

# 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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SAVANNAH  
photo: Allison Bailey

## about us

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### WE ARE OPEN FOR TOURS

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11am 12:30pm 2pm 3:30pm

### CLOSED MONDAY

SEE MAP ON BACK COVER



## Web Wolves

by Leyton Cougar

It's hard to believe spring is already here. Winter isn't really over in our woods, it can't be. Sometimes winter lingers as late as May to early June. None-the-less, most of us have come through the season only a little worse for wear.

This winter did provide a great backdrop for some good photos and video of our fur kids. I took as much free time as I could find to capture video of what we are up to on a day to day basis. Now, I am trying to learn how to use Adobe Premiere Elements Software to edit the footage. The learning curve on that stuff is pretty steep to me. However, I have managed to get

some fun videos edited and on the web for your viewing pleasure. If you are not one of the people who subscribe to my weekly videos, let me tell you what we are doing.

I am trying my darndest to compile a weekly written update accompanied by 1-3 videos. Each video is around three to eight minutes long and shows you some of the things we get to see and experience each week: the good, the bad, the ugly as well as the fun and furry. You'll read things & see things you just can't get in our newsletter...yet.

If you are not someone who uses the internet or if your internet speed is too slow and you can't open the videos via e-mails, we will be selling DVD's on our website and in our gift shop, so please order them online or call our gift shop (505-775-3304).

For our readers who do use the internet and are not yet on our e-mail list, we enthusiastically invite you to get my weekly updates and videos! Simply go to our website and fill in your name and e-mail address and you will automatically begin to get my e-mails. You can also reply to my e-mails. I always enjoy feed back. If you have a positive comment about the weekly updates, "anything you say can and will be used" as a testimonial on our website, with your permission of course. You might encourage someone in cyberspace who's never heard of us to feel confident enough to become a member. Speaking of website...Allison is constantly updating and sprucing it up for us and we are now starting to archive our videos, so check the videos page often to see what you may have missed or what's new.

I would sure like to see more of our quarterly newsletter readers getting my weekly updates via e-mail. We mail around 6000 paper newsletters each quarter and the numbers are growing, but I only have about 1000 names on my e-mail list. I feel confident we have more than 1000 readers who use the internet, so if you have not yet gone to our web site and filled in your name & e-mail address in the opt in box, please do it today.

More internet fun! Do you use My Space, You Tube or Face Book? If you do, check out my sites and our staff and volunteer sites, too. If you don't, let's get you started. You'll be sure to see fun and up-close-and-personal things you can't see anywhere else. Here are the addresses to check out.

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[www.youtube.com/wswolfman](http://www.youtube.com/wswolfman)

[www.facebook.com/wswolfman](http://www.facebook.com/wswolfman)

There is some new internet stuff coming. My days are always full, but I spend my evenings working on getting our Sanctuary seen on the World Wide Web. Coming soon--[www.thewolfchannel.com](http://www.thewolfchannel.com)--all wolves all the time, including: wolf videos, wolf movies, wolf cam, wolf pictures, wolf slide shows, wolf screen savers, wolf gifts and much, much, more...all to support the wolves of Wild Spirit! Thank you for your invaluable help!



# Big Pack In The Sky

SAVANNAH "NANA" BENNETT

Late last year, Angel knew that something just wasn't right with Nana. After many trips to the vet, it was finally discovered that tumors on Nana's liver were causing it to bleed into her stomach. The prognosis was a poor one. Angel was told that surgery would be the only chance for Nana to survive. Tragically, Nana did not live to make her scheduled appointment for surgery. After being rushed to Canyon Crossroads, our kind vet Janine advised Angel that

her only humane choice was to let her girl go. Saying goodbye to our beautiful St. Bernard was gut-wrenching. Our hearts ache for staff member, Angel. She made a tremendous effort to rescue Nana to be a working girl at our Sanctuary. It was Angel who became Nana's devoted mom and the two loved each other intensely. They worked themselves to exhaustion to help give our wolf puppies better lives in a captive world full of scary things, like vans, vets and collars. Our two hard-working girls made our jobs so much easier. All of the wolf pups that Nana helped us raise are as well-adjusted to life with humans as wolves can be. All Nana's kids went to "get fixed" without suffering through traumatic capture, or having to be tranquilized. It looks like both Storm and Forest are shaping up to be fantastic ambassadors for our education programs.

Thank you, Nana. We'll miss your huge heart and handfuls of lip. You'll forever be a loved part of our Sanctuary's history. We're happy to report that a new baby is helping Angel and the rest of us cope with Nana's loss: A puppy, of course! Rescued Great Dane, Mona, has reduced us to mush with her beautiful fur, filled us with the joy of her ample lips and ears, and distracted us with her astonishing growth! If the time should ever come again, our hope is that she will also prove to be a noteworthy nanny. Special thanks to the following members for your kind words and generous donations toward Nana's bills: Kay & Anthony, Mae, Mary C., Nilda, Edra, Jerry & Bob, Paula M., Jim & Lynn, Jillian, Irene, Ann & Bill, Victor, Susan, Christine F, Deana and Sally W., and her other supporters, Gary S., Julia D., Dave D., Carol J., Jo-Annette, & Sarah S.

