

THE HOWLING REPORTER



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Our Mission

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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ROMEO
Age 2
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photo: Allison Bailey



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I Am Not A Wolf

by Leyton Cougar

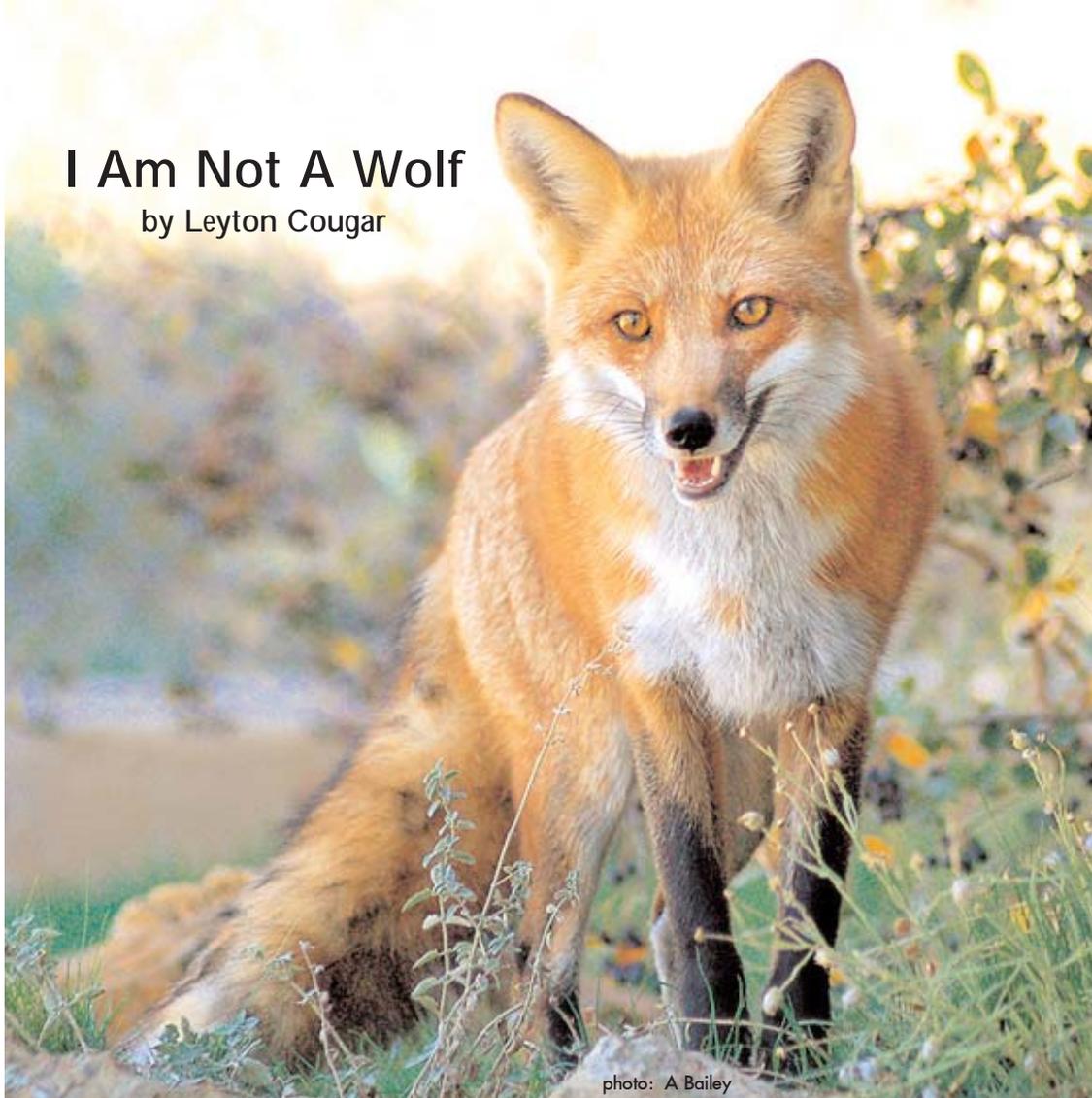


photo: A Bailey

A few years ago, Raven and I were in Burbank, California. It was about five thirty in the morning. Raven and I were getting our morning walk before the streets got too busy. Approaching us was a man walking a young Beagle. Raven and I stepped out of their way so they could pass. As the man and his dog came near, they stopped in their tracks. The man stared at Raven and proclaimed, "That's a fox!" I laughed lightly and said, "No sir. Your dog is about the size of a fox. This is a wolf!"

It happens over and over again. People will see Raven and me at events and educational programs and say things like, "Oh we see wolves all the time in the alleys and ditches behind our house." "No," I would tell them, "those are coyotes." Then, they will go on to say something like, "Aren't they the same thing?" or "What's the difference?"

