

## 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.

## This Issue

Thanks to your thoughtful support, we continue to evolve, educate and expand.

### • FULL HOUSE

We said our share of good-byes in the past. Now we welcome 15, yes 15, new residents. Prepare yourself for cute overload. We've got pups! pg. 2

### • SUMMER COOLERS 2006!

We're cooling things down with our "pupcicles" and request your assistance with summer fund-raising.

### • SPONSOR ME PAGE

Sponsor one or more of our new family members and help us give them the best of care for life. pg 9.

### • FAREWELL TO THE KING

We say goodbye to the incomparable King. pg 3.

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SEE MAP ON BACK COVER



Leyton & Sugar (3 wks)



Contagious Yawn

Leyton & Sugar (10 wks)

## They Grow Up to be Wolves

BY LEYTON COUGAR

Each year hundreds of wolf pups are born at breeding facilities and sold to be pets. All year long, year after year, desperate people call us to rescue their wolf or wolves when their pet matures into adulthood. This tragedy occurs primarily due to the fact that most people know nothing about raising captive-bred wolves.

In late spring, we were able to turn the table, so to speak, and much to our surprise, we now have eleven wolf cubs at WSWS. Raven, our one-of-a-kind ambassador, is getting on in years. We all felt that it was time to see if we could find a replacement ambassador animal. All our current residents are too old, or too rambunctious to become one of the wolves with jobs. There will never be another Raven, but we are hopeful that with diligent, thoughtful interaction, we can influence one of these wolf cubs to become our future spokesperson.

Knowing what a difficult, if not impossible, task this was going to be, I began making phone calls early this year. I was hoping for at least two pups to increase our chances of finding a new ambassador. In just a few weeks, we got a call from a breeder who had a litter of six pups and had decided to get out of the wolf-breeding business. He was willing to donate two pups if we drove to Oregon to pick them up. To



our surprise, just two days before we left on our journey, we found out that we were going to bring home all six of the little arctic wolf cubs. My wife Georgia, our daughter Lakota and I hit the road with two small pet carriers and six baby bottles.

Our new family members were as adorable as could be, but traveling with six very young, ever-hungry wolf kids was quite a challenge. We had to stop every few hours to find an outlet to plug in a blender to mix baby formula, and a microwave for warming it up, and a shady spot to bottle-feed six squirming crying babies. Then would clean little faces, bellies and butts, then clean up all their poo, then change their bedding, then wash out the blender and bottles, while we talk to curious people, then repack the car and then re-sanitize our shoes and hands. The whole process took about two hours and then we would pile back in the car and drive for a few more hours.

After getting the puppies home, the work just got more challenging and sleep dep-



photo: Solveig Lange

# Farewell To The King

BY JAN RAVENWOLF

How to summarize such a regal, haughty, grumpy, fiery, majestic, conflicted being in so few words? Silvered laser eyes burned through us, transfixed us, mesmerized us. King, famous photo model, the only resident of Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary with a price tag our generous members rallied to pay for. King, youthful joy squelched by servitude to his own magnificence, and misguided, sometimes abusive handling by photographer "owners" --as if any human could "own" that indomitable spirit! Your legendary smoldering "attitude," projecting as powerfully from your photos as

your eyes, kept us all on our toes as we crept cautiously around your enclosure...even when you were in the containment area! Thank you for the honor of shielding you from further trauma, while you taught us the full magnitude of "alpha." We celebrate your spirit's release. Run free. Chase ravens through the clouds. Thanks to King's extended family, especially the Schoberts and Wanda Langlet.

## Grey Shadow

Our sweet "Fat Shadow" joins his wife, Rhapsody, in the happy hunting grounds at the age of around 15. You may have seen several pictures of Grey Shadow over the years at our enrichment/fund-raisers. While it is difficult to catch a photo of most of our residents during the feeding frenzy, Grey Shadow would always put his treat in his mouth and trot around in triumph for a while. This handsome malamute/wolf mix was one of the more fortunate of our residents because he was able to live with Rhapsody and their son, Ashlar, at our sanctuary, making them the only family here, so far. Ashlar has lost his mom and dad, but has now found love with one of our new girls, Rain (page 8). Thank you to Grey Shadow sponsors, especially Nancee, who supported this lovable guy and his family since their arrival here.