HAWK

It is hard to walk by Hawk's old pen and not get the thrill of glimpsing our stunning and magic boy. Yet, it's plain selfish to wish he was still here. Hawk, in particular, was a powerful reminder that wolves are not meant to be pets. He had an air of the wild about him. It was that "thing" that a charismatic person has. You can't quite explain it, but you can sure feel it. Although it was a true pleasure to see him, there was always that feeling that he should not have been here. He should not have been sold to be something for someone to look at. He should not have

had to suffer abuse and neglect until the Humane Society stepped in. He should have been free to be a wolf in the wild. We know Hawk's story will help ensure fewer and fewer animals will have to live through what he did. Thank you members for helping us give this majestic boy a fabulous diet, adorable girlfriend and a peaceful, loving place to grow old. Special thanks to the following folks: Al & Kay, Kathy & Gordon, Barbara K., Janna, Brian B., Gerald & Norma, Elaine, Karla, Bev, Melodie & David, Lorna, Betty, Jerry & Annette, Jerry & Donna, Sharon & Greg and Sylvia.

ASHLAR

Our striking boy was the last member of The Nevada Trio which included his mom, Rhapsody, and dad, Grey Shadow.

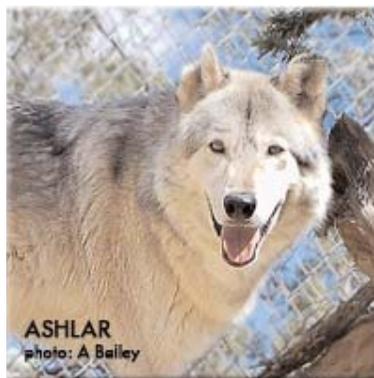
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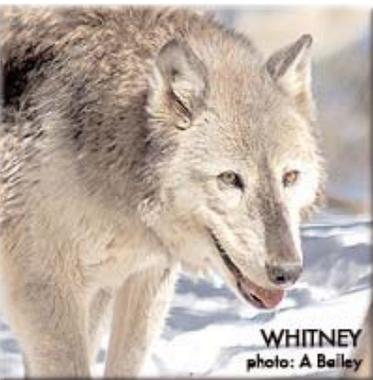
Your generous involvement is crucial to our Sanctuary. Thanks to our tireless and passionate staff and volunteers, Angel, Jim, Allison, Christina, Mary, Angie, Taylor, Kimberly, Michael, Josh, & Josh. Special thank you to Norma & Chuck Young, Jan Ravenwolf, Dick Thayer, Cheryl Ford, Jill Jacobs, Wanda Langlet, friends & family of Melanie Deus, Rene Stapf, Lisa and **Printer's Press**, Gem & Mineral Show, 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, William, Nancy, Melodie, Sonja, Eileen, Katharine, Margaret, Scott & Joyce, Helen, Dennis, Jean & Caryl, Kelly, Susan & Sally, 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 and the Anonymous ones.

We love to say Thanks, so please let us know if you, or someone you know needs to be mentioned.



ASHLAR photo: A Bailey

After being bounced around from place to place, a compassionate animal control officer fell in love with the family and helped raise money to send them to a refuge in California. We agreed to transport the family to their new home, but the day before the trip, the plans fell through. So, they became a beloved part of our furry family. After both his parents passed, Ashlar was able to enjoy the company of his adorable and spunky girlfriend Rain, the wolf-dog. Ashlar left us very quickly, and although we were not ready to say goodbye, we are thankful that he did not have to suffer, or have to take that stressful "last trip" to the vet. Thanks to the following for sponsoring our handsome boy: Steve, Tommi, Harvey & Shirley, Audrey, John & Judy, Letty, & Barbara S. Special thanks to long-term friend, William S., and Ashlar's most devoted supporter, Nancee.

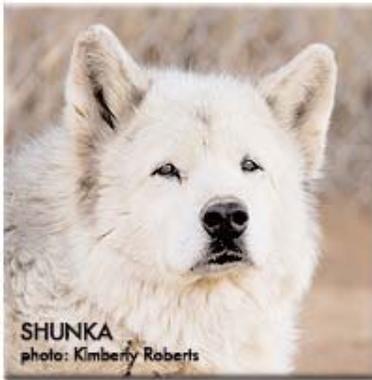


Whitney came to WSWS in 1999 along with wolves Mandi, Cody, Oprah and Doc. They had been raised by an unlicensed exotic animal dealer who had been thrown out of many states for cruelty and neglecting his animals. After a series of horrible temporary homes, a TV reporter and the folks of Las Vegas finally rescued what became known as "The Homestead Pack." Whitney was a shy and stunning girl and certainly one of our most photogenic. Her story of abuse and survival touched so many people over the years. It is our mission & our hope to continue our education efforts so that stories like Whitney's will become part of history, and no longer a reality. She had tremendous long-term friends: Heartfelt thanks to Katharine, Jorge & Fran, Rade & Linda, Wotan & Lynn, plus new friends Christine and Judith.



