

THE HOWLING REPORT



Spring 2012

WILD SPIRIT WOLF SANCTUARY

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.

This Issue

Each of your donations means the world to our rescued wolves and wolf-dogs. Your support has made our evolution a reality, & our future full of hope for exciting new goals to reach.

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photo:
Angela Albrecht

Kota

AGE: 5 SPONSORS: 11
Our giant sweet pea, Kota, is featured on our 2012 membership magnet. Please give a Wild Spirit membership as a gift for someone this year. We think our membership items help us all spread the word about our Sanctuary.

about us

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11am 12:30pm 2pm 3:30pm
CLOSED MONDAY
See Map On Back Cover

Big Dreams

by Leyton Jay Cougar, WSWS Executive Director

Over the years, many people have asked what our goals are for Wild Spirit. My usual answer is to tear down the habitats, close the gift shop the campground and shut our doors for good, because the phenomena of humans owning wild animals, especially wolves as pets, has ended! But that is a pipe dream!

So with that in mind, what are our more realistic plans for Wild Spirit? In one word, improve! The idea is to continue to upgrade the quality of Wild Spirit, not necessarily the quantity of animals. Wild Spirit has come a long way in twenty years, but there is always room for making things even better for our animals that live here, for the humans who work here, and for the guests who come to see our wolves. We plan to enhance all aspects of our little Sanctuary and to create a lasting positive experience for our residents and for our guests. We don't always get to move at the pace we'd like, but you, our incredible members, have made it possible for us to dream big and be amazed at our continued evolution.



Cave House

Animal Care- We feel that the one thing we do best at our Sanctuary is animal care. From the highest quality diet to vet care, our wolves are treated better than most animals at any zoo or sanctuary. Our dream is to reach toward creating the highest quality habitats that we can provide. We envision all of them undergoing extreme make-overs with beautiful and diverse landscaping, ponds and cave houses. Having a body of water in all the habitats will offer cooling pleasures for our animals and enrichment for those wolves who love to swim or just take a dip to cool off in the summer heat. Thanks to our generous sponsors, we have completed Wild Makeovers for Skye and Brutus, and have nearly completed Forest Pack, and Cove and Lucian enclosures. We would also love to install mister systems in the habitats to aid in cooling down our wolves and our guests who visit. During our winter months, we intend to find a way safely to keep our animals' water troughs from freezing overnight in the sub zero temperatures that we get all winter. Then, our rescues can help themselves to water after hours when their caretakers have gone home. We also want to move all the entry gates on the habitats to the rear of the enclosures instead of the front that obstructs the viewing of our animals.

Education- Wild spirit has a unique and unforgettable educational outreach program. We take one of our wolf ambassadors out to meet and educate the public in the schools, community centers, national parks, and local events. One of our immediate goals is to enhance and extend our program by putting together better educational materials and presentations which would include vital programs like wolf and wolf-dog identification for animal control officers and shelters. Unfortunately, over the years, we have learned about so many dogs who are unnecessarily put to death simply because someone misidentified them as being a wolf or wolf-dog. At the request of shelters and animal control offices in five states, we are putting together a program that will aid authorities in properly identifying what a wolf is and what a wolf-dog is. Another dream is to build an educational amphitheater with bleachers on our Sanctuary grounds for our guests to be able to benefit from our educational programs. We also have a beautiful, unfinished, un-used building, that we dream of finishing in order to create an

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Future Ed Center

educational center where school groups and other guests can come for classroom-type seminars as well as being able to offer other extended learning programs that we can host with guest speakers and educators. We want to put in additional parking lots that will allow more cars and even school buses. We will be able to expand our educational outreach so that we can impact a greater volume of humans who we feel need to understand the plight of the wolf.



Ducks on Raven's Pond in March

to be working with Discovery Exhibits on a proposal for beautiful educational signage along our tour path that informs our guests about our rescues and about wolves in general. Along the new tour path, we'll also place more shaded sitting benches, so our guests can rest quietly, and enjoy our surrounding wolves at their leisure. With our new tour pathways and barriers, our guests will be able to walk safely through our Sanctuary un-escorted, instead of being required to have a tour guide assist them. Of course we will always provide guest tours and educational tours, but that won't always be necessary for people who want to see our animals at their own pace. We have a goal to get our maintenance department better equipped with a new building for tool and equipment storage, and a work shop for all the projects we are constantly working on. We envision a covered mechanic shop so we can work on our vehicles, backhoe and lawn mowers protected from the weather. Our 40-acre campground is in need of dozens more picnic tables, water hydrants throughout and upgraded toilet systems. Our shower houses need proper grey water systems and we'd love to offer water and power hook ups for RV's. We hope to enhance our campground with a few smaller cabins so we can better accommodate our extended-stay guests, and folks who are using our campground as their hub for other local activities and attractions, like the national monuments, ice caves, lava tubes and Zuni pueblo. We also have plans for creating a Memorial Garden full of native-plantings to honor our animals that we have rescued and that have passed on, as well as a place to honor the memory of our wonderful donors.