Time and time again I am reminded that most people have little knowledge of things wild, even when those wild things live in their own back yard. Without the ability to make direct comparisons, too many people don't know the difference between wolves, dogs, coyotes and even foxes. We have decided that in order to enhance our Sanctuary's education efforts, we would like to create a living demonstration of the differences between nature's wild canids.

This past May when we picked up the three tundra wolves from Fejervary Children's Zoo in Iowa, we met the zoo's very social Red Fox named Romeo. Romeo was also in need of a new home due to the recent closing of the zoo. When his curator told us the fox participated in hands-on educational programs, I was intrigued. I asked if Wild Spirit could be a candidate for becoming his future caretaker. It was considered by the zoo staff and later we were honored to learn that Romeo wished to live at Wild Spirit too. I began planning where he would live when he came to us. It would need to be a great space, starting from

Big Pack In The Sky

WAYA 15 YRS

We said an expected but sorrowful goodbye to our oldest girl at the end of the summer. Waya lived a peaceful life off our tour path at WSWs and enjoyed great health right up until it was time to join the Big Pack. Her last days were a bit rough. Inspirational staff member, Allison, and one of our favorite volunteers, Taylor, made certain Waya was as comfortable as possible and checked on her throughout her last day. Thanks to Donna & Ben, and Denise for sponsoring our girl. Special thanks to Waya's dedicated friends, Shirl & Joe, and her best friend over the years, Sonja Gentry.

PRINCESS 15 YRS

The Big Pack in the Sky probably has a new boss now. Princess remained a vibrant force until it was time for her to go. She was with us for breakfast her last morning, and gone a few hours later. We will all miss her snarls and snaps which reminded us that wolves are powerful, well-designed predators, and never meant to be pets. Thank you, Mae, Pat, Marcy, Traci, Jo & Meg, Denise, and Talentino & Diane who helped us care for Princess. Special thanks to Susan Kline who enriches all our lives with uplifting support and unwavering dedication. She has been a loyal champion for Princess, Duchess and Geronimo throughout their lives.

NAKONA 14 YRS

It was always a pleasure to take photos of Nakona. Last issue's CoverGirl was lovely and sweet and finally left us at the end of the summer. Nakona had been an older girl for so long, we often forgot that in her younger days she was an escape artist, and Sanctuary ambassador. Nakona was blessed with a devoted friend in volunteer Diane Palmeri who checked on her every 15 minutes when it was apparent she was slipping away. We also thank Nakona's sponsors, BJ, Patricia, Louis & Joan, Harry & Harriet, and John. Special thanks to Nakona's best friends, Wanda and Bill & Jo.

HOOTER 14 YRS

Although we all loved this precious girl, we hope we never have another like her at our Sanctuary. Hooter really should have been living a doggy life with a family. She reminds us that just the label "wolf-dog" can often sentence an innocent animal to death, or sometimes to a life in a facility like ours. With us, Hooter enjoyed great food, walks, and a parade of kind people showering her with love every day. Thanks to friends Gay & Paul, Marjorie, Randy & James, and Nan; to her newest friends William, Linda Sue, and John & Christie; and her dearest friend, Sibylle. Thanks to volunteers Trae, Helga & Lauren who were with Hooter in her last hours.

SEQUOIA 11 YRS

Our big sweetie finally lost her battle with the lumps. You helped with the bills when Sequoia had several fatty tumors removed successfully. Then, the tumors grew back. We took Sequoia to the vet again, hopeful that she could have another minor surgery. We were heartbroken when the vet discovered her latest set of tumors were cancerous and that cancer had also spread throughout the rest of her body. She was euthanized at the vet's office in Leyton's arms. Thanks to Christine, James, Deryl & Janine, Martha & Elmer, Joy and Melodie & David for your thoughtful help. Special thanks to best friends Linda Sue Young, Dave Dorsey and Taylor Hord.



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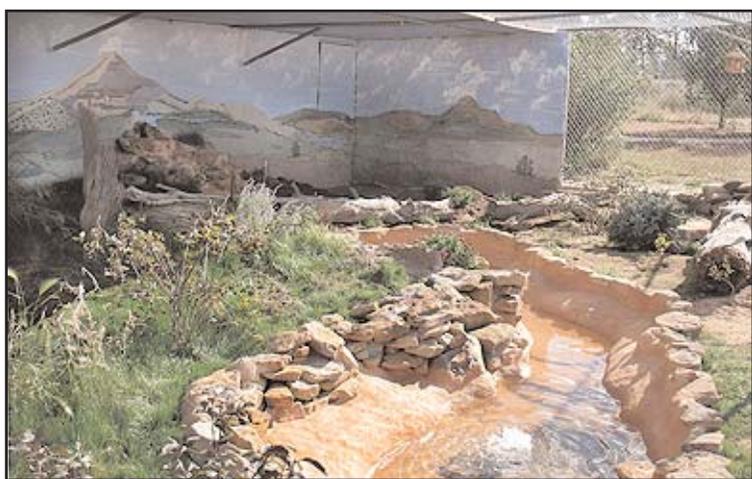