Fenris was loved by all, and he loved them all back, with the notable exception of our executive director, Leyton. In his elderly years, Fenris felt the need to complain very loudly every time he saw "The Boss" man walking by. After his last girlfriend, Meea, was adopted to a great home, Fenris moved in with Shunka. We were so thankful that this older couple were able to peacefully keep each other company in their last days. Thank you Taylor, Charles, Madeline, Elizabeth, Sue A., and Katharine for

sponsoring Fenris, and a howl of thanks to his long term friends, James P., and Ann Wallace.



#### SHUNKA

We had to say an emotion-filled goodbye to beautiful Shunka. Our forever shy girl had seemed weak and achy, and when our vet came to visit us, he thought she might have bone cancer. Leyton and new volunteer, Kimberly, drove Shunka to town, and the vet came out to the van to put our old girl to sleep.

We're sure Shunka is loping with the Big Pack in the Sky. She finally joins Wambli, Isis, Rill, and the love of her life, Napi from our Sanctuary's original "House Pack." Shunka lived at our Sanctuary longer than any other animal so far and was witness to tremendous evolution throughout her years here. To Alex & Sue, Pamela, and Kristen & Leif, plus Shunka's long-term friends, Gloria, and Susan & Art, we thank you for helping us give Shunka and all our animals a wonderful home and the hope to create positive change.

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## WILD WOLVES!!

By Jan Ravenwolf

Excitement clamped its jaws around my throat! It was February 5, 2008, 5PM. Daring to hope, I asked: "Are you looking for wolves?" "Yes! Come and look through our scopes." What a pinch me moment!! The first wild wolves I'd ever seen, and the most famous wolves in the world--the Druid Peak Pack of Yellowstone--were dancing across the snow!! The Wolf Watchers said I wasn't the first this vision moved to tears.

As an ardent supporter of the Yellowstone Wolf Re-introduction from its beginnings, I seized the "Four Day Wolf-Watching Trip in Yellowstone" as the opportunity of a lifetime. Amazingly, things fell into place. After extensive price comparisons, our own Wild Spirit Travel, available on the WSWS website, offered the best air fares. Even the weather cooperated!

Just like at WSWS, these wolves shredded the expectations of the "people in charge" and ran the show themselves. All 3 mornings, as we grabbed our snacks and equipment at 6:30 AM and stumbled for the vans to go look for the wolves, we stopped short. "We might as well set up here in the parking lot," said our guides, "'cause there they are!"

It was mind-blowing to see wild wolves doing wild wolf stuff 200 yards up the snowy hillside from 35 gawking, clattering, spellbound humans. Yearlings subordinated them-



# MOONLIGHT SPOTLIGHT



SEQUOIA

selves, romped and pounced like a young Raven would, and studiously watched breeding behaviors. A gray male intruder caused a stir as he tried charming young females away. 302, the big black beta male, finally lost patience and both wolves disappeared in a flat-out dead run chase--a little ironic since 302 had been the amorous intruder 3 years ago! The gray Romeo was back that afternoon.

"While you guys were eating breakfast, they made a kill just up the slope!" The stumbling elk calf that succumbed to two yearlings provided food for wolves and ravens, magpies, then a coyote, and finally 3 bald eagles as we watched over the next 2 hours.

After 3 days immersed in wild wolves, it hit me that the Druids were nature's counterparts to our Raven and Forest--ambassadors on the wild side. With intelligence, tolerance and courage, they were being themselves, showing humans how wild wolves live. We were links in a chain. Through the Druids, the spirit of the wilderness is transmitted to our eyes, minds and hearts, and through our social wolves, to our hands, hearts and souls.

My heart wrenched at how European settlers had shot, trapped, burned and poisoned--and worse--the ancestors of these magnificent beings, who now look down the barrel of hi-tech re-extermination. Yet, forgiving like the WSWS wolves can be after a life history of abuse, these wild wolves, even after a thousand years of persecution, seemed to be saying that, at least sometimes, when both sides embrace that intelligence, tolerance and courage, humans and wolves can co-exist in peace.

"Look, not through your fears, but through our eyes."

A ginormous Thank You to Leyton, Angel and the WSWS staff for pushing this trip from possibility to reality, so these spectacularly humbling sights and insights could be embedded in my brain, and etched upon my soul.