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## In Memory of Arrow

BY WANDA LANGLET

Black as a raven's wings; eyes and intelligence like his cousin, the wolf, kind to strangers who wanted to touch him; patience to stand for hours in all kinds of weather at outreach, honorably representing his species.

His Dad, Dick, was so proud of Arrow, a "new breed in progress," as Dick would tell people. Arrow had qualified in his companion dog training in the first year, which Dick said was unheard of. He visited former soldiers at the VA hospital, as well as gave comfort to others in distress around Albuquerque. We'll never forget outreach at Los Golindrin last year. Raven, Arrow and Jan's wolf-dog Ayla, were all there meeting the visitors. When the cannon fire sounded, Raven and Ayla ("the big bad wolves") bolted for the safety of the van, Leyton and Jan in tow. Arrow calmly looked at them as if to say, "What's your problem?" As visitors would stop by our booth and ask if Arrow were the wolf, Dick would tell them about his companion dog, bred to look wolfy. Then he would direct them to the van where poor Raven and Ayla were "hiding," scared to death.

We miss you terribly, Arrow, a magnificent representative of your breed....The Alaskan Noble. You truly were taken too soon.



photo: Angel

thank you



Storm

We could not be here without each and every one of our supporters. Thanks to our tireless and passionate staff and volunteers, Angel, Jim, Sean, Kris, Solveig, Gary, DJ, Mary, Amanda, Aimee, Allison, Jessa, Eric, Chris, Becca, Jill, & Angie. Special thank you to Norma & Chuck Young, Jan Ravenwolf, Wanda Langlet, Rene Stapf, Lisa and Printer's Press, David Dorsey, Ann Wallace, Dick Thayer, Darleene Edwards, Kimberly Richie, Cindy at Green Valley Meats, Art Helping Animals, The Mann's, Helen Garner, The Community Pantry, Pine Hill Market, Sacred Fire magazine, and our monthly supporters Rebecca, PK, Dr Planitz, Nancy, Melodie, Sonja, Eileen, Katharine, Margaret, Scott & Joyce, Helen, and Dennis, our United Way supporters, Tim & Delma, Ron & Rachael, Kandice, Nancy, BJ, Eric, Mercedes, Megan.

Please, please let us know if we failed to thank you.

# The Accelerated Course to Motherhood

BY ANGEL BENNETT



As a young woman with maternal instincts and little child-rearing experience, I've always dreamt of becoming the young mother to five children.

For some reason three boys and two girls has always stuck out in my mind as the perfect family. I

never once, though, expected all five – with an extra girl to boot – to show up at once. Nor did I expect them to be quite so furry with such sharp teeth.

Since their arrival at Wild Spirit, our six newest residents have been under constant supervision. I have quite the respect for you human parents and have decided that anyone who wants to have children should first attempt raising a wolf puppy for a glimpse of the responsibility and emotions that await you. Throughout my experience as surrogate mother, I experienced phases that I'm told are common to new mothers & fathers.

## PHASE 1- I'M A TERRIBLE MOTHER AND MY BABY HATES ME.

I've heard tales of new mothers having emotional breakdowns when a difficulty appears with their infant. "Why is she crying? I don't know what she wants!" or, "She won't eat, what's wrong with me, my baby hates me!" It was only five days before the pups had destroyed the one nipple they found acceptable. At 3:00 am, covered in formula, urine and the smell of puppy, six mouths crying, and a 2.5 lb Sabine, wriggling anxiously in my arms, I burst into tears because I had failed the puppies. I couldn't get them to eat, and couldn't stop the hunger pains, and couldn't make the crying stop, and my maternal emotions took over, and here I was, six little puppies tugging at my clothing, screaming that I was a failure as a mother.

When several new nipples arrived the next day, and the puppies began contentedly sucking away again, I came to the conclusion that, motherhood isn't about success and failure, but merely the right kind of latex.

