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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 remind you that your help is vital to our rescued wolves and wolf-dogs, plus it's tax deductible! Your stellar contribution fills our hearts with hope & holiday cheer all year long.

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Enjoy this condensed excerpt from Rory's upcoming book about life with his wolf-dog, Zoerro. Their story is the perfect illustration of why Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary exists.

THE ADVENTURE OF ZOERRO

By Rory Zoerb

I made a mistake. I acquired a wolf and malamute mix "dog" believing that he could be a part of my life like my two German Shepherds: going everywhere with me, exploring new places and meeting all kinds of friendly people. What I did not plan on doing was locking him up on my property isolated from all but very limited interactions with myself and others. Why would anyone want to get another living being and then do *that* to it?

In the fall of 2009, my German shepherd Recon passed away and I had just left my job to dive head first into a personal project that would hopefully end up being a business which would be conducted mostly in the great outdoors. For my remaining shepherd, Vuka, it was a very sad time as she had just lost her best dog friend.

Early in 2010, I decided that Vuka needed another German shepherd friend. An old friend of mine suggested, "If you are going to spend \$1800 for a new shepherd pup, you should get a wolf-dog. They're a lot like a shepherd... loyal, pack-oriented." She thought it would be "veeeeery coooool." "Hmmm, yes," I thought, "that would be pretty cool." As much time in the wilderness as I was planning to spend, it seemed a wolf-dog would be a real natural. Vuka could help me raise our new pack member who would then help Vuka chase off any curious bears and mountain lions.

I found a wide variety of wolf-dog information on-line, but found very few specifics that anyone considering acquiring a wolf-dog should hear... specifics that I know now and learned the hard way.

Not deterred by anything I had read about wolf-dogs, I began the search for a male pup. Again I turned to the internet and found a litter claiming to be 80% Alaskan timber wolf and 20% Alaskan malamute puppies just reaching eight weeks old.

I called and made arrangements to meet the pups at the house where they were being cared for. I arrived to find that three male pups had been brought into the living room where I could observe, interact and make my selection. Two of the three were scampering about and intermittently playing with a couple of young children. Typical puppy stuff, I thought. We found the third puppy behind some furniture, watching me very intently, like I was a serious threat to his life. He was obviously the most skittish and appeared to be the largest of the three. I selected him concluding that he had the most wolf genes in him. I remember being concerned at that point that I might not even be able to tell the difference between any of these animals and a regular dog. When it came time to leave with my new wolf-dog pup, I caught and picked him up. He then proceeded to defend

his life with every ounce of his little body and every little needle-like tooth in his mouth! Not quite the same as when I picked up either of my shepherds. We were definitely off to a different start.

I won't go into all of what I considered to be the wolf behavior that my new wolf-dog Zoerro exhibited as he grew older, but I would like to mention the one behavior that had the biggest impact on our interactions. Zoerro's food drive was over-the-top. Very early on I realized that he had what appeared to me to be the food drive and eating instincts of a wild animal. None of the training techniques that I had used to train my shepherds had any effect on Zoerro. With the exception of eventually getting him to sit before he received any food from me, he was not receptive to any food discipline. He made very strong attempts to eat anything and everything he found that was a different shape, color and/or smell than the surroundings. Zoerro was a non-stop scavenger! He literally would let his stomach determine what was food and what was not. If it didn't agree with him, he would sometimes eat grass and throw it up. He had a remarkable ability to collect and assess food information in what appeared to be a young brain completely optimized for the task. He could recall the exact location of food sources found days and even weeks earlier, and this always seemed to catch me by surprise. Still many yards away, he would start pulling extra hard to get to a specific place where he had found a discarded turkey bone the week before. He would do this repeatedly on any and all of our various walk/jog/run routes.

I learned to be extremely vigilant to avoid walking him around things that he could get his mouth on and swallow, things that might lock up his insides and need to be surgically removed. I was not always successful and many times I had to physically remove things from his mouth as he tried his best to gulp it down before I could get to it: Discarded plastic sandwich bags with napkins rolled up inside, whole burritos still in the plastic wrapper, balloons, work gloves, Popsicle sticks...plastic cutlery. The list goes on and on. It was amazing how much trash he found as we walked around the neighborhood, not always visible but never missed by his nose.