Tour Path

Future Dreams- Among our big dreams for the future is to build a restaurant in our founder Jacque's old house, so we can feed the guests who drive so far to come see us, as well as serve our campground guests who will be staying the night or weekend. We also have visions of a full service dog-playground, and children's educational park to make Wild Spirit the perfect full family destination.

Your incredible generosity and support has made us evolve in astounding ways so far. We know, with your continued support, we will be able to reach all our goals, and continue toward our ultimate goal of being unequivocally the best sanctuary and wolf educational facility in the world. I believe with the help from people like you, in a short time, we will be just that. Thank you all for your invaluable support.

best friends

Thanks to our tireless and passionate staff, Allison, George, Angie, and Rory, plus Cheryl, Crystal, Ed and our volunteers, Taylor, Tasha, Ramon, Robin, and Rae. You're the best!

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Zoerro & Contessa
photo: Allison Bailey



to be reckoned with and I'm getting trained on (making friends with) other wolves and wolf mixes in our Sanctuary.

Check Out our Videos Online

At our website: wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org

Youtube: youtube.com/wswolfman

Facebook: facebook.com/leyton.cougar

And if you haven't already, check out Flurry and Zoerro's fun outing to El Morro: Go to youtube.com/wswolfman and click on "Zoerro and Flurry at El Morro."

Zoerro, all the other kids and I look forward to seeing you at Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary!

Zoerro- The Adventure Continues

by Rory Zoerb, WSWWS Grounds & Maintenance Foreman

In the previous Howling Reporter, I had the opportunity to share with our readers some of one person's experience raising a wolf (with some dog in it?), from 8 weeks to 19 months of age – my experience with Zoerro prior to bringing him to WSWWS. (http://wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org/animal_zoerro.php). I used that first article to highlight some of the challenging behaviors that can be found in a real high-content wolf "mixed" with a dog.

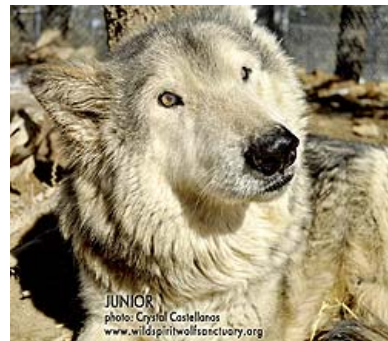
What I didn't mention, and I feel I should, is all of the fun that Zoerro and I had together. But highlighting and going into detail about all the good stuff, without first providing some full-spectrum education, might get other humans and high-content wolf mixes into situations that, in my opinion, should never exist. Wild animals do not make good pets, companions, couch potatoes or jogging partners. And how much "wild" one can expect in a wolf mix as it matures, is up to genetics. It's a roll of the dice or "Wolf Mix Roulette," if you will. And of course there is the individual personality of the animal. And yes, depending on one's definition of success, there are those that would argue that there are successful high-content wolf mix situations out there.

Truly high-content wolf mixes usually find themselves incarcerated... locked up... confined to specially constructed dirt, concrete and steel enclosures! The lucky ones, the ones that receive a lot of love, time, hard work and conditioning, get to enjoy a life of "controlled enrichment", i.e., going on leashed walks, meeting people and exploring new places. Zoerro is one of the lucky ones, as are Flurry, Storm and Forest, our Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary Ambassadors. They get to go out into the world and help us educate the public – in controlled situations. And thanks to our supporters, all of the animals at Wild Spirit Sanctuary are lucky rescues. The dedicated WSWWS staff and volunteers work very hard to enrich their lives, each and every day, with the resources available to us. But, for every lucky animal here at the sanctuary, there are literally hundreds out in the public that experience torment, abuse, neglect, and in too many cases, very short lives at the hands of human beings... because of the wolf in them.