Our giant Sequoia has been our spotlight girl in the past. You may remember when our eternally cheerful girl "blew-out" her knee while frolicking one day. She spent some time recovering in our office and we all learned what a very large and very lovable girl she is. Several months ago, we actually thought she was slipping away. Now, we think she might have just been suffering from depression. She made a full recovery after some sleepovers at Angel's house, extra walks, and more time as The Office Dog. Lately, Sequoia made another trip to the vet. She had big trouble with pesky fatty tumors. She sailed through her surgery, but was left with a very long incision. Her least favorite part of all was when it was time to get her stitches out. After a few unsuccessful attempts, Leyton finally had to sedate her to rid her of her stitches. Showing off her lump-free figure, Sequoia went sun bathing and sun burned her shaved parts, but through it all, she remained her happy self and continues to heal. Leyton took some video of his trip with Sequoia to the vet. Look for it soon on our website on our video page.

We would love to have help with Sequoia's latest set of vet bills which totalled over \$600. Thank you for blessing us with your thoughtful support and for helping us take care of our very dear girl.

# Bunny Baskets 2008

A Bunny Basket is an edible treat Christina & Allison invented which is made out of Leyton's creation, the "wolf loaf." Wolf loaf is our exclusive mix of meats, grains and supplements and is the staple of our animals' diet. For this first enrichment/fund-raiser of the new year, our wolf loaf is expertly molded, dressed up and presented to our animals as a basket full of treats including eggs. We always suggest \$35 to provide an animal with a treat. We will gratefully accept any amount. Anything you can spare means the world to us. You always help us raise enough money to cover the costs of feeding our animals for each quarter of the year.

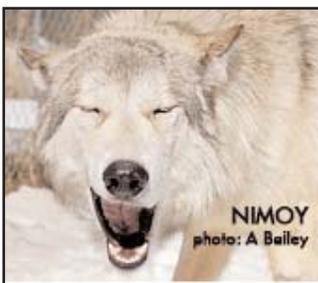
For years we've been telling you how much our animals enjoy the quarterly enrichment/fund-raisers you provide for them. This year, you'll be able to see for yourself while sitting in front of your computer! Leyton took fun home-video of some of Turkey Toss this winter, and he'll be out video-taping the second annual Bunny Basket fund-raiser. If you use the internet, you can type in any of these addresses and smile along with our fur kids.

- [www.myspace.com/wswolfman](http://www.myspace.com/wswolfman)
- [www.youtube.com/wswolfman](http://www.youtube.com/wswolfman)
- [www.facebook.com/wswolfman](http://www.facebook.com/wswolfman)

Thank you for being the support system for our little Sanctuary in the woods, and for caring about what happens to wolves and all critters with which we share our earth.



RAVEN  
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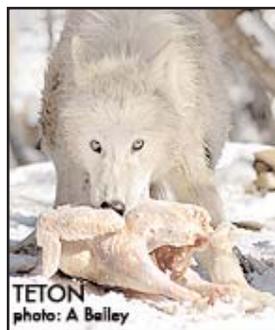


NIMOY  
photo: A Bailey



RAIN  
photo: A Bailey

You can also enjoy footage of Nimoy and Rain meeting each other for the first time! It's a terrific illustration of how wolves get to know each other, and a fun demonstration proving that happy endings aren't just for cartoons.



TETON  
photo: A Bailey

## TETON

With great joy we report that Mountain Pack brother, Teton, has fully recovered! A nasty fungus took the life of his mom, Sierra, and left him with a partially paralyzed right arm. Thanks to board member, Jan Ravenwolf, Teton received the proper (and expensive) medication. You can see video of Teton and his sisters, Trinity and Shasta doing very nicely at the vet when they went to be spayed and neutered. A million thanks for your concerns. Thanks Christine C. for help with bills!

## Donate Without Giving a Dime!

Every time you search the internet for anything using GoodSearch, the folks at GoodSearch will donate money to Wild Spirit. You can also shop at major stores online using GoodSearch and a portion of your purchase will come to us. Simply go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and type in Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary as your charity (we're already in their system). You can download a GoodSearch toolbar right on your home page so you can easily use it every day. When you visit the GoodSearch website, you can find out how much money you helped raise for us each month. When we look at what the GoodSearch folks say could potentially be donated if more people participated, we just get a little giddy. Here are the numbers:

- 100 members 2 searches daily \$730 per year
- 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, we want to thank you for your participation and concern which keeps us going all year long. We couldn't be here without you.

## Updates

### NIMOY

Sweet Nimoy was beaten up by his pen mates and suffered not only serious injuries, but also the traumatic move to isolation from other animals while he recovered. Thanks to our staff & volunteers, our boy was graced with devoted baby sitters and weeks of sleepovers. Thanks to dear friend Mae, and Nimoy's original mom & dad, his vet bills are paid. He also has a beautiful new girlfriend, Rain. You can watch Leyton's videos of Nimoy enduring The Cone, and playing with Angel's new puppy, Mona.