Trying and sometimes failing to get what Zoerro considered to be food and what I considered to be harmful to his health from between the oversized teeth that filled his powerful jaws was always a battle. And every time, I ended up bloodied. Thank goodness he didn't put 100% into defending his perceived food source.

I never hit, kicked or in any way hurt Zoerro - I just physically "locked him up" till he relaxed - submitted. Zoerro not only seemed to understand my exerting my dominance over him, he seemed to expect it. I had a very simple rule - always win! The position didn't matter. "Normally" that would mean getting hold of his neck and pinning him to the ground on his side with his head, that holds all those extraordinarily large teeth anchored to those extraordinarily powerful jaws, leading the way. All the while I would be growling or "growl talking" at him. I didn't like doing it, but I didn't like seeing him swallowing junk either and I wasn't going to stop taking him on walks. I just kept thinking that he wouldn't keep the wild animal scavenging up for long - but he did! Sometimes I would think - "no, he's not going to eat that"... and I would be wrong and regret not getting it away from him because I then had to watch him closely for the next couple of days, all the while worrying that I would need to rush him to surgery. On one occasion, he fought back extra hard when I attempted to take something away from him that he wanted to keep: something that wasn't edible and potentially very dangerous to his health if he swallowed it. By fighting back I mean he showed me all of his teeth and then attempted to restrain my hands with his mouth. If I had a dollar for every time he did that I could have just about purchased my own sanctuary. I sometimes had to control his entire body, while submitting him, as he would try to kick me off and away with his hind feet. On a couple of occasions, when he was older, he almost lifted me completely off the ground and sent me flying with his back legs.

But, that was just what happened outside. What happened inside the house was

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equally dramatic.

At that time in his very young life, whenever he was inside the house, I would have to keep Zoerro chained (rope lasts only a couple of seconds) to a wall with the complete 180 degree circle of his reachable space cleared of EVERYTHING. And on one nerve-wracking occasion, I would have sworn that a honey jar up on a counter was out of his reach before I took my eyes off of him! Obviously it wasn't. As I witnessed multiple times later, he could contort his body to achieve a reach that I would have thought impossible before I saw him do it. I had to feed Zoerro cotton balls covered in sandwich spread and then pray that any and all of the pieces of the broken glass honey jar he had just lapped up from the floor, before I could get him away from it, would be wrapped in cotton (grass does the same thing) and pass safely through his digestive system. Luckily, everything came out one end or the other and surgery was never needed.

When real food was involved, Zoerro's drive to be the sole benefactor of its nourishment could be downright scary. I used to occasionally joke around and say that Zoerro's motto is "lead, follow or I will eat you." Still struggling to instill some food discipline in Zoerro when he was about 7 months old and weighing around 80 pounds, I started preparing his meals in front of him while he was chained to a nearby wall. Every time he made an aggressive move towards me, I stopped the food preparation and in a nice voice repeated "sit." Using a demanding and commanding voice did not work with Zoerro as it did with my shepherds. I found that once he understood what I wanted, the softer I said "sit" or "lie down" the more he would comply.

Anyway, Zoerro tired quickly of the food preparation game and one day looked me right in the eyes and lunged at me... putting great stress on the chain anchored to the stud in the wall. Obviously, this was unacceptable behavior in my house --my pack-- so I immediately made him submit. This time though I put my face a little too close as I growled at him. In the blink of an eye, blood was draining from my face and pooling on the floor next to his head. Pain radiated from my mouth, nose, cheekbone and right eye. The first thought that flashed into my brain was that I would spend the rest of my life with a scarred and deformed face or that I would need some very expensive plastic surgery. My second thought was that Zoerro was still struggling and that I needed to maintain the submission hold until he looked away and his eyes and posture softened. Only then did I let go and head for the bathroom to assess the damages. It wasn't as bad as I had initially thought. His two upper canines had scraped my cheekbone, nose and then gone right through my upper lip. Hopefully my mustache would hide any resulting scars. A day or so later my right eye blackened. Of course everyone

wondered what had happened to me. I told them that while running down a trail with Zoerro on a leash, I tripped over a root and went head first into a small tree. Kinda like the coffee table story.