I've just skimmed the surface of a very controversial subject that needs a lot more time and space... stay tuned! In the mean time, let's move on to what's happening at our Sanctuary. To mention a few; Zoerro and Contessa are now quite the "campus couple" (Contessa is robbing the cradle), Leyton Cougar, our Executive Director, is building Team Wild Spirit into a wolf advocacy force

Update Junior

Photo and Story by Crystal Cordera



The team and I met at five in the morning. Operation "Get Jaeger and Junior to the Vet on Time" was underway. Allison and George headed off to Jaeger's enclosure with the hope that they would be able to get him in the sub-enclosure. Angie and I grabbed some

hotdogs and started off to Junior's habitat. As we approached Junior and Zari, all the wolves were wound up, and my "old guys" were no exception! Angie helped me put the kennel in the sub-enclosure and we closed the gate behind us. Following Leyton's advice, I stuck the hotdogs in the back of the kennel. I turned to find Junior excitedly pawing at the gate. Maybe this will be easier than we all thought? After the gate was opened, Junior followed his nose and waltzed into the kennel. Angie and I quickly closed the door behind him. Success! Unfortunately, Jaeger was not interested in entering his sub-enclosure, so George and Leyton went ahead and took Junior into town.

We reported earlier that Junior is continuously plagued with ear infections. This time though, the infection made his ears swollen enough that the vet couldn't see poor Junior's ear drums! A steroid shot and an ear cleaning later, Junior was welcomed back home by his beautiful pen-mate, Zari. I was warned that I would probably notice a behavior change in Junior, but I don't think I was prepared for such a drastic change. Junior was bouncing up and down when he saw me the next day! He could not keep his paws off of me! Mister Junior was definitely "walking on sunshine!" The medications he received at the vet's office have worn off, but Junior is a totally different animal. He was walked a few days after his trip into town and did wonderfully, and he now plays with Zari, whereas before, he wouldn't give her the time of day. And maybe it's just me, but I think his howl is a little more pronounced than it used to be. I can tell you that his hearing has gotten significantly better and his mood is lighter.

Thank you Dr. Counts for taking such good care of my "Mister"; we all appreciate it!

Youtube Power - Breeder Shut Down

In July of 2010, Leyton went to Alaska to pick up Ally, a high-content wolf-dog whose talents as an escape artist, and illegal status as a wolf-dog, left her in desperate need for a sanctuary. A loving woman named Linda was fostering Ally at her house. Linda took Leyton to the notorious road-side attraction, Wolf Country USA, where Ally, and our other residents Jaeger and Contessa, had all been sold as pups. Leyton took heart-wrenching video of canines who looked just like wolves, all forced to live each day on short chains. Leyton was sickened by what he saw and made sure everyone would hear about what was happening at Wolf Country. On the way back to WSWS with Ally, Leyton and Angel stopped by Cesar Milan's L.A. offices so "The Dog Whisperer" could meet Ally, and Leyton could share the story of the place she had come from. Back home, Leyton posted his video, and very quickly there was an explosion of outrage and offers for help from across the country. We were so thrilled to learn that Cesar's online magazine, *Cesar's Way*, ran Ally's story. They included a link to Leyton's video of Wolf Country. We are elated to report that Wolf Country is finally shut down! Congratulations and deepest thanks to all who were involved in even the smallest way to see that these wolf-dogs are literally free of their chains. They are enjoying life at Lockwood Valley Animal Rescue Center in the Los Padres National Forest. We can all be inspired to see that when we work together and speak out, we truly can make a difference.

Leyton's Visit to Wolf Country USA

<http://www.youtube.com/wswolfman>, click videos, click on: "Ally our Alaskan Wolf Rescue."

Cesar's Way Magazine

<http://www.cesarway.com/news/dognews/Wolf-Rescue>



Ally with her Present

Membership 2012

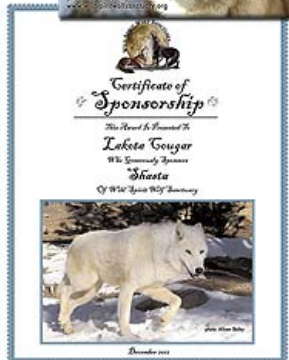
We think our membership packages make perfect gifts. Donate in a loved one's name, and we'll send them a uniquely Wild Spirit package. Our membership items change each year. Kota is on our photo magnet for 2012, Flurry and Ally are on our photo greeting card, and this year's membership T-shirt is midnight blue with a wolf howling under a full moon. Each shirt is 100% cotton, comes in adult and children's sizes, and has our name on it. When you sponsor one of our animals, you get a personalized photo certificate with your choice of rescue, a magnet of that rescue, and a beautiful wolf T-shirt. Please give us plenty of time to get packages out for special dates. We can't thank you enough for getting involved and helping us take such great care of our rescues! Your support makes it all happen.

Single Members \$25 Your \$25 donation comes with our membership magnet and our quarterly newsletter.

Supporting Members \$50 Your \$50 donation comes with our magnet and newsletter, plus our membership card.

Alpha Members \$100 Alpha members receive our magnet, card, newsletter, plus a beautiful wolf T-shirt.