TETON (4)
photo: Helga Droyli

Your generous involvement is vital to our Sanctuary. Thanks to our tireless and passionate staff and volunteers: Angel, Allison, Christina, Mary, Angie, Taylor, Diane, Josh T, Josh P, Trae, Lauren, Sundeep, Helga, Courtney, Catherine, Tim, Rebecca, Doran, Virginia, Danielle, Jay, and Joseph. Special thank you to Norma & Chuck Young, Jan Ravenwolf, Dick Thayer, Cheryl Ford, Jill Jacobs, Wild Birds Unlimited, Wanda Langlet, Rene Stapf, Lisa and Printer's Press, Fire & Ice, The Greenhouse of Showlow, Steve & Josie Donaldson, Bernice & Walter Dalby, Ann Wallace, Cindy at Green Valley Meats, Canyon Crossroads, Art Helping Animals, Helen Garner & Liz Parr, Jim Harlin & The Community Pantry, Pine Hill Market, Petco, and our monthly supporters Rebecca, Dr. Planitz, David, William, Nancy, Melodie, Sonja, Eileen, Katharine, Margaret, Scott & Joyce, Nancy, Helen, Dennis, Jean & Caryl, Kelly, Sharon, Susan, Sally, Catherine, and John & Christine, plus our United Way supporters, Tim & Delma, Ron & Rachael, Kandice, Nancy, BJ, Eric, Mercedes, Megan & Jim, Christopher, Dick, Walter, Cheryl, Amy Elena, Calvin, Jack, Cody & Amy plus, the Anonymous ones.

We love to say Thanks. Please let us know if we're missing anyone.

scratch, and designed the way we wish all our enclosures could eventually become. Romeo's new home took months to complete, but after the hard work of dozens of volunteers, we're thrilled with what we achieved. Our little fox has a fountain, pond, landscaping, a partial roof, an indoor den, and a hand-painted mural.



While at the zoo, Romeo's habitat was directly across from the wolves. They were just about the closest friends he had. I deliberately built Romeo's new habitat across from the Iowa trio so he could see his old buddies.

When Romeo arrived at Wild Spirit, (to this moment even as I write this I get a lump in my throat when I think about what happened when Romeo was released into his new habitat),

moments after Romeo took his first romps around his new home, Brutus and Navar of the Iowa trio began to howl and ran to the front of their enclosure. Akela trotted down and joined her brothers in a welcoming song to Romeo. Romeo, in spite of being overwhelmed by everything, ran to the end of his habitat and looked over to see his old pals. I got so choked up by this obvious display of recognition, I could barely speak as I was narrating the video I was making, You have to see the video to believe me. Please check it out on our website!

So today we have a new member of our pack and he's not a wolf. Nonetheless, we love him and are anxious to get him out in public to help teach people about the wild.

We also want to encourage people to come out and meet Romeo and see the incredible habitat that our volunteers from all over the world helped build. It is truly a work of art and a labor of love.

We want to say a special thank you to the following folks who helped create Romeo's happening fox pad. Terry Shelton, Josh Pironti, Josh Troelstrup, Danielle St. Leon, Jenah Osland, Matthew Nixon, Adam Silverman, Jay Barnett,



Fiona Cross, Becca Lee, Trae Fairbanks, Courtney Petteruti, Lauren Omand, Tim Eaton, Helga Droyli, Sundeep Jivan, Joseph Johnson, Catherine Gardner and Jill Jacobs
The Amazing Mural Artists
Taylor Hord, Elyse Barkin, Lauriel Lynar & Bobbie Shelton
The Fearless leader...Leyton Cougar.





RIOT (2)
photo: A Bailey

Riot & Contessa

by Angel Bennett

For those of you who read Leyton's article, "Unlucky in Love," last month, you already know that wolf match-making isn't always easy. While we're thrilled to report that Lucian, who joined our furry family a few months ago, has proven to be quite the catch for Cove, other new arrivals haven't been quite so lucky.

In the wild wolf world, love dramas aren't quite so prevalent. In a pack, it's only the Alpha male and Alpha female who have to worry about keeping a relationship in

check. All of the subordinates have the stress of romance relieved from them when the alpha female oh-so-delicately reminds them that she is the one and only breeding female in the family. Those girls & boys who do want to start their own romantic endeavors are kindly reminded that if they want to breed, it's not happening in Mom's house. And thus, these young adults embark out into the wild where they'll hopefully find a compatible mate of their own.