The last time I made Zoerro submit he was 19 months old and weighed about 110 pounds. I'm providing this information for the reader that is potentially considering having a very high content wolf-dog. And you won't find out how high your wolf-dog's content is until after you have brought him into your life --and possibly your family. Actual genetic makeup cannot be calculated by a predictable percentage.

Fast forward to Zoerro's twenty month mark. He had grown into a 110 pound, for all intents-and-purposes, young male wolf that went everywhere that Vuka and I went including lots of rides in my wolf-dog customized van and meeting people. Zoerro had been meeting people every day for his entire life and was doing quite well in that regard. Occasionally though, someone would treat him like a Labrador or Golden Retriever

and do something stupid like coming up and immediately start patting him on the top of his head. Or reaching towards his food to point out a kibble - while he was eating!

The opportunities for a slip-up that would result in Zoerro having to be euthanized, or even shot, were increasing as time progressed. I had been warned on multiple occasions that he would get no second chances. I became increasingly convinced that my lifestyle would put Zoerro in a position that could lead to his premature death. I could not let that happen.

Everything I was considering at this point centered around providing Zoerro with a long and happy life, either by restructuring my life and living arrangements, or finding a place for Zoerro in a sanctuary. I looked

around and chose Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary as my first option for the place I would most want to see Zoerro spend the rest of his life, if he couldn't spend it with me. At this point I was still just considering the option. It would be extremely difficult for me to let him go but it might also be the best thing I could do for him.

Following the directions of the nice woman I spoke with on the phone when I called Wild Spirit, I sent them an email explaining my situation along with some photos. And then I waited. The following week I received a reply that there was one opening for a Wolf or wolf-dog and Zoerro fit the requirements. Zoerro was a young, healthy, socialized, neutered male Wolf or very high content wolf-dog that would be a good match for an older female currently living by herself following the death of her enclosure mate. Zoerro had been accepted.

I didn't think that the opportunity for Zoerro to get into the Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary would last long so I decided that the best thing for his future was to make the drive from Wash-



ington State to New Mexico as soon as possible. So Zoerro, Vuka and I departed almost immediately and arrived at Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary in Candy Kitchen New Mexico following a 30 hour drive. Zoerro, in typical fashion, did not relieve himself at any of the stops we made along the way. This is another trait from a long list that puts a lot of stress on a wolf-dog that has a life with a human companion.

Soon after we arrived, Zoerro and I were taken to meet his potential new enclosure mate, Contessa. Zoerro has liked and wanted to play with every canine he has ever met and Contessa was no exception. The introduction went reasonably well and Zoerro was enjoying running around Contessa's enclosure like he used to do at the dog park when he was very young, and before I was warned that if he was involved in any altercation that he would be taken away and euthanized while the regular dogs involved would all go home with their owners.

As we watched Zoerro and Contessa, I started thinking about my next move. I could not just drop Zoerro off and leave. The best thing I could do for him at this point was to assist the Wild Spirit staff and volunteers in getting to know what a nice guy he is... he's wild-spirited, not mean-spirited. I asked if I could stick around for a couple of days to help with introductions. I received a warm and sincere "Absolutely! You can stay in our campground right across the road".

Over the next couple of days I enjoyed complete access to the sanctuary, staff, volunteers and Zoerro thanks to Leyton Cougar, the director of the Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary. Leyton also made himself available to discuss anything to do with what was obviously a very difficult decision for me. We also discussed wolves, wolf-dogs, the history of the Sanctuary and his vision for the Sanctuary's future. I was inspired. The Sanctuary exists thanks to all kinds of help from a whole bunch of people. Every little bit counted and added up to what I was seeing around me. It added up to a place that I could bring Zoerro... a place that he could live out a full and happy life surrounded by others of his kind. Now I wanted to contribute something!

One of Leyton's goals is that all enclosures have a cement cave to provide the animals with relief from driving winds and rain, a pond for cooling off during the hot days, and a sub-enclosure to assist staff and volunteers in interacting with the animals. So, I extended my stay and spent another week or so building the sub-enclosure that had not yet been built in Zoerro and Contessa's enclosure.