Animal Sponsors \$125 When you sponsor a fur-kid, you get a personalized photo certificate with your name or loved-ones' name, a magnet of your animal, our newsletter, plus the membership T-shirt. Please take a look at our list of our current fur-kids on page 8. Get to know our animals better by visiting our animals' page on our website www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org.



MOONLIGHT SPOTLIGHT



photo
Tasha Standish

Katrina Age 3 Sponsors 11

Our Katrina is one of our family of five wolf-dogs who were originally surrendered by a wolf-dog breeder to Raven Woods shelter in New Orleans. They were only 7-weeks-old. They all lived together in a 10 x 10 foot pen with a concrete floor. Over the years, several of the fur-kids would spend some time in a home, only to be returned again. After two years, all five siblings remained at the shelter with chances getting slimmer and slimmer of finding someone to permanently adopt them. When Angel first saw the pack in their tiny enclosure at Raven Woods, she noticed how they all moved together like a herd. At their new, much larger enclosure at WSWS, they all continue to get along remarkably well together, but definitely appreciate room to run. Katrina is the most social of the girls and was the first to accept scratches from WSWS caretakers. She's easy to tell apart from the other girls by her white "dimples" on either cheek. She loves food, and was the bravest during their first experience with their enrichment/fundraiser, Present Toss 2010. Recently, however, the normally peaceful pack experienced some turmoil. Just like most of us living things, getting along in a confined space is a challenge. None of us witnessed what actually happened, but Katrina's caretaker immediately noticed that Katrina's tail was in bad shape. It was very easy to capture Katrina, and get her to our vet for care. Her injury was extensive enough that our vet suggested her tail be amputated. Of course, Katrina remains beautiful, but now has a three inch stubby tail. We were all on high alert when Katrina was reunited with her family. We were encouraged to see much canine apologizing, and all her siblings very gladly welcomed her back home. We'll be watching closely to see if all continues to go well. We would be so grateful for extra support for Katrina's vet bills. Thank you so much for your vital help.

Wish You Were Here!

We hope 2012 is the year you finally make that trip out to visit us. There are so many things to see and do along the way. Don't forget your camera and comfortable shoes!

Where To Stay

Wild Spirit Cabin 505-775-3304- Our lovely 3 bedroom cabin is right behind our campground and has all the conveniences of home. Please call to make reservations and for pricing.



El Morro Cabins 505-783-4612- At the base of a majestic cliff, rent a charming cabin or camp among the pinons at the full-service RV park. Enjoy great food, and be close to the El Morro monument.

Cimarron Rose 505-783-4770 -Resting among towering ponderosa pines, this beautiful, hand-built bed and breakfast treats you to a peaceful night's rest and more at reasonable prices.

Wild Spirit Campground 505-775-3304- Experience the unforgettable night song of wolves under a star-filled New Mexico sky. We offer year-round camp sites for only \$15 per night.

What To See

Ice Cave & Volcano 888-ICE-CAVE- Get chilly by the lovely blue-green of this ancient frozen lake, then warm up on a scenic hike to see one of the country's best examples of volcanic eruption.

El Morro National Monument 505-783-4226- People have carved symbols and names in the spectacular sandstone cliffs of El Morro for hundreds of years. See Anasazi ruins, petroglyphs and carved autographs of explorers from the 1600's.

Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary Feeding Tour- Along with our regular fun and informational tour to meet our furry family, you can join us for the frenzied fun of a feeding tour, or enrichment treat day.

Zuni Pueblo 505-782-7238- Stop by the visitor's center first for photography permits, if you like, then prepare to be amazed by this ancient, proud people, beautiful pueblo, and their age-old traditions.

Where To Eat

Candy Kitchen Trading Post- Grab some drinks and snacks, fresh sub sandwich or hand-made pizza, and enjoy the patio right across the street from Wild Spirit. You can even get some laundry done.

Ancient Way Cafe 505-783-4612- Off Hwy 53, by a majestic cliff, enjoy unique and acclaimed American and New Mexican food.

Where To Gas Up

Pine Hill- 8 miles from the Sanctuary off of BIA 125

Savoya- 20 miles from the Sanctuary off of Hwy 53

Lewis Trading Post- 12 miles from the Sanctuary on Hwy 53

Where To Shop

WSWS Gift Shop 505-775-3304- We've got a great, unique selection of wolfy gifts, and proceeds help our animals.

The Old School Gallery 505-783-4710- Don't miss the diverse creations of talented local artists. Find jewelry, pottery, sculpture and original paintings, often featuring breathtaking local landscapes.

Inscription Rock 505-783-4706- Treat yourself to this unique trading post offering fine imported coffees and a beautiful spot to shop for authentic Native American jewelry and crafts.

Wild Times CALENDAR



We Want to See You
In 2012!

