



Howling With the Big Pack



Our beautiful 15-year-old, mid-content wolf-dog, Contessa, joined the Big Pack in the Sky. After suffering a stroke, we helped her cross the Rainbow Bridge. Our beloved royal lady was an unforgettable character with majestic charm and beauty who won the hearts of everyone she met. Thank you to all of those who helped us give Contessa the pampered life she deserved during her years at our Sanctuary. We celebrate her love for life and take comfort knowing she is now running free. Thank you all for opening your hearts to our Rescues and helping to give them the best lives we can. [Please click here to access our Big Pack in the Sky memorial pages.](#)



Storm Headed to the Vet



Our 9 year-old Educational Rescue, Arctic Wolf Storm, went to Dermatology for Animals in Albuquerque to have his skin checked. Storm had problems shedding for a few years, but when he began losing fur during the coldest time of year and developing skin lesions we took him to a specialist immediately. Skin scrapings revealed a bacterial skin infection that is most likely due to a hormonal imbalance. This symptom is being treated with antibiotics. Storm also received glucose testing and an in depth thyroid test. Neither revealed any irregularities. Further testing will be done. Storm has been placed on a new diet during his healing process. You can help Storm by [becoming one of his valued sponsors.](#)



Habitat Rearrangements



Our mid-content wolf-dog, Lucian (pictured right), and adoptable domestic dogs, Dusty and Gypsy (pictured left), swapped habitats this month. We felt that Lucian was still a bit depressed after losing his long-time habitat mate, Cove, in 2014 and that he would benefit from a change of scenery. Hoping to get Dusty and Gypsy adopted together, we decided to move them closer to the beginning of our tour path. Lucian is enjoying living in his new, larger habitat next to Nikki and Maki, and Dusty and Gypsy are happy to have moved back beside their old neighbors, Flurry and Ally. You can [visit us and take a tour](#) to see how happy Lucian, Dusty and Gypsy are in their new habitats!



Apply for a Web Development Internship!



Wild Spirit is looking for a Web Development Assistant to start as soon as possible! The Web Development Assistant will work closely with our Web Developer and may have an opportunity to work in our Animal Care department. This internship opportunity is best suited for someone with limited web development experience, but who is eager to learn how to manage and develop content and web pages for a dynamic website. Housing is limited. Priority will be given to applicants with a camper, trailer, RV or who are willing to camp during their internship. We aim to fill this position as soon as possible. [Click here to learn more about this exciting opportunity to intern with Wild Spirit!](#)



Howling Thanks to Our Weekend Warriors!



Thank you, Gabriel and Amy Sandys, for coming out from Arizona to volunteer with us! Gabriel chose to work with Wild Spirit for his middle school internship project. Gabriel and Amy volunteered on a Thursday through Saturday. They assisted with building a new house for Ghost Pack (pictured), cleaning and maintaining our tour path, and protecting our campground through defensible fire maintenance by clearing dead branches and other organic debris. Wild Spirit depends on long and short-term volunteers to keep our Sanctuary running smoothly. Please click this link to learn more about [becoming a Weekend Warrior](#).



Our Wolf Kitchen Got a New Freezer!



Our vital Wolf Kitchen department received a brand new 11' by 16' stainless steel freezer with two doors from our loving donor, Parris! One door faces our parking lot for easy unloading of our meat van, and the other opens into our 'cooling room,' which is attached to our Wolf Kitchen and existing walk-in freezer. Our new freezer can store double our existing capacity for our deserving Rescues. Thank you, Jack, Manny and Dave of Albuquerque Restaurant Equipment for all of your help and time! There are a few finishing touches to be done before the new freezer is up and running. Please click here to [donate toward completing our freezer!](#)



Cabin Upgrades



Our 10 year-old, off-grid, cabin has been undergoing solar, propane and water system renovations since early January, and is set to re-open this May. This month we installed a large propane tank, and purchased a 1,000 gallon water tank to replace the Cabin's 200 gallon water tank. This spring we will be upgrading to a pro-panel tin roof, moving the solar panels to a more optimal location, upgrading and repairing the electrical system, installing finished carpentry, purchasing and installing a new refrigerator, and fixing minor repairs. We encourage you to book your vacation early. Click here to learn more about our [accommodations!](#)



Limited Edition, Jasa, T-shirts On Sale Now!



Our limited edition Jasa Coyote t-shirts just came in from Zia Graphics in Albuquerque. These one of a kind t-shirts won't last long, and there are only 72 available! Jasa, our resident male coyote, was brought to the Indiana Coyote Rescue Center in 2009 after a group of hunters denrobbed him as a pup in hopes that he could become a pet. Jasa, and his mate, Lyla Rose, moved to Wild Spirit in 2014. Our stylish and comfortable, Jasa, t-shirts are \$30 + tax and S/H. The color is "heathered brown". The t-shirts come in sizes small, medium, large, extra-large and 2XL. Your purchases help our Rescues! Click here to [buy yours today!](#)



This Month's Meat Runs



Volunteers, Robert Shaffer and Steve Staviski, and Web Developer, Rory Zoerb, picked up 5,810 lbs. of donated meat, logging approximately 1,232 miles on our Meat Van. Roadrunner Food Bank donated about 4,000 lbs. of raw poultry, beef, fish and pork. Our friendly butcher donated about 700 lbs. of cuttings and bones. A food processing warehouse donated about 1,070 lbs. of domestic meats, and 40 lbs. of poultry and beef were donated by Ancient Way Café. Thank you so much for helping us raise \$1,210 last month to purchase ground beef for special food prep! You can help our drivers stay safe by [donating toward our vehicle safety kits](#).