomme.

JANESSA LEONSKY- Thanks Janessa, for working so hard for our wolves, making things happen, and helping us find new contacts. We appreciate your time and energy!

SILENT AUCTION- Thank you to all the wonderful businesses who participated in our recent silent auction which helped to raise funds for our tour path project.

LANNIE YAEGER- Thank you Lannie for the cutting boards that make food preparation so much smoother!

SUSAN MILLER & CAROL CAREY- Thank you Susan and Carol for the terrific donation of meat cleavers and sharpener for us people and the Dasuquin, jerky, and toys for fur-kids!

DENISE VLOYDKA-HUTCHINSON- On behalf of our animals, a howling thank you, Denise for the gobs of healthy Canine Discovery vitamins and relieving Joint Discovery supplements!

LISA BELL- Thank you Lisa, for your magnificent support over the years, and for always scanning our Wish List for items you can help with, like the envelopes!

JILL JACOBS- We send our howls of thanks to Jill, our former Board Member, who donated countless hours, brainpower, and creativity to make WSWs a better place. Jill made many wonderful things happen for our Sanctuary over the years. We all wish her the best in California.

OPEN HOUSE- Thank you for joining us at Open House this August, and we thank all of those who came to help out!

RICK AND MARY KAY SANBORN- A thousands thanks for helping us get the donated chevy Tahoe!

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FROM ALBUQUERQUE

I-40 West to Grants, take Exit 81. Turn left onto Hwy 53, go about 44 miles. About 2 miles past El Morro, look for a sign for Mountainview & Pine Hill. Turn left onto BIA 125, go 8 miles (through Mountainview). Turn right onto gravel road BIA 120. Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary is 4 miles down on the left.

FROM GALLUP

Hwy 602 South, stay on 602 to intersection for Hwy 53. Turn left. Go through Ramah, then 10 more miles to BIA 125. Turn right onto BIA 125, go 8 miles (through Mountainview). Turn right onto gravel road BIA 120. Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary is 4 miles down on the left.



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