All
Year

Guided Tours At WSW

Come howl along Tuesday-Sunday
11am, 12:30pm, 2pm, 3:30pm
Adults- \$7, Seniors- \$6, Children- 7-12: \$4
Closed Mondays,
Thanksgiving & Christmas

May
13th

Bunny Baskets - Mother's Day

We invite everyone to spend Mother's Day with us, watching our rescued wolves and wolf-dogs enjoy their first treat of the year. Bring your camera to take up close photos of the festivities.

June
2nd &
3rd

El Rancho de las Golondrinas

Join WSW and other animal groups for kids' day at this historic Santa Fe rancho, now a living history museum. Experience life of the 1700s in a location unlike any other in America. www.golondrinas.org

Aug
4th &
5th

Summer Coolers - Open House

One summer weekend of the year, we invite everyone to come to our party. You can meet a wolf, take photos of our summer enrichment day, and we treat you to free tours, and free campsites!

Oct
27th

Howl-O-Ween

Our Howl-A-Ween party gets better every year! Your ticket price gets you dinner and a most unique night tour/show. Call for details, check our website, and make sure to make your reservation early!

Nov
9th
10th
11th

Weems International Artfest

We've been so blessed to be a part of "the best show in town" for years. Get stunning creations from artists from around the country. Please come see us in the Children's section. weemsinternationalartfest.org

Nov
17th &
18th

FESTIVAL OF THE CRANES SOCORRO, NM

Marvel at migrating aquatic birds at this acclaimed NM Festival. Come meet us, enjoy festival lectures, workshops, tours, hikes & hands-on activities, plus special photography tours. www.friendsofthebosque.org



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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."

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Thanks all who search and shop with GoodSearch. Howling thanks to our top registered earners as of March 7th!

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| 2. Alex Borowicz | 7. Helen Garner |
| 3. Cherigene Slaughter | 8. Lisa Sevigny |
| 4. Kristen Johnson | 9. Georgia Cougar |
| 5. Mary Healy | 10. Lakota Cougar |

Going Paperless with e-News

We can automatically send you a link to our newsletter to your e-mail address. Not only does it save money and paper, but it's in full color! Simply go to our website homepage at www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.com, and fill in your information in the orange box. We never sell your e-mail address to anyone. You can click links in the newsletter to make your donations on-line. We understand not everyone feels comfortable sending their credit card number into cyber space. Please remember that each and every donation means to world to us, and we send our deepest thanks to you for your invaluable support!

Wild Glossary

We have developed Wild Spirit terms that are exclusive to our wolf sanctuary. Please use the following list of our terms and their definitions to help make sense of our wild speak.

Fur-Kids We use this endearing term for all canines we meet, and our wolves and wolf-dogs who live at WSWS.

High-Content We don't use percentages to describe the amount of wolf in our rescued wolf-dogs. We use high, low or mid-content level. A high-content wolf-dog looks more like a wolf than a dog, and acts more like a wolf than a dog. Although not scientific, we do have a long list of criteria we assess, including body proportions, teeth, eye color and shape, vocalizations, markings and behaviors.

Medball Canine medications hidden in an irresistible ball of raw meat, like Joint Discovery, antibiotics, prescriptions, etc.

Vitaball Canine vitamin supplements hidden in a irresistible ball of raw meat.

Meat Sep The dirty job of picking through barrels of donated meat to save only the best for our fur-kids' diet.

Wolf Loaf Our exclusive mixture of raw meat and supplements which we mix up, freeze and serve to our fur-kids.

Bunny Basket An enrichment treat served on Mother's Day which has a wolf-loaf shaped like a bunny, nestled in a natural fiber basket full of festive treats.

Pupsicle A Wild Spirit exclusive served to our fur-kids at our summer enrichment party. It is a bone-shaped frozen treat full of meat and other canine favorites.

ATV Feed Our Sanctuary covers many acres, so we save time by placing breakfast portions on a trailer pulled by an All Terrain Vehicle, or 4-wheeler.

Bucket Feed Breakfast for wolves and wolf-dogs carried by hand in a 5 gallon bucket to each enclosure.

Meat Run The trip into town to gather the barrels of donated meat from Shamrock Foods, and leftovers from the butcher.

Fence Fight Arguments along the chain link fencing separating two enclosures. Often just good wolfy fun, fence fights can lead to injury.

Fight Wire A finer mesh wire placed along the bottom of the chain-link fencing of our enclosures to prevent injuries from neighbors' teeth.

Sub-Enclosure Our double-gate entry system to our enclosures. The outside door of an enclosure leads into a smaller enclosure. That outside door is closed before a second door leading into the animals' enclosure is opened. We can separate animals or better care for animals by leading them into the smaller space of the sub-enclosure.