At the Sanctuary, however, our wolves & wolf-dogs don't have the luxury of finding their own mates. We study our fur-kids' personalities, and when we hear of a rescue, try to decide if he or she would make a compatible companion for a currently lonely boy or girl.

A few months ago, we heard about a two year old arctic wolf named Riot who was in need of a home. Riot had been purchased from a breeder, and lived with a woman named Debbie in Northern California. While Riot lived by herself in a very tiny enclosure, she became extremely sociable with people (as long as they crouch to her level) and is a very submissive little girl. When we first heard about her, it sounded like we may have finally found a companion for the very unlucky in love, Doc. Doc didn't seem to think so....

For once, the tables were turned, and unlike the last three females Doc had had blind dates with, Riot was the one getting picked on. Perhaps Doc decided that instead of risking getting pushed around by another lady-wolf, he better take charge right away and make certain he was in charge. Poor Riot only wanted to play, and Doc was having none of it.

Meanwhile, after the passing of Princess, we hoped to find 3-year-old Axel a new lady friend of his own. A very high-content wolf-dog



CONTESSA (1)
photo: A Bennett

MOONLIGHT SPOTLIGHT



CONTESSA (1)

Staff members Leyton and Angel can tell you that playing with the big dogs can bring great rewards, and also mild to heavy bruising...and sometimes stitches. Our new resident, Contessa, recently experienced similar ups and downs (see story opposite). When she first arrived at WSWS, she might have felt wild stirrings as her kindred spirits lifted their voices together in song. Perhaps she felt like a member of a wolf pack. She was paired with a younger arctic wolf named Axel to be her mate. She successfully defended her breakfast with grumbles and growls. Perhaps she felt a little wilder. And then, she felt a big pain in her toe.

One morning, during a breakfast brawl, Axel landed a bite on Contessa's front foot. The resulting slice was deep enough that she required stitches. This certainly wasn't the kind of welcome we had planned for our new girl in her first week. Trips to the vet and being sentenced to time in the plastic cone may have squelched the Wild Spirit high Contessa was on. But, soon enough, her cone will come off. We'll all help her with a "do-over!" When she's healed, she can try her luck with Doc, an older wolf, and remember to stay a little lighter on her toes in the future.

No one said running with the big dogs would be without drama...or medical expenses. Contessa is recovering nicely. She was able to enjoy her first Pupsicle even while wearing her cone. We would sure appreciate any help you can offer this brave new girl with her recent bills, and perhaps consider making her a part of your extended, non-biting family.

Howl-A-Ween 2008

Please come for a most unique play date at our house! We buy pumpkins and then stuff them with treats our fur kids love. The demolition that follows makes for a fantastic day of fun, and a smashing opportunity for amazing photos. Our third enrichment/fund-raiser of the year is our furry family's favorite and has traditionally been our most successful. It's always such a relief to see our funds replenishing after a typically nerve-racking summer of just making ends meet.

If you can't come enjoy the fun in person, we hope you participate by providing a hopeful wolf or wolf-dog with a stuffed pumpkin. We suggest a \$35 donation, but we appreciate any

amount. If you like, we'll send you a full color certificate with a photo of the animal you select delightedly devouring his or her pumpkin. Make a donation for a loved one and we'll send them a certificate in their name. We count on your help to get us through each quarter, and you always come through for us. Thank you for helping us take such great care of our friends in need.



AXEL (6) photo: A Bailey



Terri, Eileen, Linda Sue, Katharine, Dave and of course, Irene. It goes without saying that we will do our very best to make sure SunBear remains comfortable and pampered until it's time to say goodbye.



Updates

SUNBEAR In our last issue, we told you about our ten-year-old, SunBear, who recently had tumors removed from his groin. We're all sorry to report that SunBear is not doing very well. We send a thanks to the following folks for covering his medical bills: Bill, David & Barb, Barbara, Sally, Elaine, Tim & Bobbi,

DOC Our unlucky-in-love-boy continues his quest for a compatible companion with which to share his golden years. Currently, he and new arrival Contessa are testing the waters. See more details in Angel's article starting on page 5.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT by Leyton Cougar



We casually mentioned in our last newsletter that we have a new gift shop lady! So I thought I should take a moment and formally introduce to you Jaye Pauley, our new gift shop manager and host. Jaye has made a few changes to the gift shop, like putting in a coffee spot in the corner just in time for chilly autumn mornings. We will be installing a new wood stove in the shop soon. With a warm

fire burning and a hot cup-o-java, winter tours won't be so cold. Speaking of cold...it's been a lean summer for tours. We are counting on folks coming out this winter to visit our furry inhabitants. Their winter coats make for great photos and as you know winter is a wolf's favorite time of the year, so come see the wolves all winter long. Jaye will have a fire burning and hot coffee in the pot, plus snacks and great gifts to buy. Jaye is hoping to get the online gift shop up and running before Thanksgiving. So stay in touch with the website so you can begin holiday shopping with us!