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## THANKS FOR GETTING OUR E-NEWS



COVE  
photo: A Bailey

# ENRICHMENT PHOTO FUND-RAISER ALBUM

THANKS FOR TURKEY TOSS 2007!



**STORM**  
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**SUGAR**  
photo: A Bennett



**BRUTUS & SKYE**  
photo: A Bailey



**GERONIMO**  
photo: A Bailey



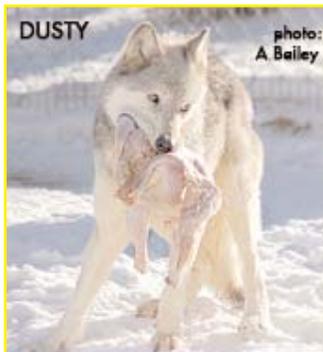
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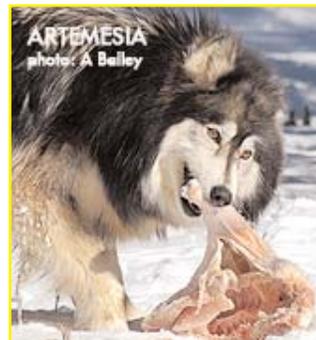
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photo: A Bailey



**SELENA**  
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**DUSTY**  
photo: A Bailey



**ARTEMESIA**  
photo: A Bailey



**NAKOTA**  
photo: A Bailey

**SABINE**  
photo: Jessa Brown

## What Happened to That Video?

Over the years, a great many people have promised us many great things. We know they fully intended to keep those promises...at the very moment they were inspired to make them. And then...

Perhaps we've all been both promise maker and promise breaker. We've certainly become wiser now. We've learned to save our elation for when the promise is KEPT, not when it is made.

Years ago, we met an ambitious young videographer who inspired us to put together a video to send around to various places. The possibilities were endless and he had a "connection." We dreamt of grants, reaching thousands of new mem-

bers, even getting Animal Planet to come back for a lengthier documentary. We began campaigning for funds for our project with such potential. Our members came through for us, and about a year later, we collected the \$5000 budget. Footage was shot, interviews were done, money was paid, more footage was shot, the rest of the money was paid. We got a sneak preview of some edited footage, including some exciting shots of a wolf snapping at the camera. And then...

We forgive him. We all let people down sometimes. Well, that, and we don't know where he is. It's hard to tell you what happened, because it's painful, and embarrassing and we inadvertently

broke an unspoken promise to use your money in the way we said we were going to. Sorry. We go forward into this new year with new goals, new friends, and new hopes for new promises that we'll be elated to tell you about as soon as they're kept. Thank you for keeping your unspoken promise to care about what happens to unwanted pets, and animals who never should have been a pet in the first place. Because you care about them, you enable us to keep our promise to pick up after them, give them a lovely place to run, serve them good food, think of fun things for them to do, and tell as many people about them as we can. Well, that, and we can all feel superior to THAT guy. Just kidding.

## Membership 2008

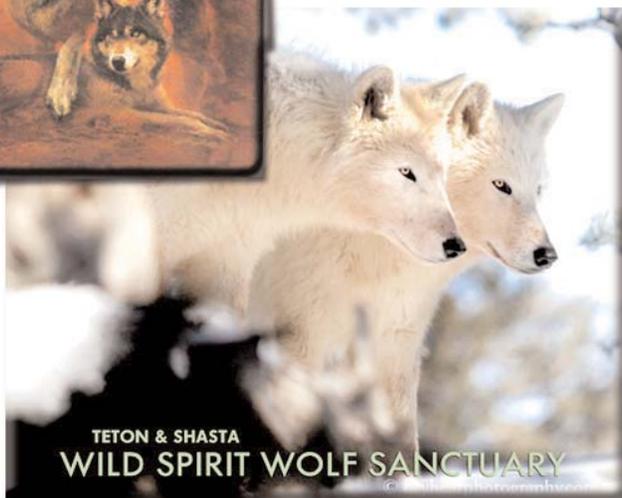
Here are the membership goodies for this year. We know that the reason you donate is not so that you can get some free gifts. Many of you mark "newsletter only" on the form you send with your donation, and that's perfectly fine with us. In fact, several folks have told us they will no longer send us money if we try to give them anything. We just figure when members wear their shirts, put their magnets up at work, or send our card to a friend, it helps to get our name out there, and hopefully even more supporters. Plus, we think our membership packages make great gifts for your loved ones when you donate in their name.