## PHASE 2- EVERYTHING MUST BE PERFECT, & I MUST DOCUMENT EVERYTHING

In the planning stages of motherhood, first-timers always plan to do everything right. Children will be on a food-pyramid dictated, vitamin-enriched diet, they'll be at a third grade reading level by pre-school, and elected as President of the US before graduating high-school. To boot, mom will be documenting every event from the baby's first word to the first time baby burps.

For the first two weeks the puppies were weighed daily. We took measurements and



temperatures each evening, and took photos of each puppy in the exact same position to document every stage of growth.

Some time during their third week, I found myself hyper-ventilating over the fact that I forgot a day's worth of weighing and couldn't find the records of the temperatures from the night before. It was when someone found me examining the one-pigment coloration difference in one of the puppies feces that they informed me I might be going a little overboard... A week later, pages and pages of documentation had been forgotten, and perfect, posed pictures had gone by the way-side of the 3,000 random pics that had already made it to computer hard drive.

## PHASE 3- MY BABY DOESN'T NEED ME ANYMORE.

As infants, humans and wolves are completely dependent on their mother to give them everything. Human babies need to be fed and bathed, to have their diapers changed, and their bedding perfectly arranged to avoid any dangers. Wolf puppies need bottle feedings, stimulation to go to the bathroom, isolation from danger and disease, and constant examinations for any signs of illness.

At first, I was with the puppies 24/7. I sat with them day in and day out, found myself on a puppy schedule, napping when they did, eating after they were finished, running to the bathroom in those few short moments between feeding and cleaning and then feeding again. The first time I left them in someone else's care, I found myself paranoid beyond my expectations. "What if one of them gets smothered by another puppy? What if something falls from the shelf into the play pen? What if we get the first earthquake in the history of New Mexico and the walls come falling down on the puppies?!"

Needless to say, when I came back from my short departure, the puppies were all fine, unaffected by the paranoia that had been swirling through my brain. Alice proved it a little more when one day she climbed out of the play pen and fell flat on her face. I went running across the room to comfort her, and by the time I arrived, she was already distracted by a very chewable paper towel roll a few feet away.

## PHASE 4- THE TEENAGE YEARS: A PHASE IN ITSELF

My teenage years are still fresh enough in my mind that I have no trouble whatsoever remembering all the yelling and screaming my mother and I did at one another. Over and over again, you hear mothers talking about how they can't believe their son or daughter would act this way toward them.

For the first few weeks of life here, all six of the puppies were sweet, lovable, moldable balls of fluff, completely dependent on humans for everything. They were cuddly, fell asleep in our arms, and licked at our faces anytime we were nearby.



One day, however, as I was cuddling Sabine, who originally slept on my chest every night and needed constant assistance in eating, I bent over to kiss her and a snarly growl escaped her mouth and she snapped at my face. A few seconds later, I felt a drip of blood, caused by "my sweet baby."

Now, sometimes while I rescue the cubs from chewing on electrical wires, or put them into the sink for a bath, they scream and snarl and snap. While I know it is only for their own benefit, it is still heart-breaking to feel their anger and distress.

Parents of teenagers know that when they tell their 16 year old, "No you can't go to Woodstock," or "No you can't go to that college party with some guy I've never met," it is only for their own safety, however, those slamming doors, stomps around the house, and harsh words about "I hate you and I'll never forgive you for this!" Are still devastating. I suppose the only plus side to a human teenager, is that they don't have nearly as sharp teeth.

#### PHASE 5- PRIDE

Through all of the hard work, all of the diaper changing, all of the late-night feeding, and all of the discipline and heart-breaking cries, the first steps of a toddler, or that young adult finally reaching for his or her diploma fills all parents with pride.

After scooping poop, mopping floors, being covered head to toe with scratches and scrapes and constantly smelling the many odors of puppy in my own hair and clothing, the first time the six little puppies, now 15 lbs in size grouped around me to raise their tiny little mouths to howl, I almost wept. The first day they were able to romp and run outside, I stood with pride watching their first explorations in a new world. And even the first time I saw two of the boys begin a dominance ritual, I couldn't help but smile.

The experience these puppies have given me thus far is a dream that many people have but will never get the chance to understand. Few people realize how difficult it is to raise wolf cubs in an appropriate setting, and even here, we are still learning every day.