PAPERLESS E-NEWS!

We are thrilled to be able to offer our full-color newsletter through your e-mail. There are two ways to get signed up. If you would like to get our e-newsletter, plus fun home videos from Leyton, please go to our website at www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org and type in your name and e-mail address in the blue box that "Napi" the wolf sits on. Next, you'll get a confirmation e-mail back from Leyton. You must open this confirmation e-mail to be added to our list.

If you want only the e-newsletter, please use this link: <http://www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org/NoIndex/NewsOnly.htm> You'll get a confirmation e-mail back, and after you open it, you'll be in the system for our e-news. Please feel free to pass this link along to everyone you know. You can change your status at any time. We're blessed that you stay in touch with us.

Howl-A-Ween Party 2008 Reservations Required October 25th 2-10:30pm

We hope you saved October 25th on your calendars for us. Angel throws a truly Wild party out at our Sanctuary. You'll meet other animal guests from Prairie Dog Pals, Talking Talons, Hawks Aloft, NM Raptors Inc, Zoo to You, and Kokopelli Reptiles. Come experience the pumpkin toss and you'll get the chance to take unique photos of the event. We'll go on an eerie night tour around our Sanctuary, and meet up around the campfire for a farewell ceremony and storytelling.

We ask for reservations only because we need to get a good idea about how many people to plan for, but everyone is welcome!

Prices-

\$30 for Adults

\$15 for Children

Call about Discounts for-

Groups of 10 or more, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts,
Boy Scouts,

Ticket price includes all Howl-A-Ween activities, free camping or RV spot, plus BBQ dinner.

Stay as long as you like, or camp out. Feel free to call for details and check the website too! There still may be time and spaces, so please give us a call and save your spot!

**ENRICHMENT
FUND-RAISER**
THANKS FOR SUMMER COOLERS 2008!

**PHOTO
ALBUM**



SAVANNAH (5)
photo: Helga Bjerke Droyli



SHAKTI (7)
photo: Helga Bjerke Droyli



NIKKI (4)
photo: G Cougar



COCO (1)
photo: Helga Bjerke Droyli



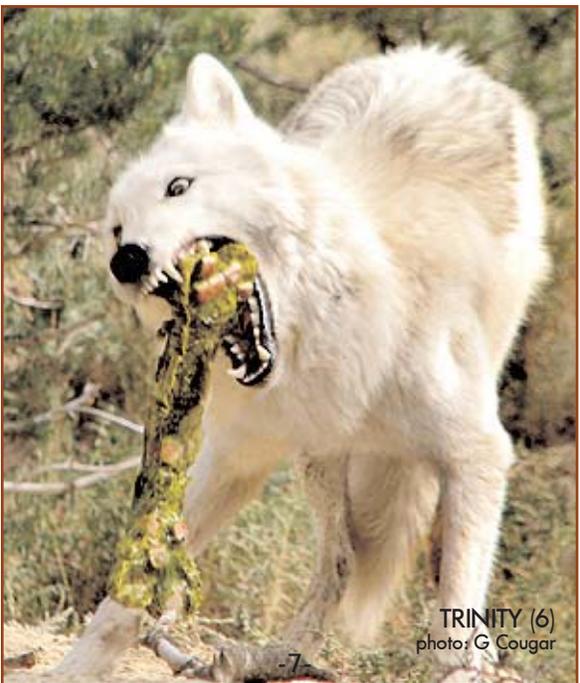
YUKON (7)
photo: Trae Fairbanks



LUCIAN (7)
photo: Lauren Omand



RIOT (2)
photo: A Bennett



TRINITY (6)
photo: G Cougar



ANGEL (2)
photo: Angel Bennett



CONTESSA (1)
photo: Angel Bennett

More Senior Moments

In our last *Howling Reporter*, we featured twelve of our oldest residents. Sadly, five of those seniors have since joined The Big Pack in the Sky. Currently, we have 59 residents, including our newest arrival, Romeo the red fox. Eighteen of our current residents are 10 years old or older. Please take a moment to get acquainted with our six seniors below. We're always

touched when one of our older kids finds a new sponsor. However, we just want to prepare you that those sponsorships often do not last through the full year. You can get to know all our animals better through our website at

http://wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org/meet_our_animals.htm

Your heartwarming concern has made it possible for us to give all our furry family a lovely place in which to grow old. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity.