Rez Dogs We often find abandoned and starving doggy dogs with little hope for survival in our remote area. Rez Dogs are usually a herding dog, with some pit bull and a bit of everything else. We've never met a Rez Dog who wasn't instantly lovable, and clearly grateful. Please see page 8 for three hopeful fur-kids looking for a pampered life in a forever home

Rez Dogs

Rez Dogs are local area doggy-dogs we've found starving and abandoned. We just can't ignore these sweet peas in need. They are usually a mix of heelers, shepherds, border collies and pit bull with a little bit of everything else. The three kids described below are not only crazy cute, but they were all lucky enough to have concerned folks bring them to us right away, so they have no health issues, and love people. Our super volunteer, Crystal, takes great care of them and helps them learn to be great pets. When you come to visit, we hope you take some time to meet our orphans, and make one of these deserving kids part of your family.



Budkiss- I'm a 14-month-old boy and I weigh about 40 pounds. I have rich red fur with black airbrushing around my muzzle and chest. I am very loyal and sweet, and I'm already neutered. I'd easily be a great addition to a family that enjoys taking afternoon strolls around the neighborhood, or anywhere for that matter. When it gets warm outside,

photo: Crystal

like to climb into my water bucket to cool off. Will your family be the one take me on my first lake adventure?



Baby Budkiss!



Hazel- I'm Budkiss' sister, so I'm also a 14-month-old who is spayed, but I weigh about 45 pounds. I'm mostly white, but have adorable brown and grey freckles on my short hair. My brother Budkiss and I like it at WSWS, but we'd be much happier in cozy homes. Our caretaker has taught me how to sit, lie down, crawl and the beginning steps of Stop and Stay. She thinks I'm very intelligent and therefore believes I would excel in obedience classes. Do you think you can make the time to help me become your new, well-behaved, best friend? My canine confession is: I like to bark at the ca,

photo: Crystal

so I might be best in a cat-free home.



Baby Hazel!



photo: Allison

Oreo- Food! Walks! Play! I'm your typical 4-month-old puppy who's bright, impressionable, and oh so cute! I weigh about 25 pounds and will probably grow to be about 35-40 pounds. I'm too little to be spayed yet, but we hope you can take care of that when you adopt me. My canine confession is: I have a lot of energy and like to jump, so small kids may not be a good choice for my new family unless you have time to train me. I have all of my puppy vaccines, I'm potty trained and I'm also crate-trained! If you're looking for a puppy just like me to adopt, I strongly recommend taking me home. I'll be here waiting for you.

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. We think our sponsorship package makes a great gift too! It comes with a personalized certificate, photo magnet and our great wolf T-shirt. You inspire us all year with your generosity. Zoerro rockets from last on our list, to Top Paw and Foxy bolts from 0 to 6th with 14 sponsors! You lifted our least sponsored fur-kids Princess, Zari, Reba, and Bowie up into the double digits. Thank you all for opening your hearts and inspiring us each quarter with your crucial support!

Zoerro.....25	Specter.....12	Gypsy.....9
Contessa.....21	Thunder.....12	Nakota.....9
Jaeger.....21	Zari.....12	Navar.....9
Junior.....19	Alice.....11	Powder.....9
Bono.....15	Katrina.....11	Shasta.....9
Foxy.....14	Kota.....11	Cove.....8
Ally.....13	Lani.....11	Dusty.....8
Cheyenne.....13	Reba.....11	Goldie.....8
Dakota.....13	Teton.....11	Juno.....8
Nimoy.....13	Akela.....10	Lakota.....8
Sugar.....13	Angel.....10	Oscar.....8
Savannah.....13	Brutus.....10	Saint.....8
Argo.....12	Flurry.....10	Two-Toe.....8
Lucian.....12	Forest.....10	Azteca.....7
Luna.....12	Princess.....10	Dusty-Pup.....7
Rain.....12	Sabine.....10	Maki.....7
Riot.....12	Skye.....10	Nikki.....7
Romeo.....12	Storm.....10	Silva.....7
Sassy.....12	Axel.....9	Bowie.....5
	Duchess.....9	



Wild Wolf Updates

<http://www.earthjustice.org/news/press/2009/court-finds-wolf-delisting-is-likely-unlawful.html>

International Wolf Center (plus associated links):

http://www.wolf.org/wolves/news/live_news_detail.asp?id=4332

photo: Jan Ravenwolf, Druid Peak Pack, Yellowstone, 2008

Bunny Baskets - Spring Fund-Raising Party

Along with the high-end chocolate you're planning to give your loved ones for Mother's Day, may we suggest that you bring your Mom out to Wild Spirit for a uniquely wolffy day of fun. You're all invited to join us for our first enrichment/fundraiser of the year. We'll be passing out festive baskets to our wolves and wolf-dogs on Sunday morning, May 13th. Make sure to bring your camera for hilarious photos and maybe a fabulous picnic lunch? If you can't make it, you can still participate with your \$35 donation (or whatever you can spare) to provide spring sport for our furry family. Our forever thanks for your dedication and generosity. Your vital quarterly donations keep us going throughout the quarter and ensure that our rescued wolves and wolf-dogs thrive and our education efforts continue.