Knowing that these babies you've held in your arms will to some degree be completely unaffected by your devotion can be devastating, but to those of us who understand, and take the time to appreciate the phenomena, it is also rewarding. It is a reminder that all wolves, beyond what we as humans have deterred and manipulated, are filled with a wild spirit that cannot be tamed. We can mold and shape some behaviors, we can contain them to some degree, we can even sometimes work our way into their pack structure, but no amount of captive breeding and socialization can take away the wild spirit with which each cub is born. We must always remember that these small, docile balls of fluff are still wolves, and in a utopian world, would have been born in the wilderness and raised by their own mother in a den far from the interference of humans.

Perhaps one of these six can become an ambassador for all wolves, much like their predecessor, Raven. Perhaps someday after meeting Powder or Storm, one person will learn that the creature standing before them is not the big bad wolf, attacking children and eating grandmothers, but at the same time, even a socialized wolf no matter how docile, is never meant to be in your home.

# MOONLIGHT SHOTLIGHT



RAVEN & CHEYENNE  
photo Jan Ravenwolf

It's shot time again in the woods. Every three years, our furry family has to be vaccinated for rabies, parvo and distemper. As you may imagine, giving shots to about 55 wolves and wolf-dogs is a grueling, rather dangerous romp. Thankfully, the great vets at Cedar Animal Hospital in Gallup will be coming to help out for the big day..or days. About 10 of our animals will need to be captured in nets, which is very hard on both our animals and those who capture them. Some of our animals will also be examined for other health issues. Juneau has a growth on her lip, Greebo has a tumor on his tummy and Sequoia's knee will be checked. All the kids with thyroid trouble will have their levels checked, and anyone else who needs some help will be included in the healthfair activities.

All eleven of the pups have already had two rounds of shots, and bravely made the trip to the vet's office with relative ease. Our goal is to ensure that those eleven kids will be leashable and social enough as adults to make a trip to the vet without the trauma of capture and sedation.

We could sure use a financial hand with the cost of these crucial vaccinations. We estimate the total will be between \$3,000 and \$4,000. Thank you to everyone who paid for Sequoia's surgery. Her bill was completely covered by your generosity. Any help you can offer for vet bills, shot day or future vet bills will be greatly appreciated by us all.



photos: Angel





# ENRICHMENT FUND-RAISER

## SUMMER COOLERS 2006!

On behalf of our happy, healthy and furry family, we thank you for your generous contributions this spring! We couldn't continue without your support.

It's time to pass out a refreshing "pup-cicle", a Wild Spirit creation to help ease the sweltering summer afternoons. We freeze a selection of treats only canines could love and serve them up in a big block of fun. We suggest \$35 as a contribution to cover the summer cooler treat and to help us to continue to provide the top-notch care our animals deserve. We can't wait to see our baby's enjoy their first enrichment/fund-raiser. Of course we'll be ready with our cameras for baby's first pup-cicle, and to share photos of our grown-up kids, too. Thank you for blessing us all with your kind hearts.

riation plagued everyone involved. Our cute little grubs grew bigger each day. About two weeks later, we got a call that five timber wolf pups needed a place to stay over for a few days on route to other facilities. Volunteers Mary and Sean drove to Phoenix to pick them all up. We all tried our best not to fall in love with our temporary guests, but were unsuccessful, of course. We couldn't possibly take care of eleven wolf pups anyway, or so we thought! As it turns out, the arrangements for the timber wolf pups fell through and the five orphans became part of our puppy pile. Thankfully, the five cubs were one week older and done with bottle feeding, but needless to say, we've really got our hands full.

Today, all eleven pups eat around 80 pounds of ground meat a day. Our volunteers are grinding chicken, turkey and beef nearly all day just to feed all those hungry tummies. Speaking of tummies, those pups have soft, warm ones that are irresistible to us wolf freaks. Not just tummies, but puppy breath and puppy kisses are the best. I can't even describe how fun it is to have half a dozen or more furry little land sharks in your lap, lovin' on ya the second you walk in and sit down in their pen. They are so fun, cuddly and cute, it's hard to believe they grow up to be wolves!