During the time I volunteered to build the new sub-enclosure, I observed the daily routine at the Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary. What I saw reassured me that I not only had made the right decision in bringing Zoerro to a sanctuary, but that I had selected quite possibly the best wolf and wolf-dog sanctuary in the country. The staff and volunteers were firing on all cylinders thanks to a system that obviously provided a high level of care, safety and security for all of the wolves and wolf-dogs that call the sanctuary their home. I realized that even if I had decided to build a nice big enclosure on my own property for Zoerro to live out his days, there is no way that I could have provided the

quality of life he would enjoy at Wild Spirit.

You might find it interesting to know that while raising Zoerro I was asked on several occasions, by people who had met Zoerro and could see how healthy and happy he was with me, if I could take another wolf-dog. They, or a friend of theirs, had a young wolf-dog that was out of control. Sadly, I had to turn each one of them away. I can only imagine what life might be like for their wolf-dogs now.

My opinion concerning the wolf-dog situation has become very clear. Wolves and dogs should not be mixed. Wolves should be left alone to live out their lives in the wild and domesticated dogs should spend happy days with caring human companions. Sadly, that is not the case, which is why sanctuaries like Wild Spirit exist. I would like to take this opportunity to speak for Zoerro and thank all of you who contribute and enable Wild Spirit to continue to offer animals a Sanctuary where they can safely enjoy being their wild-spirited selves.



Even though the shock is so painful, we are always thankful when one of our fur-kids joins the Big Pack without any suffering or a dreaded trip to the vet. Our handsome Brutus II was excitedly pacing his fence line awaiting his breakfast. Just fifteen minutes later, when his caretaker Kristina approached the back of his enclosure with his wolf loaf, she was stunned to see Brutus II lying motionless on the ground. Kristina immediately put out a call on her radio that something was wrong. Allison and George rushed to the rescue. Unfortunately, when they went inside the enclosure, they were saddened to discover that our Brutus II had suddenly passed.

Although he was eleven years old, Brutus II had been vibrant and seemingly healthy. We took his remains to the vet for a necropsy just to be sure nothing unusual happened. The vet assured us that it was just Brutus' time to go, and most likely he just had a massive heart attack or stroke.

Brutus II leaves behind his litter mates, Navar and Akela who thankfully have grown closer without their brother. It was our deep pleasure to watch this once ultra timid boy embrace life at Wild Spirit and learn to bravely enjoy his enrichment treats. We send our heartfelt thanks to Brutus' sponsors and for those who helped us give this deserving boy a wonderful place to retire. Best Friends: Chris Husted & Bruce Hansche, Sally Wood, Bob Bassett, Lynnebeth Barker, and Hunter, Peter & Marla Winters. Thanks also to: Mary Jane Moseley, Jerry & Donna Novelli, Melodie & David Oliver, Carol Jean Auffrey, Carla Geller and Barbara Brown.



NEW KIDS

We would love to find at least 15 sponsors for each of our residents. Sponsorship packages make a great gift and come with a personalized certificate, photo magnet and beautiful member T-shirt. Meet our newest kids who have the least amount of Sugar Mamas and Daddies to help us pamper them. See page 8 for a full list of our current residents and how many sponsors they have. Please visit our website for descriptions and photos of all our fur-kids. Thank you so much for opening your hearts to our furry family and helping us take such good care of them.

DUSTY PUP- A woman noticed Dusty Pup running wild around her yard and finally coaxed him into her house with food. She was unable to touch him, and due to his wild nature, thought he was a wolf. We hoped with some socialization, he could be adopted. Now, our loveable but hard-to-handle boy has been living at our Sanctuary for two years. Dusty-Pup loves to sneak up on distracted volunteers and nip them. He can only be leashed when distracted, and he enjoys scaring kids who walk by his enclosure by barking, charging and banging on his fence. Now, he and his pen mate, Gypsy, have fallen in love, so most likely, they'll both continue to be Wild Spirit residents. We're hoping our Naughty List boy can find more sponsors to start his New Year.

ZARI- Our sweet old girl found herself homeless at 13 when her caring owner passed away. A friend was looking after her until we could come and get her. Leyton's trip was a horrible ordeal as he found himself in need of rescue when a failing vehicle left him stranded in the deadly Arizona heat. Zari finally arrived safely, and after a much-needed bath, settled in with her new, equally elderly friend, Junior. She likes ear rubs, belly rubs,

and having her face cupped between her caretaker's hands for cheek rubs. Although Zari has energetic bursts of romping, we know we won't have her for long. With your help, we'll make sure she's pampered and comfortable everyday!