Fund-Raiser Photo Gallery Thank You for Present Toss



JAEGER & SILVA
photo: Allison Bailey

MEYENNE
Age: 8 Sponsors: 12

photo: Tasha Standish



RIOT photo: Tasha Standish
Age: 4 Sponsors: 12



TETON & SHASTA
photo: Allison Bailey



JUNIOR photo: A Bailey
Age: 14 Sponsors: 19



DUSTY PUP WITH GYPSY
photo: Tasha Standish

photo: Angela Albrecht



MAKI photo: A Bailey
Age: 11 Sponsors: 7



DAKOTA photo: T Standish
Age: 5 Sponsors: 13



BRUTUS photo: T Standish
Age: 5 Sponsors: 10



DUCHESS photo: A Bailey
Age: 14 Sponsors: 9



ANGEL & TWO-TOE
photo: Allison Bailey

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. www.dontheglove.com.



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.

ATVs

Well, now we're spoiled. Life is SO MUCH BETTER now with our 2 ATVs (thanks again Andrew Paquet and Dave Dorsey), that we can only imagine how even better life would be with 2 more! Riding around our 80 acre Sanctuary saves us hours of time each day! We use our ATVs to help with feeding, hauling sand & gravel, plowing the snow, pulling small trailers full of supplies, and exercising our adoptable doggies (see Leyton's video on youtube).



Equipment Rentals

Please save us hours of manual labor!

Commercial Trencher- one week

Bobcat- two weeks

Pick Up Truck- Ford F350 or F450

Our friend Ed Liebel works many hours trying to keep our old trucks running. We're hoping for a newer, working truck to help us get stuff done.



NEW! Wolf Fur Necklace \$20 + \$3 shipping



tube



lightbulb

Here's another Wild Spirit exclusive for you! Each year we gather some of the fluffy undercoat when our wolves shed in the spring. We've tucked some fluff inside a little glass pendant and made it into a necklace. We offer two

styles that are exclusive to our newsletter or online gift shop. The first is a 1" tube pendant with a genuine grey moonstone. It has a 16" long, nickel-plated brass "bead chain." The second is a plain 3/4" lightbulb-shaped glass pendant with a 16" black cotton cord. We guarantee you can't get these exact necklaces anywhere else on the planet! Perfect for any wolf lover.



Wild Calendar Going Fast!

Our dear friend 14-year-old Hannah Leigh Jones shares her talents again! Hannah worked for over a year to create 12 fantastic paintings for her very own wolf calendar.

We think it's a great gift for \$20 for three reasons:

1. 100% of the proceeds help the wolves and wolf-dogs of Wild Spirit that Hannah loves so much.
2. You'll be encouraging Hannah and young artists everywhere.
3. You'll help spread the word about Wild Spirit to everyone you give this calendar to as a gift, and to everyone who sees this beautiful calendar on a wall. Call 505-775-3304, or visit www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org.

Leyton's Book

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 featuring photos by Jan Ravenwolf and other full color, glossy illustrations of their unique story. We think it makes a great gift for young folks too! Call 505-775-3304 or order at www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org.



\$20 plus \$5 USA S&H

Howling CD

Our original Wild Spirit CD allows you to enjoy captured huffs, puffs, rhines, 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, others are accompanied with music. A small booklet accompanies your CD and explains the different sounds and songs.



\$10 plus \$2 USA S&H

We Remember Mary Critchfield

We are deeply saddened to have to say goodbye to one of our cherished members, Mary Critchfield. Mary was a WSWs supporter for many years, who asked her loved ones to make donations to our wolves rather than give her gifts, including for her 50th wedding anniversary. She also wisely suggested we put her idea in our newsletter to encourage other members to do the same thing. Mary sponsored Thunder, Sugar and Brutus for the past 5 years, and after we ran a story about Thunder nipping Angie's leg, Mary attached a note along with her next donation saying, "I'm sorry my Thunder hurt Angie, but thanks for awarding him "best smile" anyway." We were thrilled when Mary finally came out for a tour this past summer. When Leyton heard she was visiting, he went out and surprised Mary by taking Flurry out to meet her. We'll never forget our thoughtful and generous friend, and send our thoughts and prayers to her loved ones.

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!