photo: A Bailey

GHENGIS (6)- 12 yrs. Ghengis is a dominant guy who has mellowed a bit in his golden years. Still, his caretakers must never let their guard down for Ghengis always knows exactly when they do. He loves women, but doesn't hesitate to take advantage of them. **LIKES:** Stuffed animals, Artemesia his pen-mate, and women **DISLIKES:** Eye contact, bone pick-up, people trying to interact with Artemesia.



photo: A Bailey

RAVEN (10)- 13 yrs. Our well-known ambassador is enjoying semi-retirement, and has lately demanded hanging out with volunteers after hours in the compound. It's hard to calculate the positive impact our boy has made on our educational efforts. He's one in a million. **LIKES:** Leyton, giving kisses, kids, and howling with people. **DISLIKES:** Having his feet touched, umbrellas, men in cowboy hats, balloons and costumes.



photo: A Bailey

LYCEA (8)- 12 yrs. Ghengis' sister is known for her bouncing skills which she gleefully displays while waiting for her food or enrichment treat. She is a very loving girl who seems happy living alone since she lost her pen-mate and brother, Taza. **LIKES:** Leyton, meaty bones, and sunbathing on her house **DISLIKES:** Sudden movements toward her, loud noises and strangers investigating her house or den.



photo: A Bailey

COCO (1)- 11 yrs This sweet low-content wolf-dog was brought to us on a chain bolted into the back of a truck. The man told Leyton he would shoot Coco if he didn't take him in. He's been with us since, and has always been a favorite with our volunteers. **LIKES:** Walks, Angel, stealing caretakers' stuff, hind-end scratches. **DISLIKES:** His ears being touched, next door neighbors, red meat and other animals going for walks.

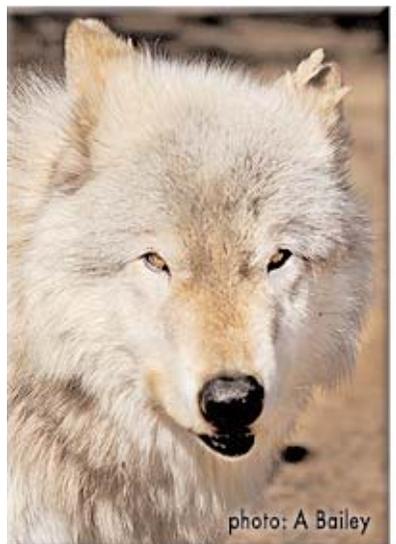


photo: A Bailey

SHAKTI (7)- 12 yrs Lycea's sister is a more dominant spirit than her sister. Although she's become more playful in her senior years, her caretakers must be careful that Shakti doesn't become too aggressive when they interact with her. **LIKES:** Fence-fighting with neighbor, Cove, hind-end scratches, new people and walks. **DISLIKES:** Cove eyeing-up her food and caretakers leaning over her.



photo: A Bailey

ANGEL (2)- 11 yrs. Animal control rescuers thought Angel looked wolfy, so treated her like she was vicious. None of us has seen anything but sweetness, although she is skittish around new people and leery of men. **LIKES:** Toys she can destroy, stealing caretakers' stuff, but her favorite thing is Coco, her pen-mate. **DISLIKES:** Men, loud noises, sudden movements and when Coco goes somewhere without her.

named Contessa was in need of a new home. Contessa had originally been purchased by her owner, Oedipus, from a breeder in Alaska. At only 5 weeks old, she rode the whole way back on the plane under his seat, and spent the next 8 years of her life with her human Dad. Contessa proved to be difficult. She was a one-gal demolition team in the house, and while she was extremely well socialized and even learned some basic obedience commands, it was difficult for Oedipus to find a kennel that could properly care for her while he was away. After marrying his wife Amy, Oedipus began spending half of the year in Asia. It was obviously not a good situation for Contessa, and Oedipus decided to find his girl a new home. In appreciation of our acceptance of his girl, he was kind enough to make a very generous donation to our land payment fund.

Mary and I packed up the white van and drove all the way to Dover, (near Boston, MA) to pick up what we hoped to be Axel's new girlfriend. We figured that 8 year-old Contessa was old enough to keep up with the dominant female attitude that Axel was used to thanks to Princess, but still young enough to romp about the enclosure with this playful guy. 42 hours of straight driving time later, Mary, Contessa and I arrived back at our Sanctuary to meet up with Amy and Oedipus (who had flown into Albuquerque to meet us) and introduce the hopefully soon-to-be happy-couple.

Axel was cautious at first, but then after all the people had left, began play-bowing at Contessa and flirtatiously antagonizing her to play. Contessa, however, replied with grumbles and growls, perhaps a little testy from her journey and surprising new surroundings. A few days later, when Axel came a little too close to Contessa's breakfast, she gave him a huge scolding, and Axel nipped her paw. Her injury was a little too severe to call a simple love-spat. Contessa and I hit the road again to Canyon Crossroads in Tijeras, where she had to have her toe stitched up after it had been sliced almost down to the tendon.