ZOERRO- Read page 2 about our newest gorgeous boy. He's gone to his first outreach program and done a great job as an ambassador. Please help us care for this amazing kid.

A VISIT FROM DAD

Photos and Story by Tasha Standish

Occasionally we have a happy, fun story at Wild Spirit, such as when Contessa's Dad came back for a visit! A few months ago, Contessa was living by herself before her new enclosure-mate Zoerro arrived and after Doc's passing away. Despite many volunteers giving her lots of love and attention and her happiness at multiple walks and scratches on a daily basis, she had a few days where she would seem sad and a little down. Luckily we all knew something that was going to happen that would really help to cheer her up.

As soon as Contessa's Dad pulled into our parking lot however, she seemed to know that something was up. As Oedipus and Amy walked up towards her enclosure, Contessa started pacing her fence line and bouncing around at her enclosure gate in anticipation. She whined at her family while they went through the gate and jumped up on Oedipus multiple times, rolling over eagerly for belly rubs and peeing. She ran around happily, licking her Dad's face off, playing with her family and bouncing around.



When all the wolves started howling around, Oedipus howled along with them trying to encourage Contessa to howl along too and she did! Even when Contessa became tired she didn't really want to say goodbye to Oedipus

and Amy and came running up to the gate as they left, then went and lay down, exhausted after so much excitement!

After Oedipus and Amy's visit, we sent them some pictures as a memento of their visit and were lucky enough to be sent a picture of a baby Contessa in return! Isn't she cute? Contessa now has a lively youngster, Zoerro, to keep her occupied but we hope her family will come back and visit her again soon!



EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING TO OFFER

My name is Taylor Hord, newest staff member and volunteer coordinator for WSWs. Having worked as a clinical social worker for a multitude of non-profits, I have always been intimately aware that volunteers are significantly important in a successful 501(c)(3), whether they be long term volunteers, part-time volunteers, or even those who donate just one hour of their time per month. Volunteers truly are the bread and butter of a non-profit.

I would like to share a story with you that not only makes me proud to work for this incredible and wonderful Sanctuary, but also proud to work with the people who have the same love and devotion for the wolves of Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary.

As many of our readers and guests know, our annual Howl-O-Ween party was a fantastic success. There were big laughs, full bellies (humans and four-leggeds alike!), and good times; just another fun October holiday evening at Wild Spirit. Of course, the smiles, decorations, and flying pumpkins were all on my mind, but what truly caught my eye was something that transpired the next day.

I strolled groggily into the office early that morning, pondering and ruminating on how the day after Howl-O-Ween is always a difficult one. Decorations must come down, trash must be picked up, tables must be moved; lots and lots of small but important tasks. But then, I peered out the window and saw something, something not a single one of

us staff or volunteers expected: ten to fifteen of our Howl-O-Ween guests were in our courtyard, running around, hustling and bustling, assisting us in our clean up. I was dumbfounded! Is this a group tour? Was there some event I wasn't aware of?

So, I walked outside to investigate more closely. Suddenly a guest approached me and asked, "How can I help? What do you need me to do? I cleaned off all the tables, what can I do next?" I didn't even know how to respond aside from an awkward "G...Gosh! Thank you!" Normally, cleaning up after Howl-O-Ween would take two to three days. But that day, I knew that we would be done earlier than ever, and by 1 o'clock PM, the staff and volunteers were finished and were able to take an extraordinarily appreciated break.

My friends, this is why I am proud to work for Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary. While it may sound overly sentimental, seeing so many people working together for the same cause that they love and care about filled me with enormous optimism and gratitude. I would like to thank all those tireless guests who stayed behind, without any expectations at all, and donated

their time to the Wild Spirit Staff and its furry friends.

It also reminded me that 501(c)(3) organizations are very complex, and it is very easy to forget just how much of an impact even the smallest variables have on "the big picture." For example, as a social worker, sometimes the most powerful impact I could have had on an individual was not some intense psycho-social intervention, some dramatic court appearance, or even a powerful "a-ha" moment in group therapy; but rather, getting ice-cream with a child, going to the park and playing on the swings, or offering a tissue during a time of need. These are the truest moments of change and healing, either for a social worker's clients, or the wolves of Wild Spirit.