Having all these mouths to feed is costing a small fortune, along with so many new potential vet bills, so please keep us in the forefront of your mind & in your prayers.

With eleven wolf pups and lots of love & patience, we should be able to find a good ambassador out of the bunch. There's no way to tell who it might be at this early stage.

Come see Alice, Powder, Sabine, Storm, Sugar, Thunder, Dakota, Forest, Sassy, Savannah and Brutus the Runt before they get huge, and let us share their growing experience with you! If you haven't been out to the sanctuary in a while, we have just given you a good reason for the trip--puppies; lots of 'em.



## Updates

You once again inspire us with your generosity! Sequoia, our Moonlight Spotlight girl from the spring newsletter, received record-breaking support for her vet bills. We were particularly touched by Nilda and her young son,

but a huge thank you to everyone who donated in the name of the blown-out knee. Although Sequoia's leg is not fully recovered, our big, sweet girl is back playing again. When the vet comes for shot day, we'll ask him to look at a lump on her right side. Hopefully nothing serious, but we'll keep you posted.

Kaisa's new family is due August 31 to take this adorable low-content wolf-dog home with them. We all are so grateful for your loving concern for our furry family! Thank you for helping to make such a huge and positive impact. Oh yeah, and did we mention the puppies?





Storm & Alice  
Spooning



Leyton & Powder



Storm



Here are just a few of the hundreds of photos taken by Angel, including this one, the only known photo of the Winged Wolf.



Powder



Thunder



Alice



Sabine



Storm



Lakota & Fweasels



## ...And That's Not All

Although the world has seemed to catapult into a futuristic, science fiction movie compared to just 100 years ago, the human condition still remains recognizable. Seemingly ancient phrases about life, credited to the prolific "THEY", still apply today. Two of these phrases have recently come to mind: "when it rains it pours," and "the more the merrier." For the past few years, we at WSWS have been through many transformations including the loss of over twenty of our original residents who grew old here at their sanctuary. Because many of our residents were rescued at the same time, they were about the same age, and so we lost them all at about the same time.

Well, now it is apparently time for that trend of loss to reverse itself. This past quarter we have rescued 15 new residents. You know what they say about the rain pouring. Although our lives have been consumed by puppy-itis since late spring, we must not forget our four new grown-up residents. Please meet Mr Cheyenne, Rain, Kamia and Maki (Mah-K'Eye). Their stories reflect one of the many complexities of wolf or high-content wolf-dog ownership. Thankfully, none of these four come with gut-wrenching stories of abuse and neglect. They were all loved and well cared for, but each animal leaves behind a saddened caretaker who thought they were prepared to care for this kind of animal, and much to their disappointment, discovered they were not.



### MR CHEYENNE

A woman named Sherry purchased Mr. Cheyenne from a backyard breeder to be a companion for her female wolf-dog. Sherry saw first-hand how badly breeders can mistreat the animals they breed & sell. Although she did not want to support the breeder, she also could not imagine leaving Cheyenne in such a horrible place, so she bought him & brought him home. Five years later, Sherry faced one of the most heart-wrenching experiences in her life when her original female dug out of the enclosure and was shot to death. As is typical, Cheyenne fell into a dangerous depression, mourning his lost companion and suffering from loneliness. Fearing Cheyenne would die from despair, or escape and be shot as well, Sherry realized she needed to find a place for Cheyenne. He is now adjusting well to life at the sanctuary and has warmed up to us.

### RAIN

This pretty wolf-dog was purchased to be a pet by a young woman who



took time to research what she would need to do to best take care of an animal with a higher wolf content. She even called our sanctuary for advice. Naturally, we tried to talk her out of becoming a wolf-dog owner, but as most people who have their heart set on owning a wolf-dog, she felt that she could overcome the difficulties and succeed. The only thing she failed to research was whether it was legal to own such an animal in her county. Unfortunately, her thoughtful preparation and genuine care for her animal were no match for the laws. Rain is now companion to Ashlar, who recently lost his dad, Grey Shadow. We're thrilled to report that the new couple are very happy together.



### KAMIA & MAKI

We received an e-mail from a woman named Tiffany who had been bravely running a wolf rescue after its founder, also her fiance, passed away unexpectedly at age 31.