Printer's Press- We couldn't even begin to thank the Renna family for donating most of the cost of printing our newsletter over these many years! This one-in-a-million, animal-hero

family is among our top contributors of all time. Thanks & we love you!

Print Express- Howling thanks to the incredible folks at Print Express. They not only donate the cost of addressing our newsletter, but they also take it to the post office for us! Priceless. Thanks and love to you all!

Eilla from Desert Paper- Howling thanks, Ella for selling us our return envelopes at cost for our last newsletter. Keeping our costs low is such a tremendous help!

The Media Group- We send our heartfelt thanks to our Media Group for helping our Sanctuary with marketing and publicity. Thank you Race Cowgill, Carolyn Fishman, Marie Lobo, and Tony Dellaflora for your valuable time and brain power!

BIG BEEFY CHECKS

Karen Palmer- A million thanks, Karen, for the colossal check that sent an exhilarating boost throughout our Sanctuary! We hope you heard us all howling along in a song of genuine gratitude and inspiration!

John W & Clara C Higgins Foundation- We are so grateful to this fantastic foundation who blesses us with a life-sustaining donation each year around the holidays. Thank you so much for your vital support!

Christine Coulter- We send a howl of gratitude to Christine for helping us taking care of our old guy Doc, and now blessing our seniors Silva and Two-Toe with a big beefy check! Your generosity lifts all our spirits.

Cynthia S DaCosta- Howls to you, Cynthia, for your amazing continued support! We can't thank you enough for the encouragement and hope your checks bring us each year.

Leontine Bailey- Our heartfelt thanks to Leontine for always being there for us and our latest wishes. We couldn't be here without loving

support like yours. Thank you so much!

Norma Young- Our dear friend Norma has helped us more than we could express over the years, but most recently, she helped us with our outstanding newsletter paper bills! Wolf kisses to you, Norma!

Vallie Weingarten- Thank you, Vallie, for your terrific support over the years, but most recently for your latest boost to all our spirits! Your caring contribution means to world to our animals, and to us all.

Kelley and Joyce Brennan- Thank you Kelley and Joyce for yet another heart-lifting donation to our rescues. You can rest assured we all remember your amazing Melanie and her love for all animals.

Jan Blumentritt & Charles Sponsel- A howl of thanks, Jan and Charles, for this inspirational gift to our fur-kids! Your continued support always gives us hope.

Mary C Balk- On behalf our Powder Pack, we send our deepest thanks to you, Mary, for the best Holiday Bonus we could think of!

Jane C & Bruce McLagan- Howls to you, Jane and Bruce, for your glorious support over all these years. Thank you so much for the marvelous peace and the exciting progress it brings!

David Frow, MD, FACOG- We can't thank you enough, David, for your magnificent support! You deserve the wolf-dog Dad of the decade award for taking such great care of sweet Nimoy.

The Oedipus Foundation- Thank you so much, Oedipus, for your marvelous contribution, and for reminding us that there are still caring folks out there to help us care for deserving fur-kids like Contessa.

Jan Ravenwolf- We wish everyone could have a splendid friend like our Jan! Thank you for enhancing all our lives and our Sanctuary. It wouldn't be what it is without your awe-inspiring dedication & passion!

Jo & Meg Goode- We're all howling a thank you song to Jo and Meg for the mammoth contribution! Your continued support over the years makes it possible for us to stay hopeful and looking to our future.

Michael & Betty Stahl- On behalf of Lakota (and Sassy), we send a gigantic thank you to Michael and Betty for the donations toward the cave house! Thanks to you, a new makeover is on the way!

Eileen Schelberg- Thank you so much, Eileen, for your tremendous dedication to our fur-kids by sponsoring so many of them over the years and for always being there when we need some extra help.

Charley Craig- Howling thanks, Charley, for the outstanding contribution on behalf of our canine champion and Ally rescuer, Linda Boggs! Thank you all for making such a grand difference to the fur-kids!

Jim & Carolyn Mann- A million thanks, Jim and Carolyn, for your fantastic and tireless work over the last five years! It not only blesses us with vital funds, but helps us spread the word about what we do.

Parris McBride & George R R Martin- Thank you so much for your colossal support! Your thoughtful care keeps our dreams alive.

AND MORE BEEFY CHECKS-

We always stress that every donation matters to us, but those beefier checks make life smoother for us all. We thank the following folks for their generosity, and for helping our spirits soar.

Paul Cochran and John Kibler, Seth Copeland and Diane Jarrett, Nan Schwanfelder, Lynn Myers, David Rifkind & Jennifer Levine, Shirley Fu, Sheryl Corchnoy, Tim & Myrna Burdick, Judith Strom and Gay & Paul Witherington.

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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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