To punctuate the point I am attempting to make, here is just one more story: a guest approached me during the clean-up and pronounced, "I'm sorry, Taylor, that I couldn't do more. We could only stay for an hour this morning, and that was the most we could offer." I wanted to hug this individual! Not only was an apology unnecessary, but I wish I could have adequately described the irony of the statement, since their hour of

time made all the difference that productive October morning.

Let's take a look at how these seemingly small impacts make a big difference: because so many individuals assisted us in clean up, we were able to get our "meat separation" completed the very same day with very little stress or pressure (this is typically quite a lengthy and messy process!) Not only did that result in more ready and available food for the wolves, it meant that our volunteers were more relaxed and less stressed

in completing our daily tasks for the animals. Also, and as many of you know, wolves are very sensitive to human emotions. Simply put, happy people equals happy wolves! My friends, you had a DIRECT impact on the critters, whether you knew it or not.

So the next time you find yourself thinking "gosh, there isn't much I can offer. Maybe only an hour a month, at best" or "they probably wouldn't benefit from the skills I have," please remember what Leyton emphatically expressed during the campfire; EVERYONE has something to offer, whether it be a three month long volunteer visit to our Sanctuary, to an hour a month, to helping us with pulling weeds, to a single phone call to a friend, educating them about what we do here. It all makes a difference to the wolves, much, much more than it would seem.

So if you are curious about how you can help, pick up that phone, call Wild Spirit at 505-775-3304, and ask for me, Taylor! Wild Spirit needs your help, and I would be delighted to talk with each and every one of you about how you can.



TOUR PATH

We hope you're planning to visit us in 2012 so we can take you around our vastly improved gravel tour path. Thanks to you, we're becoming mud-free, safer and more accessible to folks with disabilities. Thanks to tons of hard work by brave volunteers from Team Depot at The Home Depot, and our tireless WSWs staff and volunteers, our new tour path has already made its way along the front of our first set of animals' enclosures. With your continued help, we hope to finish in 2012!



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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. Thanks to your support, our animals are thriving and our Sanctuary's hopes are alive. We hope you have a warm and joyous Howliday Season and New Year!

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Thanks all who search and shop with GoodSearch. Howling thanks to our top registered earners as of Nov. 28th!

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| 1. Bobby Barnhill | 6. Kim Reiten |
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| 4. Georgia Cougar | 9. Allison Bailey |
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SINGERS' PLAYGROUND

New Guinea singing dog Reba was our Cover Canine on our last newsletter. Reba and her pen mate, Princess, were among over 60 singers originally rescued from a hoarder in Pennsylvania. Facing their first winter in our woods of New Mexico, Leyton built our sweet wild girls a playground and house out of hay bales and wood. The girls truly love their new structure which is not only fun, but will help keep them toastier. Next year, we hope you'll help us to build all our Singers more permanent and swanky enclosures with ponds and houses.

PRESENT TOSS - WINTER FUND-RAISING PARTY

You blessed us all year with vital support in even the most worrisome of times. We hope that you'll help us end this year in celebration, and begin our new year brightly by participating in our Present Toss. When you donate \$35 or more, we'll ensure that our furry family has the pleasure of opening their very own package of spirit-lifting fun and snacks. We hope you, our champions, are graced with a 2012 full of joy and all good things. Our forever thanks for your dedication and generosity. Your \$35 donation, or whatever you can spare, keeps us going throughout the quarter and ensures that our rescued wolves and wolf-dogs thrive and our education efforts continue. Happy Howlidays!

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Angela Albrecht

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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 WILD CALENDAR

Our dear friend Hannah Leigh Jones has been helping her wolf friends at Wild Spirit since she was 11 years old! Now at 14,

this young artist 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 the best holiday 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.

Order at 505-775-3304, or at www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org.



CHRISTMAS CARDS 50% OFF!

We're clearing out our original Christmas cards from years gone by and making way for a whole new set of designs. Get a head start on next year and purchase our vintage-style Christmas cards featuring our own animals at 50% off. Each pack comes with 7 different cards and envelopes. You can't get these original cards anywhere else. Order at www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org, or call us at 505-775-3304.