Tiffany found herself working 2-3 jobs and, along with her father, struggling to take care of the 24 wolves. Despite her best efforts, Tiffany realized that she could not continue the monumental endeavor of maintaining someone else's dream with little financial and staff help. She sent out the plea to all the other sanctuaries to place the animals in her care. We were able to take two of her more social females, Kamia, a 6-year-old British Columbian/Timber cross and Maki, a 5-year-old Arctic/Timber cross who will hopefully be companion to the long suffering Mr Cheyenne. The car ride was very stressful for our new girls, however now they are beginning to settle in at WSWS & we are happy to hear them joining in with the Wild Spirit chorus.



As far as we know, "they" have never said, "the wild life is the easy life." Few people know as well as we do how complicated and stressful life at a small animal rescue can be. We certainly never planned to acquire 15 animals within 3 months, and yet here we are doing that "more the merrier" thing. All is going pretty smoothly so far, but you know what they say...

We never forget that we are able to continue our work out here, doing what we are meant to do, because of your generous hearts and thoughtful contributions. We know you'll fall in love with the newest members of our family, and delight in watching them grow and become distinct characters. Thank you for helping us help them.

# SEEKING SPONSORS

Please consider becoming a sponsor to one of our babies. All eleven precious pups are currently living in a big pack. The 6 arctics are affectionately known as the "Coffee Skunks" in honor of the beloved puppy breath which calls to mind a wee skunk who's just had a sip of java. The 5 timber pups are the "Fweasels" which accurately describes their adorable mix of Fox and Weasel. For \$125 each year, you'll receive an up-dated photo certificate and magnet of your growing fur kid, and help ensure that these lucky few will be sitting pretty and eating well in the loving hands of our staff and volunteers. We hope you'll bless our family by allowing them a place in yours. We all thrive with your help.

## COFFEE SKUNKS



**ALICE** (La-La) Sturdy Arctic Female. Lady-like to the eye, but a tom-boy at heart. Keeps fit by enjoying Diet Coke & pouncing on brothers. Seeks dedicated sponsor who enjoys a domineering girl.



**POWDER** (Pow-p-p-p-pow-pow-pow-) Rolly-Polly Arctic Male, enjoys quiet play, pillow talk, and family get-togethers. Seeks family-oriented sponsor who appreciates the simple things & tummies.



**SABINE** (Bean, BeanieBean, da Beaninator) Petite Arctic Female. Small size = Big attitude. Enjoys fence climbing, tunneling, and other adventurous activities. Seeks fun-loving sponsor with a love for stubborn & self-assured gals.



**STORM** (Tormie-Torm, Stormster) Frisky & Feisty Arctic Male. Enjoys rough play, adventure and cleaning up siblings leftovers. Seeks multiple sponsors with a love for spunk, spontaneity & mischief.



**SUGAR** (Boog, Sugar Booger) Pleasantly Plump Arctic Female. Enjoys quiet evenings with family, belly rubs, napping in water dishes, and taking time to smell the flowers. Seeks compassionate sponsor with an appreciation for a sweet soul.



**THUNDER** (Bob, Thunder-Bob, Punz) Stocky Arctic Male. Enjoys scent-rolling in Orange Soda and late night movies. Seeks long-term sponsor who appreciates a shy and sensitive fellow.

## FWEASELS



**BRUTUS** (Runt) Slim & Sly Timber Male. Enjoys mischief of all sorts, climbing moving objects, & anything sneaky. Seeks a sponsor who appreciates his weasly ways, under bite & naughty antics.



**DAKOTA** (Coder, Skote) Long & Lanky Timber Male. Enjoys long walks in the woods, plentiful dinners, & getting crazy in the kiddy pool. Seeks sponsor who enjoys a fun-loving, care free attitude.



**FOREST** (Fabio, Por-Por) Athletic Timber Male. Enjoys outdoor activities as well as quiet nights at home. Seeks long-term sponsor who enjoys a sweet, laid-back type of guy.



**SASSY** (Sasparilla) Full-figured Timber Female, with a top-dog attitude. Loves a challenge & a good wrestle. Seeks dedicated sponsor with an appreciation for a self-assured woman.