Our 2008 membership magnet photo was taken by professional photographers from Dry Heat Photography. During their most recent photo tour, they snapped this shot of our Sugar. Our beautiful arctic girl is one of our six babies (a.k.a. The Coffee Skunks) who came two years ago. She is Yukon's daughter, and big sister to the Mountain Pack kids. Dry Heat Photography also caught this amazing shot for our membership card as Teton and Shasta, Sugar's brother and sister, take a moment to pose together. Of course, our T-shirt comes from The Mountain company. We've never seen better wolf T-shirts anywhere, and the wolf designs are their best sellers. The shirt we picked for 2008 is 100% cotton, rust/brown tie-dye and it features a wolf couple in front of a sunset. It's one of The Mountain's top 20 best-selling T-shirts. Please let us know which items you would like by marking them on your form, and also let us know if you don't want any of the items. As always, we thank

you for your thoughtful generosity. You keep our furry family pampered and our education efforts alive.



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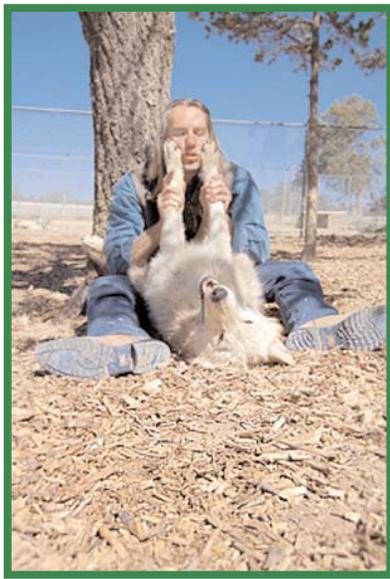
## Another Nip & Tuck

Your continued support has allowed us to evolve in so many positive ways. We've always done our best with what we have, but we're always striving to improve. Lately, we've been receiving many compliments about the way we look. We've been sprucing up, and folks are taking notice. We are very excited about our latest transformation, though. The boarding pens are no more! These little pens served us well, but we've outgrown them and they were a pretty sad sight. Take a look at our latest facelift...



## Where's the Envelope?

Well, last issue we had moved up in the world of bulk mail with the switch from stapling our newsletter to stuffing our last issue into envelopes. It was more expensive, but safer, and less annoying than stapling. Since then, we've hit the Lottery! Our dear friend, Lisa, at Printer's Press put us in touch with the kind folks at Print Express. They are not only going to verify our list of addresses, but also "tabbed" our newsletter closed, LABELED it, AND let us piggy back onto their permit at the post office so we don't have to renew our permit! They saved us agonizing hours, and money! We threatened to break into endless rounds of "Wind Beneath My Wings" to express our gratitude. You know, we're pretty easy to please. Just give us thousands of sticky tabs, big pile of rocks, some mulch and rotting elk, and it's like we're going to Disneyland. Thanks again, Susan and Ric Valdes of Print Express!



## Mulch Dreams

We all have those particular items we dream about having. When we see these items of our dreams, some of us enter the trance-like state of a child at their first amusement park. Others are transformed into pre-teen girls at boy band concert. For some, that item is a certain kind of car, for others, a rare collectible, or big screen TV. For us...it's an industrial chipper. You gardeners may understand. We're talking

about the Joy of Mulch. Here's what creating a vast supply of our own, local mulch would do for our Sanctuary.

1. Mulch would refresh the floor of our animals' enclosures.
2. Mulch would cut down on the dust and mud.
3. Mulch would look fabulous.
4. Mulch would help us clean up & care for our woods.
5. Recycled mulch would enrich our soil.
6. Mulch helps retain moisture & encourages new vegetation.
7. Okay! That chipper just seems like a lot of fun

We've considered asking for donated mulch, but we would have to get it all the way out to us somehow. Several places let you haul mulch away for \$10 per truck load, but we would have to go pick it up, and then drive it back. We also considered renting a chipper, but we could chip almost all year long. The cost of renting and driving the chipper back and forth as many times as we would need it would add up fast. We figure the best idea is to just work toward getting a chipper to call our own. Here's a picture of the BC600XL which costs about \$13,000. When we talked to salesman Jeff, he mentioned that we qualify for a 10% discount! He also told us about a used, more powerful chipper for about the same price as a new "600." We'll put our efforts toward finding grants to help us reach our goal and of course look forward to hearing from those of you interested in helping us achieve our dreams of a Sanctuary covered with mulch.



## We Remember

Thank you to those of you who honor us with a donation in memory of your loved ones. Our prayers are with the families as they heal.

### MARION WILLIAMS

Dearest friends Marion and her daughter Susan Kline met the wolf Geronimo years before he moved to our Sanctuary, but they never forgot him. Marion called the big arctic boy, "My Sweetheart." When Susan comes to visit, Geronimo and his sister, Duchess, are no longer the stand-offish, intimidating wolves that we know. They remember and still love Susan and her presence turns them into roll-on-their-back puppy dogs. We love her, too. Marion amazed us last Howl-A-Ween party by cutting out dozens of paw prints to beautify our otherwise plain paper bag lanterns. We all say a fond farewell for now to an inspirational woman named Marion with a golden heart and a sweetheart named Geronimo.

