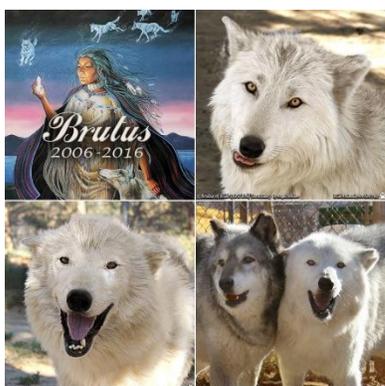




Rest In Peace Beautiful Skye



A week after enjoying a special meaty cake for her sweet 16th birthday, our precious wolf-dog Rescue, Skye, peacefully slipped away to join the Big Pack in the Sky. Skye was raised at our Sanctuary after she came to Wild Spirit as a puppy. In her younger years, she was famous for pulling volunteers to the ground by their jackets, hoods, and hair, but as she aged became known for her loving, gentle soul. Thank you to all of those who helped us give Skye the pampered life she deserved with her handsome love, Brutus. We celebrate her sweet spirit, and find solace in the thought of her running free. We truly appreciate you opening your hearts to our rescues. Please visit our [Big Pack In The Sky page](#) to learn more about Skye.



Brutus, Forever In Our Hearts



Our happiest high-content wolf-dog Rescue has joined the Big Pack in the Sky. Brutus was a beloved, ever-smiling boy who lived each day with joy and won the hearts of everyone he met. Despite being diagnosed with aggressive cancer last summer, he continued to be his happy self. Just ten days before his 10th birthday, we found him lying in the spot where his long time love, Skye, passed away the week before. He was helped along by our Animal Care Supervisor, Rae, Director, Leyton, and long-time volunteer, Elaine. Although we are heartbroken to lose him, we take comfort knowing that Brutus and Skye are howling with the Big Pack, finally running free. You can learn more about Brutus by visiting our [Big Pack In The Sky page](#).



Tia & Zeus Headed to the Vet



Our Assistant Director, Crystal, Executive Director, Leyton, and volunteer, Courtney, took New Guinea Singing Dog, Tia, and high-content wolf-dog, Zeus, to TLC Pet Hospital this month. Tia had a follow-up appointment to get her tear duct flushed. After receiving a round of eye drops, she is continuing on allergy medication to keep her comfortable. Zeus received a general blood test and radiographs on his back legs and hips. The radiographs revealed slight swelling on his back left knee and his blood test came back positive for heartworm. Zeus is being treated for heartworm at our sanctuary, and receives Duralactin to keep his joints healthy. You can help Tia, Zeus, and all of our Rescues by [becoming one of their sponsors](#).



WSWS Hosts Field Trips with CDEC/Co-Bank Grant!



We howl our thanks for a \$5,000 educational grant from Continental Divide Electric Co-Op (CDEC) and Co-Bank! This grant has enabled us to invite more students from eight local under-served K-12 schools to take field trips to our Sanctuary. Each school group will take a guided tour, experience an Educational Encounter with one of our Rescues, and will leave with our new educational publication, "Student Field Guide" developed with funds from the grant. Ramah Middle/High School was the first of our guests. We look forward to hosting the rest of the schools this summer, and to giving all of our tour guests a one-of-a-kind educational experience! Thank you CDEC and Co-Bank! [Click here to book a field trip with us!](#)



Rescues Flurry, Forest & Storm Educated the Public



Arctic wolf, Storm, headed to El Paso's Poppy Fest with Executive Director, Leyton, and volunteers, Tina and Steve, on April 2 where he taught approximately 100 visitors about Wild Spirit's mission. Leyton, volunteer, Stefanie, Board Member, Jan, and Arctic/timber wolf-dog, Forest, went to UNM's Wolf Fest on April 15 where they met 150 people. Arctic wolf, Flurry, visited Santa Fe's Jean Cocteau Theatre on April 4, 11, and 18 with Leyton, Steve, and Assistant Director, Crystal, to provide educational programs before each Game of Thrones screening, where he met over 200 attendees. [You can learn more about our Educational Rescues, here!](#)



Howling Thanks to Our Weekend Warriors!



We thank our Weekend Warriors for traveling from far and wide to help our Sanctuary! Thank you, Tracy, Holly, & Chuki, for coming from Ohio to help us with our garden project, habitat maintenance, office work, and for weeding Raven's Pond! Thank you, Kris & Christine, for helping us heighten one of our habitat fences, and for helping Building & Maintenance with some heavy lifting! Thank you Girl Scout Troop 5151 for pulling weeds and clearing dead brush from Raven's Pond. We thank Annie for weeding foxtails to keep our Rescues safe, and are thankful to Aubrey for refurbishing one of our volunteer housing units. [Click here to learn more about volunteering as a Weekend Warrior.](#)



Join Us For Mother's Day! Moms Enjoy A FREE Tour!



Wild Spirit welcomes you to spend Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8, at our Sanctuary, when we offer all mothers a free Standard Tour! Although Mother's Day at Wild Spirit has traditionally included a special enrichment treat tour, we have decided after very careful consideration that it is in the best interest of our Rescues to keep our enrichment days private. This is because many of our Rescues are shy, and too nervous to fully enjoy their treat in front of a crowd. Wild Spirit will be offering Standard Tours at 11AM, 12:30PM, 2PM and 3:30PM on Mother's Day. Please bring out your family to meet ours! [You can read more about our Standard Tours, here.](#)



Please Help Us Fix Our Roads, RV Loop, & Tour Path!



Our Sanctuary is located off of dirt roads in a very rural area where our dirt turns to very slippery clay after any kind of precipitation. In winter snows and the summer's rainy season, these adverse road conditions make it very difficult to conduct our business, and are a nuisance for our guests when driving on our roads to our rental properties, parking in our RV Loop, and walking on the unpaved portion of our tour path. Wild Spirit strives to give our guests the best possible experience. Please help us purchase crusher fines to finish the unpaved sections of our tour path, and gravel for our roads and RV Loop! [To donate to these projects, please click here.](#)



This Month's Meat Runs



Wild Spirit volunteer, Steve, logged approximately 1,500 miles on our Meat Van this month picking up 4,500 lbs. of donated meat for our Rescues. Roadrunner Food Bank donated about 2,500 lbs. of raw poultry, beef, fish and pork. Our friendly butcher donated approximately 150 lbs. of cuttings and bones, and a food processing warehouse donated about 1,850 lbs. of domestic meats. Wild Spirit's Rescues eat approximately 900lbs of meat each week. Please help us ensure our Rescues receive their special, nutrient-rich weekly meal, called Sunday Loaf, by [donating to our ground beef fund.](#) We howl our thanks to you for your invaluable support!