**SAVANAH** (Banner) Sweet & Flirtatious Timber Female. Loves attention of all sorts & trying out new flavors of chap stick. Seeks sponsor who appreciates Southern charm mixed with a big-city attitude.



## Special Thanks

### WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED

The variety of birds in the mountains around Candy Kitchen, New Mexico, is amazing. Gift shop manager's Tim and Turtle had great the idea to invite them over to the sanctuary for a snack. Now when you come to visit, you can add some bird watching to your day of wolf watching, so bring your binoculars. We thank the generous folks at Wild Birds Unlimited in Albuquerque who donate the wild bird seed that has made this wonderful project possible. Here's what Tim has to say about this great store.

"Your Backyard Bird-Feeding Specialists" is not just a slogan at Wild Birds Unlimited, it's their passion. When I went to Wild Birds Unlimited to speak to owner Geni Krolick about furnishing bird-feeding supplies to Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary, I was immediately impressed with how open and attractive the store is. The selection of decorative bird feeding supplies is inspiring for even the most casual bird lover.

Manager Mary Schmauss and the friendly, expert staff of Wild Birds Unlimited will eagerly take the time to share their knowledge and experience. Whether you're a beginner or a serious bird enthusiast, you'll find the supplies you need to turn any backyard into a beautiful wild bird sanctuary. Choose from ornate bird baths, some with water sprays that hummingbird love, a large variety of colorful bird feeders, unique bird houses to help attract your favorite birds, even wind chimes to add that perfect touch to your backyard. To add to your bird-feeding enjoyment, they also have a fine selection of bird books and even binoculars.

Almost immediately after putting up our feeders, I started hearing comments from our staff and even some visitors at WSWS about how much they are enjoying the variety of birds and their antics at the feeders. Bird-watching opportunities have greatly increased. We've already seen several birds not common to this area, and expect to see many more. At break time, it's normal to hear someone say, "Did you see that black bird with the yellow head?" or "Wow! I saw a bunch of bluebirds this morning."

After fifteen years in the same location, Wild Birds Unlimited knows and provides the foods that New Mexico birds love. They offer their own reasonably-priced custom seed blends which attract special birds to your feeders.



You can also find hummingbird food and feeders, meal worms, sunflower seeds, thistle, woodpecker bars, and nine kinds of suet cakes (most of which are non-melt).

As you can probably tell, I was and am very impressed with Wild Birds Unlimited. These folks really love birds and they are truly "Your Backyard Bird-feeding Specialists."

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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112

### PETCO

Thank you Mike and Suzanne of the PetCo on Lomas in Albuquerque. These thoughtful folks blessed us with the opportunity to be a part of PetCo's "Round-Up" program. Patrons of PetCo are asked if they would like to round up their purchase total to the nearest dollar and then give the difference to a particular charity. This spring, we were thrilled to accepted a \$1400 check from PetCo, thanks to their wonderful program, helpful staff and animal loving customers. In addition to this much appreciated financial support, Mike and Suzanne have also allowed us to set up our outreach table on several occasions on the sidewalk outside their store. We met some great new people and benefitted from profitable sales.

### VANTASTIC VANS

Thank you Joe and the warm folks at Vantastic Vans. Recently when the outreach van needed a new windshield and repairs on the life-sustaining air-conditioner, Vantastic Vans in Albuquerque successfully fixed our van quickly and gave us a huge discount on our total bill.

### XILINX

Thanks to the Hurt's for telling us about a grant to help us our with public restrooms project! Angel applied and Xilinx sent us a check. Thank you Xilinx for such wonderful support to the two-leggeds.

### MACE LOFTUS

We send a big thanks to our friend Mace for his expert advice on raising wolf pups. We sure appreciate your time and knowledge.



# OUR WISH LIST!

So many of you have come to visit us bringing bags, boxes, and even truck loads of items from our wish list. Your generosity lifts our spirits and lightens our load. Thank you for taking the time to read our list of wishes and for making them come true. Big or small we appreciate them all.