Now, we're hoping our second set of blind dates will go a little better. Right now, Contessa is looking pitiful with a plastic Elizabethan collar around her neck and a bandage on her foot in our front isolation pen. She is, however, enjoying all the human lovins she's getting, and the extra walks around the compound. We've removed Riot from Doc's enclosure, and introduced her to Axel. While she seemed a bit intimidated by her neighbors, she's now playfully interacting with her new (much-younger) beau, Axel, and things seem to be looking up for both of the young arctics. When Contessa is healed, we'll introduce her to Doc. Perhaps these two older animals will find some comfort in each other's grumbly companionship. And if not, there is still handsome Lakota waiting for a new girl after the loss of his companion, Waya. Cross your fingers that we'll all have better luck with this round of match-making!

Original Christmas Cards

NEW



Here are two new styles of canine Christmas cards. Romeo enjoys some holiday sweets, and Thunder gives Santa some sugar.

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Proceeds help WSWWS.



Gearing up for winter by Leyton Cougar

Winter might get colder. Summer sucked our pocket books dry; gas prices ate a huge chunk of our money. Last year we bought chicken for .18 a pound then the price went up to .59 a pound. Today it's 90 cents a pound; we have to buy 10,000 pounds to get that price. Concrete and mortar went up just over a dollar a bag and we used tons of it this summer.

I am well aware that many people are feeling a bit of a crunch right now. If summer was hard, winter will be harder, especially for a little non-profit tucked away in the woods.

Last winter, the Sanctuary water froze solid for nearly 5 weeks. Leaking roofs made for soggy messes in a few of our volunteer housing cabins. Of course, no one could take showers when the place froze. Some volunteers came to our house to bathe, while others drove over twenty-five miles to get clean at The Ancient Way Cafe & Cabins.

I am really hoping that this winter we can get ahead of the trouble. We have completed many upgrades to prevent much of last winter's woes, but we have a long way to go.

If you have the skills, the time and the desire to help us with our plumbing, electrical and roofing needs, please call me and see if there is a need that you can meet for us.

The Challenge by Leyton Cougar

Those of our readers who check out our website often are aware that we have been asking for online donations to help raise money to purchase the original 12 acres that our sanctuary headquarters sits on. Many people have donated and we have raised \$35,000.00 of the \$60,000.00 we need to keep this land.

For those of our readers that have not seen our website, or missed the urgent need flashing button, let me explain what I am talking about.

Our founder, Jacque Evans, started our Sanctuary on twelve acres of land. As our Sanctuary grew, we purchased another 20 acres which is now paid-in-full. Later, we purchased an additional 16 acres that we make monthly payments on.

Late last year, Jacque called to inform me that she needed to sell her original 12 acres and that she required \$60,000.00 for the land, the gift shop, the office, the animal care building and most of the wolf habitat.

We agreed on the price, but the purchase contract states that we must pay in full by December 2008. We have been passively fund-raising for just about a year now and have reached just over the half way mark. As December gets disturbingly closer, I fear we might not get the money in time.

I know what you're thinking...Leyton, can't you just ask Jacque for more time to pay the note? No. Jacque sold the note to an outside source so she could have her money right away.

You may also be thinking...Why haven't you mentioned this earlier, Leyton?

Well, fear mostly...we are always in need, and all of you are so willing to give, but I have been afraid that if I talked too much about this specific need, you might divert your regular giving toward the land payment and then we would have little or no operating and animal care money!

We are now approaching the final hour!

So, now it is time to get more aggressive in our fund-raising endeavors and we need your help!

After hearing about the need to pay off the land, one of our members in Albuquerque offered up a challenge to the rest of our members.

Member Rudy will match dollar for dollar up to \$10,000.00 for every dollar donated to this specific need, from now 'til November 15, 2008.

So, I am asking, if there are people out there who can rise to Rudy's challenge, please help us pay off this land before December this year.

I know the wolves and all our staff, volunteers and members will be grateful that you did!

And thanks, Rudy, for offering up this challenge and for the check you are about to write!

<http://wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org/donate.htm>

Special Thanks

Thanks to you all! Your involvement means the world to us.

CHRISTINE CRAWFORD & LEONTINE BAILEY The office is now running more smoothly than we ever dreamed, thanks to Christine & Leontine who donated the Dymo Stamp system.

MICHELLE & TRIPP SMITH A howl of thanks from us all to Michelle and Tripp who gave us a huge boost toward our land purchase!

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AMY RODGERS Thanks for the recent article about WSWS in your magazine, *The Maverick*, and for all the other great coverage this year.

