



Dakota, Storm & Thunder Headed to the Vet

Arctic wolf, Storm, returned to TLC Pet Hospital on September 1st and 22nd to see how his medication, called Trilostane, is affecting his pituitary Cushing's disease. Storm was feeling poorly at the beginning of the month, and began taking steroids for a short period, during which he took a week off of Trilostane before resuming with a lower dosage. He is now responding well to Trilostane. High-content wolf-dog, Dakota, had a lump checked that turned out to be a fatty tumor. Arctic wolf, Thunder, was rushed to ANIC after appearing lethargic, a bit disoriented and refusing breakfast. A blood test confirmed he had West Nile Virus. Thunder is feeling better now, and has returned to his pack. [You can help our Rescues with sponsorship!](#)



WS to the Rescue! 5 Wolf-Dogs Found a New Home

Executive Director, Leyton, and volunteer, Steve, headed to LA to rescue five wolf-dogs: adults, Kaballah, Mitzy and Mystique, and three-month old puppies, Leia and Quinn. All were victims of a horrendous hoarding situation. The adults, who were in very poor health, were placed in one habitat and the puppies in a separate temporary habitat. Tragically, Mitzy, one of the adult males, passed away overnight only days after they arrived, likely of gastric distortion. We continue to monitor Kaballah and Mystique who are adjusting well despite this loss. Leia and Quinn are being socialized daily in hopes that they may become Ambassador Rescues in the future. You can help our new pack members by [becoming some of their very first sponsors!](#)



Report from Our Annual On-Site Vet Visit

Dr. Salas and two vet techs from TLC Pet Hospital came out for our annual on-site vet visit. High-content wolf-dog, Dakota, Arctic wolf, Flurry, Australian Dingo, Kooyong, and New Guinea Singing Dog, Bono, had lumps checked that were benign. Mid-content wolf-dog, Luna, was inoculated and received a blood test to check for lead poisoning due to being shot with bird shot prior her life at WS. Her test results came back fine. Arctic wolves, Powder and Alice, and Westeros Pack members, Beric Dondarrion and Nymeria, were inoculated. Other Westeros Pack members, Shaggydog, Shae, Jon Snow, Ghost, Brienne, and Arya were vaccinated and checked for heartworm, which came back negative. [Please help us pay off our vet bills!](#)



Join Our Pack for Howl-O-Ween! Saturday Oct. 29th

[Join us for Howl-O-Ween on October 29th!](#) Enjoy a FREE standard tour at 11AM, 12:30PM, 2PM, or 3:30PM. Ambassador Wolf Meet & Greets will be offered at 11AM, 2PM, 3PM, & 4:30PM for \$10 per person. Fair games will be held in the campground from 11AM – 5PM, where we will have pumpkin carving, live music, vendors and games. Winners of our pumpkin carving and costume contests will be announced at 5PM with prizes. Don't miss our haunted woods and spooky night tours at 6:30 & 7:30PM, followed by our fire ceremony at 8:45PM honoring those Rescues we lost in the past year. If you would like to volunteer to help us before and/or during this exciting event, please email us at info@wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org.



Welcome New Volunteers, Kendra, Jenna & Meghan!



WSWS welcomes 3 new volunteers to our Animal Care Department. Kendra Kain from MA will stay for 4 months while working on her natural resources conversation degree through UMass Amherst where her focus is on wildlife ecology and conservation. For Kendra, caring for wild canids is a dream come true. Jenna Purdie from New Zealand just finished her degree in zoology and will be with us for 3 months. Working with wolves has been a huge goal for Jenna, whose career goals include working with animals and aiding conservation. Meghan O'Keefe from WA is very excited to be here for the next 3 months, after which she is planning to attend vet tech school next fall. To learn more about our long-term volunteer program, [click here!](#)



Howling Thanks to Our Weekend Warriors!



Thank you, September Weekend Warriors! Linda Stephens & Bob Patterson gave two guided tours this month. Alyssa Brandon helped with landscaping and revamping our concession stand. Paula & Larry Staeven made decorations for our Howl-O-Ween event. UNM Professor, Kevin Vowles, and graduate students, Karlyn, Robert, Melissa & Mindy, helped build our puppy habitat, painted picnic tables, and fixed up our rehabilitation habitat. Jane Morse helped bring power to one of our volunteer dwellings, and decorated for Howl-O-Ween. WSWS is grateful to all our volunteers! [Click here](#) to learn more about our Weekend Warrior program!



Thank You for Your Service, Scouts!



WSWS is happy to host Boy and Girl Scout troops of all ages! Three Boy Scout troops came out the weekend of Sept. 10th for their Camporee, during which they held competitions and made decorations for Howl-O-Ween. Another Boy Scout troop camped out the weekend of Sept. 17th and continued to make decorations for Howl-O-Ween. A Cub Scout troop joined us the weekend of Sept. 24th. They helped decorate for Howl-O-Ween and cleared brush from the campground. All the Scout troops enjoyed a group tour and an Educational Encounter with one of our Ambassador Rescues. Click here to learn more about our [group tours!](#)



Flurry's Educational Presentation in Pinetop, AZ



Executive Director, Leyton, Arctic wolf, Flurry, and volunteer, Tina, went to the Woodland Wildlife Festival in Pinetop, AZ, on Sept. 3, where they met approximately 150 guests. Leyton presented on Wild Spirit's mission of rescue, sanctuary and education, spoke about wolves, wolf-dogs and other wild canines, and why these animals belong in the wild – not as our pets. [You can learn more about booking an Educational Presentation with one of our expert handlers and Ambassador Rescues, here.](#) We book Educational Presentations in advance, and availability is limited. Please call ahead to secure your date. We would love to meet your group!



This Month's Meat Runs



Wild Spirit's Executive Director, Leyton, and volunteer, Steve, picked up approximately 9,450 lbs. of meat for our Rescues this month, logging just under 1,900 miles on our Sanctuary vehicles. Gallup Community Pantry and Roadrunner Food Bank donated a combined 3,800 lbs. of domestic meats, such as raw poultry, beef, fish and pork. A food processing warehouse donated about 1,000 lbs. of domestic meats, and our friendly butcher donated around 4,650 lbs. of bones and cuttings from local hunters. Thank you Lisa & Dave McNitt for your donation of 100 lbs. of meat! With hunting season in full swing we are in desperate need of fixing our old freezer to store thousands of pounds of meat each week. Please help by [making a donation.](#)