**MELANIE DEUS** The friends and family of Melanie continue to grace our Sanctuary in honor of her memory. Melanie was a hero to all animals, and certainly a hero to a wolf-dog named Zoe when she rescued her years ago. Melanie never forgot Zoe, and continued to send us donations to help take care for her each year. Right before Melanie passed away, she began sponsoring our wolf-dog, Lakota. Now, her friends and family continue to care for him in her memory. Thank you for helping us remember this remarkable young woman and the animals she loved.

### DORIS MAY GIRTY

On behalf of our animals, thank you Leigh for the donation in memory of Bobbi Shelton's mom, Doris May Girty. We're so sorry for your loss.

### BONNIE FUNKHOUSER

Our sympathies to Ross Funkhouser, his daughter, Greta, and her children for the loss of such a wonderful lady, and lover of wolves. Thank you for honoring us by donating in her memory and for sharing your story with us. Greta's heartfelt story is on p.10.

Please let us know if we need to mention your loved one.



LAKOTA  
photo: A Bailey



My father, my 14-year-old daughter, and my 9-year-old son and I came to Wild Spirit as we were making our way to the Grand Canyon. It was a bittersweet "vacation" of sorts, since my precious mother, Bonnie Funkhouser, had passed away after a five-year-long bout with a rare illness a few days before. My father couldn't stand being at home alone at that time, and Mom had always loved this part of the country, especially her one visit to the Canyon. We made the same trip when I was 14, and she was 42, but now I was 40, my daughter 14, we were making it without her. She was my best friend, and my children's best playmate. She was also the one who taught me to love and respect wolves as a little girl. She had a passion for wolves because of their beauty, mystery, and their intelligence. She also loved them because she felt they were at times much better than humans in their protection and devotion to their family pack. She is the reason I love wolves today, and my dream of seeing your sanctuary came true, although my dream had always included my mom. We were a very sad, grieving family on the road, although the land before us was beautiful. We saw many things, including the Meteor Crater, The Acoma Sky People and Route 66 icons. However, our favorite memory, by far, was of your sanctuary. My father, Ross, especially was impressed, although we slogged through a monsoon it seemed. We were given a very nice tour by a young man from England, and my children learned so much. I just wanted to tell you that seeing the sanctuary and all the lovely wolves was a calming balm to our broken hearts. To pet Frosty and Flurry, to see the beauty of these animals up close, and to finally hear an entire "pack" howling after Raven was enchanting, and made me cry. I have a precious picture of my father and my son "helping" Raven sing. It lifted my father's spirits a great deal, and he has sent a donation to help keep your land, and has made gifts for my children using your photos. I also wanted to tell you that your gift shop is outstanding. I went a little crazy when I was there, and wonder if you will be putting other things online to order from it. It was a wolf shopper's paradise!! My only regret is that we live so far away!

-Greta White

## Special Thanks

Wild Spirit continues to evolve because you continue to care. All the donations are crucial to our success. Here are some of the folks who gave us a big boost.

**FORREST & FRANCIS LATTNER FOUNDATION-** A massive Thank You to our friend Ben, and this generous foundation for letting us apply at the last moment, and for blessing us with the largest grant we've received in a long time.

**CHARLES DEMENNA-** What a joy to be able to cross off one of the major items from our wish list! Charles brought us an RV we've been waiting for. Our heartfelt howl of thanks!

**BERNICE & WALTER DALBY-** Our great friends Bernice & Walter brought out their travel trailer from our wish list! Thank You for showering us with gifts all year!

**DICK THAYER, CHERYL FORD, JILL JACOBS-** We have a stupendous board of directors, including two new people who we also adore, Jill and Cheryl. Their names previously appeared in our thank you lists many times, and we are now blessed to have them on our official team. Have no fear, Sanctuary best friend and former board member, Jan Ravenwolf, is just taking the mandatory break, but will be back!

**BIG BEEFY CHECKS-** All our members mean the world to us, but we wanted to express our gratitude to the following folks for the big boost this winter: Leontine Bailey, Cynthia DaCosta, Lynnbeth Barker, Taishoff Family Foundation, Eileen Schelberg, Mae Jackson, Kelley & Joyce Brennan, Kay & Anthony Marks, Suzanne Hart, Norma & Chuck Young, Nancy Dickenson, Victoria Seale, Nancy Bain, Schwanfelder Family, Chris Williams, Mary Critchfield, and Amaterra.

**WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED-** An ongoing thanks to our pals for providing the birds of Candy Kitchen with tasty, fresh seed. They love it and we love the pleasure of their company.

**THE ENCHANTED SOUTHWEST-** Thank you to Robert & Jeanette who continue to collect money for our wolves with a display they set up for us in their Albuquerque store.