FEJERVARY CHILDREN'S ZOO We thank the caring staff of the zoo who took such great care of Akela, Brutus, Navar, and Romeo. After safely bringing Romeo to us, the zoo also gave us a beefy check and a year supply of food for his care.

TERRY & BOBBIE SHELTON Great things have happened since we met the Sheltons. Bobbie coordinated the artists for Romeo's mural, and Terry has worked to get us connected to other helpful folks who donated backhoe time, a roof for Romeo and a repaired septic system. Thanks a million.

BRENT MCGILL from MUELLER, INC. in Moriarity, NM. Thank you for the stupendous donation of the steel roof for our new fox enclosure.

DON EVANS Thank you for your assistance in getting the backhoe out to us for a week.

JUDD SEGAL & HERTZ RENTAL Thank you for the week of backhoe rental. What a difference a massive machine makes.

DELBERT HARTMAN Our septic system has been nightmarish for years. Special thanks to Delbert who helped us make repairs, and determine where our problems lie.

ROBERT DOMRES from KWAL PAINT Thank you so much for the 50 five gallon buckets.

OUR WISH LIST!

We love to report that our wish list changes each newsletter because of wishes that you have made come true. Please look over our list. It also appears on the website. Maybe you could e-mail the list to your friends with businesses, or extra stuff in their garages? We have a detailed list complete with photos on our website. Thank you for making things happen for us!

MAINTENANCE

10' X 12' WOODEN SHED
Low Water Grass Seed
Gift cards from Wal-Mart
Gift cards from Home Depot
Gift cards from Sam's Club

Gift Certificates from
High Country Gardens, dirt from
Western Organics & a greenhouse
160 tons more of base coarse gravel
Enough mulch for all the enclosures
Latex gloves - S, M, L, & XL
2 x 4s & 2 x 8s
Plywood 4 x 8 x 1/2" & 1 3/4"
6' cedar privacy fence panels
200 8x8x16 cinder blocks
Leaf Rakes, & assorted hand tools
Garden Hoses 15', 25', 50' 100'
Garden Rakes

Commercial Outdoor Benches!!
Single Bit Ax Handles
Lots & lots of 80 lb bags of concrete
Commercial meat grinder
(5 or more horse power)
(see website wish list)

Oxygen/Acetylene welding brazing
cutting outfit/set plus portable welding
bench
7 "Angle Grinder, plus
4 1/2" & 7" grinding blades
Jig Saw
7 1/4 Porter Cable circular saw
16 12 volt marine deep cycle bat-
teries 590-720 CCA
Go Jo Hand Cleaner
Tin Snip Set
OFFICE
~~Dymo Stamp set up~~
Thanks Christine & Leontine!

Envelopes:
3 5/8" x 6 1/2"
6" x 9"
First class stamps
Generic printer ink refill kits

FROM THE RENTAL CENTER

One Week Rental of
Commercial Trencher
Heavy Duty Chipper
Two Week Rental of-
Backhoe
Bobcat with Post Auger

NEEDS OF THE FLEET

Newer Model full-size 4 WD pick-up truck
16 Ft Flatbed Trailer- Dual Axle
Small Enclosed Trailer
2 10 gallon electric hot water heaters

OTHER WISHES

Folks often want to know if they can bring something with them when they come to visit. We're always so glad to have visitors, even if you're not bearing gifts, but here's a list if you're so inclined.

WOLF LOAF INGREDIENTS

Ground Turkey
25# OR MORE BAGS OF RICE
Beef & More dry dog food (Sam's club)
Bragg's liquid aminos (Whole Foods/Wild Oats)
Frozen French Cut Green Beans (5-10lbs)
Shredded Carrots (5-10lbs)
Rolled Oats (50lb SW Cash & Carry Only)
Frozen Chicken (we use 960 pounds per week)
Ground Beef Chubs

SUPPLIES

Bleach
Liquid hand soap
Large industrial strength trash bags

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1000 members 2 searches daily \$7300 per year

So, next time you're researching something please think of us, and GoodSearch it! Please share this info with all your friends and relatives, too! As always, thank you for your participation and concern which keeps us going all year long.

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FROM ALBUQUERQUE

I-40 West to Grants, take Exit 81. Turn left onto Hwy 53, go about 44 miles. About 2 miles past El Morro, look for a sign for Mountainview & Pine Hill. Turn left onto BIA 125, go 8 miles (through Mountainview). Turn right onto gravel road BIA 120. Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary is 4 miles down on the left.

FROM GALLUP

Hwy 602 South, stay on 602 to intersection for Hwy 53. Turn left. Go through Ramah, then 10 more miles to BIA 125. Turn right onto BIA 125, go 8 miles (through Mountainview). Turn right onto gravel road BIA 120. Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary is 4 miles down on the left.

CAMP WITH US

Experience the magic of howling wolves under a canopy of stars.



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