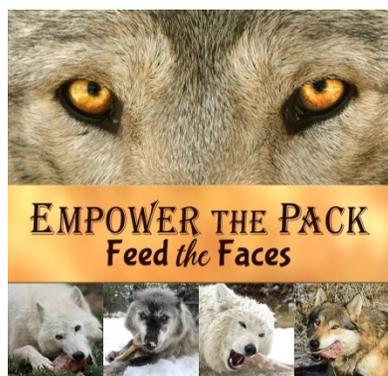




Dogs, Dusty-Pup & Gypsy, Found Their Forever Home!

Dusty-Pup and Gypsy have finally found a permanent home. These two full blooded dogs were misidentified as wolves by animal control, and due to the confusion, likely had euthanasia in their future. We rescued them to protect them from that fate, with plans to “quickly” adopt them out. Even though Dusty-Pup & Gypsy were rescued separately, shortly after meeting, they bonded and became best buddies. This friendship prevented us from adopting each one out separately, so they became a 2 for 1 package deal. Nearly 7 years after their arrival, they found a gentleman named Allan, experienced with special needs dogs willing to take them both into his home and heart. Your donations helped give Dusty and Gypsy a home. Please consider helping some of the Rescues that [are still here!](#)



The Empower The Pack Campaign!

This last month we launched our most transformative fundraiser yet in celebration of our 25th year anniversary! Our Empower the Pack campaign is focused on improving the overall well-being and quality of life of our animal and human pack and was designed to take us to the next level as an organization. It will be separated into three unique phases. We’ve rolled out phase one, “Feed the Faces”, which will be followed by the “Mark Our Territory” and “Home Sweet Habitat” Campaigns in 2017. There is so much more we can do for innately wild canids in need, and this fundraising campaign will allow us to continue to serve those rescues. We hope you’ll consider joining our team to [Empower the Pack](#) this new year!



Shasta II Has Crossed The Rainbow Bridge

Our beautiful, low content wolf-dog, Shasta II, has taken her journey over the Rainbow Bridge. Shasta II was diagnosed with a large tumor in her thoracic cavity in November. Unfortunately, the tumor was so advanced that she could not be helped by surgery or other treatments. All efforts were made to ensure that Shasta II was comfortable. In the end, Animal Care Supervisor, Rae, and Assistant Director, Crystal, assisted her with her transition. Although her ailment worsened, Shasta II spent her last days enjoying the simple pleasures of sanctuary life like, leashed walks with her companion, Rayne, and getting showered with love by all who knew her. We thank her [sponsors for helping us care](#) for Shasta II in the best way we could.



A Grant From T.S. & K.D. Glide Foundation!

WSWS currently houses 67 canids including wolves, wolf-dogs, coyotes, New Guinea Singing Dogs, Australian Dingoes, and a red fox. At least half of our Rescues are in their golden years. Just like people, our senior residents get aches and pains, and lumps and bumps. As it is our priority to provide our Rescues with the highest level of veterinary care, WSWS typically visits one of our veterinary partners each month. In 2015, our veterinary expenses cost a total of \$35,961.01. We are very pleased to announce that WSWS has been awarded a \$4000 grant from the Thornton S. Glide, Jr. and Katrina D. Glide Foundation to help us pay off our vet bills before the end 2016! We cannot thank the [Glide Foundation](#) enough for this award!



Games of Thrones Auction



The generous team at Random House donated #001 of their Ultra Exclusive Box, a Game of Thrones collectible, to be auctioned off as an exclusive world-wide fundraiser for our Rescues from December 2 – 12, 2016! Only 200 were made, and the other 199 were already sold. The GoT Box auction raised \$5,000 for our Rescues! Congratulations to the lucky winner whose prize was announced at George R. R. Martin's Jean Cocteau Theatre in Santa Fe, during the first screening of a [beautiful promotional video](#) made for WSWs by his team. Howls of gratitude to George R. R. Martin and Random House for supporting Wild Spirit! You can support our very own Westeros Pack by purchasing Westeros Pack Certificates as singles or as a family set!



Volunteers Needed!



Starting in January, we have several part time [volunteer opportunities](#) opening up! The different positions that we are hoping to get volunteers for are as follows: a social media assistant, a graphic designer, a building maintenance helper, and a member services assistant. These positions are part-time and would be 20-25 hours a week. There will be free room and board with each position. The housing slots are as follows: one large bunk house that sleeps three people, with solar electricity and a fire wood stove. The other is small private cabin with a propane heater. Please contact crystal@wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org for further details.



Howling Thanks to Our New Volunteer



We are fortunate to have a new volunteer join the pack this month. Her name is Yvette Cohoe and she is helping in one of the departments with the greatest need for assistance: Building & Maintenance! Yvette is a member of the Pinehill community, which is a few minutes from our mountain village, Candy Kitchen. We could not be here without the help of our devoted volunteers and are always on the lookout for new pack members willing to serve our Rescues! Thank you, Yvette, and welcome to the Pack! [Click here for more info on volunteering.](#)



Howling Goodbyes to Two Staff Members!



So as the new year starts, we are giving a howling farewell to two valuable staff members: Nicole Schepker, the Program Director and Chadley Kolb, the Event Coordinator. Nicole was very productive with her time here; she created our WSWs "Field Guide", acquired several large grants and trained many volunteers. Chadley, took care of [reservations for our accommodations](#) and helped set up several protocols related to our rentals; he also brought his skills as a musician to several of our events. They will be traveling Asia for some time and creating their own business together, we wish them good luck and prosperity on their journey.



New Writer For The Monthly Howl



2016 was the year of the Monthly Howl's inception and it has received positive feedback! We will continue to update our members with the monthly activities at Wild Spirit in 2017 and will be sending out a Yearly Review to sum up 2016, soon. Program Director, Nicole Schepker, began the Monthly Howl and kept you informed throughout the year. She and her partner and Event Coordinator, Chadley Kolb, will be departing from us to begin other adventures that are calling to them. The Monthly Howl will now be maintained by Research & Development, Ramon Castellanos. "I look forward to this creative pursuit and connecting with you each month." Thank you, Nicole and Chadley, for all of your hard work for our Rescues. Howls of love!