**LONG TERM MEMBERS** If ever you think that your small check couldn't really make a difference, please perish the thought. Out of the over 6000 newsletters that we send out each quarter, it is only about 800 of you who keep our doors open and our Sanctuary running at the level we feel our animals deserve. So, your donation absolutely means the world to us. May we continue to work together to make things happen!

**IN KIND DONATIONS** Here's our Howl Of Thanks list for the folks who donated much-needed items: Walter for the printer, Doc for thinking of our Angel, Christine C for the winter gear, Dick for Nimoy's Herbal Solution, Sharon for the big box of goodies, Donna & Roger for the Walmart card, Leslie K. for the gloves & envelopes, Lorraine at U.S. Animal for the bone pills, Dr Olinger for the price break, Michael & Cindy for the Home Depot card, Robert & Jeanette for the copier, and Ginger & Larry for the hand sanitizer!

Need a thank you? Please remind us and we'll put you in our next issue.

# OUR WISH LIST!

We most gratefully cross off several items on our wish list. We still have high dollar, high need items remaining. 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 thinking of 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)

Misters for cooling our fur kids this  
coming summer

6-10 gal air compressor

Gas welding set

Angle Grinder

Circular Jig Saw

Go Jo Hand Cleaner

## OFFICE

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

Water Heater 40 gallon  
(HIGH ALTITUDE PROPANE)

## WHAT TO BRING

A special thanks to all of you who have come out to visit with arms, trucks and bags full of goodies for our wolves and wolf-dogs, and often, the two-leggeds as well!

### 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

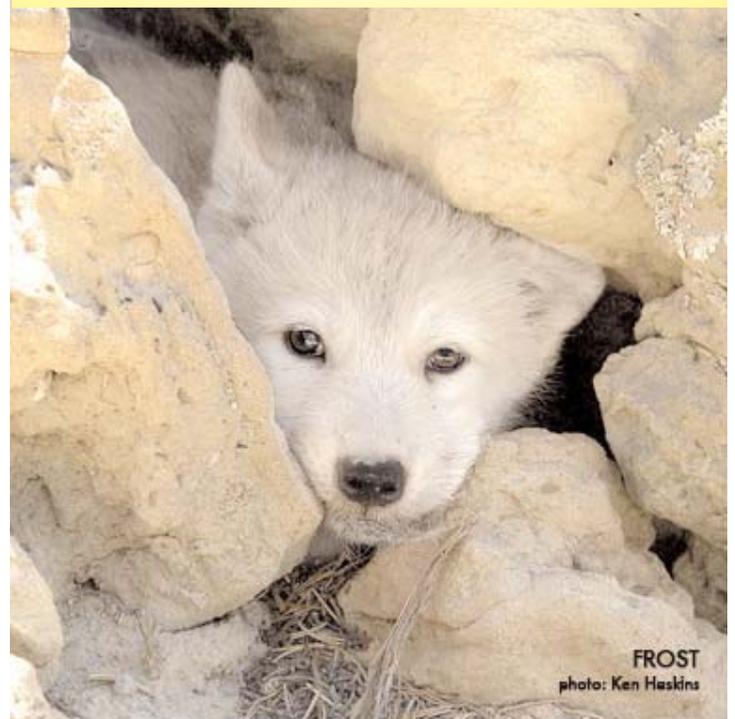
### SUPPLIES

Bleach

Liquid hand soap

Large industrial strength trash bags

## ONE OF OUR FAVORITES





SUGAR  
photo: Ken Haskins

### TAKE A GUIDED TOUR

Tue- Sun 11am, 12:30pm, 2pm & 3:30pm

CLOSED MONDAYS

### 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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www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org

# THANKS FOR READING OUR E-NEWS

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS THE WORLD TO US

YOU CAN DONATE AT OUR WEBSITE

[www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org](http://www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org)

OR...

...PRINT OUT & MAIL THIS FORM

## WILD SPIRIT WOLF SANCTUARY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Donations Are Tax Deductible & We Never Sell Our Mailing List

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**ADULT T-SHIRT**  
Med Lrg X-lrg

**CHILD T-SHIRT**  
Med Lrg X-lrg

### PLEASE ALLOW 4 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

All memberships include our quarterly newsletter.

Please mark items you would like us to send.

If you like, we'll send nothing but the newsletter. Thank You!

SEND NEWSLETTER ONLY, PLEASE

\$25<sup>00</sup> - SINGLE includes  
 Wolf Magnet  Newsletter Only

\$50<sup>00</sup> - SUPPORTING includes  
 Wolf Magnet  Newsletter Only  
 Wolf Greeting Card

\$100<sup>00</sup> - ALPHA includes  
 Wolf Magnet  Wolf Greeting Card  
 Wolf T-Shirt (circle size)  Newsletter Only

\$125<sup>00</sup> - ANIMAL SPONSORSHIP includes  
 Wolf Magnet  Wolf Certificate  
 Wolf T-Shirt (circle size)  Newsletter Only

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