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 online at www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org.



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.

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!

MEMORY OF ED GARDNER- Thank you James, Jill and Sophie Gollwitzer, Lindsay Ellsworth & Pete Park and Mary & James Clemmons for donations in memory of this fantastic young man. We all send our deepest sympathies to Ed's Dad, Jack. Shortly

after he lost his son, Jack also suffered the loss of his dear wife, Chris, from a long term illness. Our hearts ache with you. Your beautiful family is always remembered and cherished by us all.

MEMORY OF ALLEYNE MYERS- Our heartfelt thank you to David & Debbie Hadley for the tremendous donation in honor of Alleyne Myers. We're so sorry for your loss.

SUSAN KLINE- Our dear friend blessed us with a lifetime donation for her wolf-kid, Duchess. Susan knew wolf couple Duchess and Geronimo long before we did, and never forgot them. Every creature would flourish with a friend like Susan. Thank you for your inspirational devotion.

CHRISTINE CRAWFORD- Christine is one of our Sanctuary's best friends. She keeps us going with beefy checks for all our projects, inspires us by working hard to get things done, and she takes care of us two-leggeds too, with goodies all year. Thank you Christine for all you do. Your support means the world to us all.

SARAH & BRAD GREGORY- We send our howls of thanks to the Gregory's for their tremendous support over the years, and lately, they took a huge chunk off of our ever growing vet bills!

DICK THAYER- No matter what the climate of our economy, we take comfort knowing that our friend and Board Member, Dick, is always here for us. Lately, Dick helped to cover some of our giant printing bill with a big beefy check. A million howling thanks, Dick.

DAVID FROW- David has sent a monthly beefy check for Nimoy ever since he brought his boy to WSWs years ago. We congratulate all the responsible Dads from this issue: Rory, Oedipus and David. Thank you for helping us take excellent care of these kids.

JANE & BRUCE MCLAGAN- Huge thank you to the McLagan's who have supported our rescues with beefy checks for over 10 years. Your continued support gives up hope!

BILL & SARAH KIME- Heartfelt thank you to the Kime's who have blessed us for over 11 years with their caring support by sponsoring always sponsoring several fur-kids and making sure all those kids get their enrichment/fund-raisers each quarter!

ANTHONY KAY & MARKS- Howling thank you to the Marks' whose beefy checks for over 6 years have helped us continue to evolve and give our rescues the pampered lives they deserve!

JAN RAVENWOLF- Our best friends and Board Members like Jan quite simply keep us alive and inspire us to never give up. Thank you millions, Jan, for everything.

BETH ANNE STUART & ROB STECKER- Thank you so much for the big beefy check for Specter!

NANCY KINNEMAN- Thank you Nancy for the big beefy check in memory of our sweet old man, Doc!

WANDA LANGLET- Millions of thanks to Wanda, another best friend to us all, who helped with printing costs. You're always in our hearts!

MARY SEAN O'REILLY- Thank you so much for the wonderful donation honoring our dear friend, Dr. Elizabeth Parr.

HANNAH LEIGH JONES- Howling thank you to our sweet Hannah for

sharing her talents to help our fur-kids! Be sure to get Hannah's original wolf painting calendar for 2012!

HOWL-O-WEEN PARTY THANK YOU-

Our Allison did an amazing job managing her first Howl-O-Ween Party! We appreciate all the folks who helped Allison with her raging success: WSWs VOLUTNEERS, JAN RAVENWOLF for edible pumpkins to be stuffed, LINDA STEVENS for the beautifully carved decoration pumpkins and the folks who bought them for us, Carolyn, Cathy, Debi, Aaron, Ginny, Long Leash on Life, Paulette, Bob, Candice, Catherine, Chris, David, Drew, Elise, Elva, Frank, Jerry, John C., John J., John M., Jon, Judy, Katherine, Katy, Kitty, Megan, Patsie, Rosanna & Zoe and Parents, CHRISTINE CRAWFORD for all the help before and after, STEPHEN COLE for the stupendous organ meats to stuff our pumpkins, GINA WHITE and AMANDA JONES for all your invaluable help, EARL'S RESTAURANT for catering, and PRETTY PARTY PLACE for donating party supplies!

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