## MAINTENANCE

Eleven chain dog leashes  
Gift cards from walmart  
Gift cards from home depot  
160 tons more of base coarse gravel  
2 x 4s  
Plywood  
6' cedar privacy fence panels  
Latex Gloves (Size XL)  
Work Gloves (All Sizes)  
Leaf Rakes  
Garden Hoes  
Garden Rakes  
Heavy Duty 5/8" Garden Hose 100' Length  
Hose Spray Nozzles  
Wheel Barrows  
Wild bird feeders  
Hummingbird feeders  
Commercial Outdoor Benches

## New Heavy Duty Gas Powered Weed Eater

Single Bit Ax Handles  
80 # Bags of concrete  
2 or more horse power  
commercial meat grinder  
10' x 12' shed  
18 Inch Chainsaw

## OFFICE

2 laptop computers:  
512 mb ram  
80 gig hard drive min  
Envelopes:  
3 5/8" x 6 1/2"  
6" x 9"  
First class stamps  
Generic printer ink refill kits  
More & more G2 pilot ink pens  
(somewhere there's a giggling pack rat with a three story home built entirely of our pens.)

## FROM THE RENTAL CENTER

One Week Rental of  
Commercial Trencher  
Heavy Duty Chipper  
Gas Powered Log Splitter  
Two Week Rental of  
Backhoe  
Bobcat with Post Auger

## NEEDS OF THE FLEET

Good working condition washer and dryer (propane or electric)  
2 high altitude propane stoves  
(1 for volunteer kitchen,  
1 for wolf kitchen)  
Newer Model full-size 4 WD pick-up Truck  
16 Ft Flatbed Trailer- Dual Axle  
Small Enclosed Trailer

# WHAT TO BRING

## THINGS TO BRING WITH YOU WHEN YOU VISIT

People always ask, "I'm coming out this weekend, what should I bring?" We made a list of things we always need.

## WOLF LOAF INGREDIENTS

Ground Turkey  
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

Ground Beef Chubs

## SUPPLIES

Sponges  
Large trash bags

WISHES DO COME TRUE! HUGE THANKS TO-

Jill, who brightens our lives with her warm glow & gift of flowers

The Mann's who astounded us with a whole truck-bed full of items from our wish list





## THE HOWLING REPORTER

378 Candy Kitchen Road

HC 61 Box 28

Ramah, NM 87321

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Gallup NM  
Permit No. 930



"Nayati"  
photo - G Cougar

### TAKE A GUIDED TOUR

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

CLOSED MONDAYS

### FROM ALBUQUERQUE

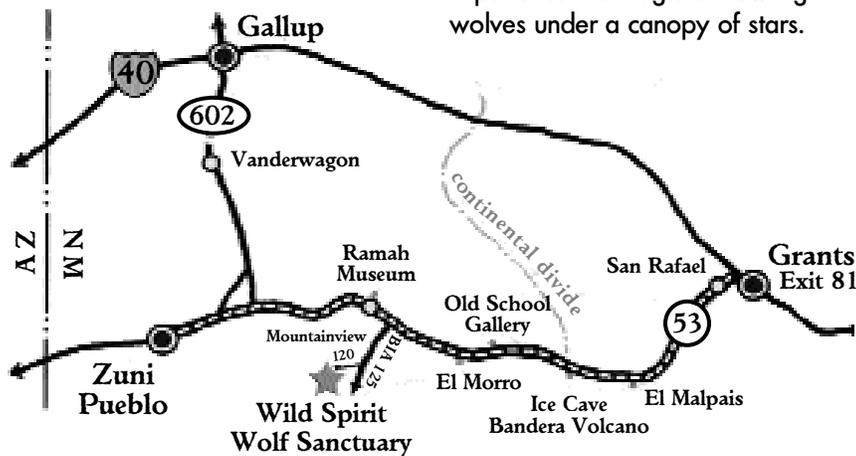
I-40 West to Grants, take Exit 81. Turn left onto Hwy 53, go about 44 miles. About 2 miles past El Morro, look for a sign for Mountainview & Pine Hill. Turn left onto BIA 125, go 8 miles (through Mountainview). Turn right onto gravel road BIA 120. Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary is 4 miles down on the left.

### 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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