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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.

This Issue

We wouldn't be here without your heartfelt involvement! Thank you for caring for our furry family of WSWs.

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YUKON
photo: Allison Bailey

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SEE MAP ON BACK COVER

An Arctic Family

A rare and amazing event is happening at our Sanctuary that has never happened before. Shortly after arriving at WSWS, a mama wolf, Sierra, gave birth to five pups and is now raising three of them with her mate, Yukon (this issue's Cover Boy). This is definitely a first for our Sanctuary, but more importantly, a first for former breeding couple, Sierra and Yukon.

Our story begins last spring when we were given six arctic wolf pups from Eric, a breeder who had made the decision not to breed and sell wolves any longer. Those six pups are our "Coffee Skunks" Alice, Powder, Sabine, Sugar, Storm and Thunder. The Coffee Skunks' mama is Sierra and their papa is Yukon. This arctic couple had brought many babies into the world during their time as a breeding couple. Each of their litters was taken from them between 8-20 days after being born. The pups were then bottle-raised and sold.

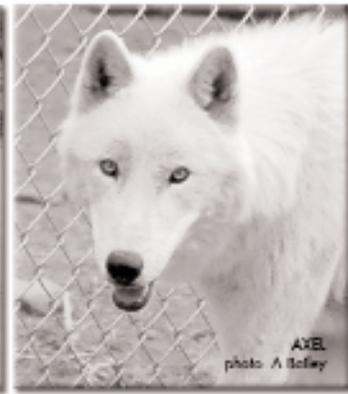
After meeting us last year, Eric felt as if WSWS would be a great place to retire his breeding pair, Sierra & Yukon. We were excited by the idea of welcoming an entire family at our Sanctuary, and thrilled about providing a retirement home for a couple who were originally in the breeding world.

While we bottle fed and socialized the Coffee Skunks last year, their parents, Sierra and Yukon, were never far from our thoughts. Unfortunately, we had neither the time nor the money to go back and get Mama and Papa wolf.

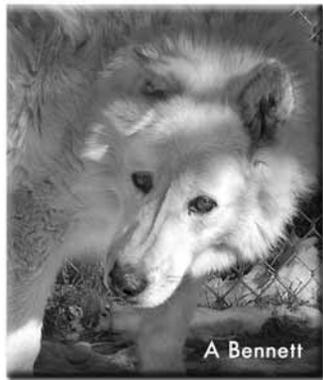
This February, Eric gave us a call and generously offered to pay for our expenses if we would come pick up Sierra and Yukon plus their three-year-old son, Axel. Eric cautioned us that we would have to hurry, because breeding season was just around the corner. As soon as possible, Leyton and Angel made arrangements for the grueling trip. We also began the complicated task of deciding what to do if we would be bringing home an expecting mother. Being the polar opposite of a breeding facility, it was troubling to us to imagine bringing more lives into captivity. Leyton had great concerns about Sierra undergoing surgery after the trauma of being captured, crated and then carted for 24 hours. We have lost animals in the past during and after medical procedures. Although wolves are powerful creatures in their natural surroundings, they are very fragile under unfamiliar stresses. With all this in mind, we elected to neuter Yukon to avoid another litter and then spay Sierra at a later date. We kept our fingers crossed that she was not pregnant already.

What an incredible journey was in store for both four-leggeds and two-leggeds. Leyton and Angel drove to Oregon, successfully captured three wolves, drove 24 hours straight, surviving the strong scent of wolf that hovered in the van, sleep-deprivation, and most importantly, Yukon's interesting re-design of his kennel (he destroyed almost the entire right side and kept them busy creating new ways to keep him contained). Sierra, Yukon and Axel survived being captured, placed in crates and riding in a van with strong scent of overworked human, followed by a visit to the vet for surgery!

Thankfully, all creatures in our story survived their ordeal. Sierra and Yukon were released into their beautiful rocky enclosure on the hill. The two seemed immediately comfortable, and began exploring their new home. Their son, Axel, was placed two enclosures away. A few weeks later, we opened up the back of Axel's enclosure to meet Princess, our other resident mother (her daughter is Duchess and son is Geronimo). Axel and Princess have hit it off fantastically, and are both much happier with some companionship. (Princess, in particular, is extremely pleased to have herself a young, "trophy husband.") *contd. pg 4*



Big Pack In The Sky



VAN GOGH On March 20th, we lost our Van Gogh, a thirteen year old wolf-dog who had been at our Sanctuary since he was a pup. Van Gogh was quite the character, with his name-sake floppy ear, and his "tub-on-legs" appearance. For early volunteers, he was remembered for his escape into the woods after a vet visit. After searching for almost a month, he was finally found when a neighbor spotted him. Van Gogh touched the hearts of later volunteers and members when he mourned the loss of his mate, Lady Shyloh, by howling for over 24 hours when she passed away. For some, it was Van Gogh's playful antics - his barking, and his favorite game:

chase his caretaker around the house - that gained him a special place in their hearts. Some of our members fell in love with this boy when he went from having no sponsors, to becoming one of the most sponsored animals in the history of Wild Spirit. Thank you for opening your hearts to this deserving fellow: Paul, Jane, Marion, Donna, Lisa, Lynn, Linda Sue, Tim & Sandy, Gary, Sanna & Bob, Paul & Mimi, Julie & Alan, Alison & Chris, Lori & Max, Connie, Eileen, Judy, Helen & Herbert, Tammy, Sally, Rex & Linda, Edra, Kimberlee & Charles, Sue, Derwood, Beth & Kady, High Country Store, Barbara & Linna and Karen.



ZEUS At the end of May, Zeus, one of our original "babies," passed away at the age of 11 (sorry, not 12 as we reported last issue). Our magnificent boy was just blessed with finding 12 new sponsors. Zeus was bottle raised at the Sanctuary with his three brothers and three sisters, after being born on-site on Easter Sunday, 1996. Zeus was a stunning animal, with his beautiful long legs, majestic stature, and mesmerizing gaze. His picture had graced many pieces of literature and Sanctuary advertisements, and for those who saw him in person, few forgot his memorable face. Within the last few months, Zeus had begun to experience more

lethargy, weight loss, and hip problems, but his death was somewhat sudden. He showed signs of illness one day, and by the next morning, was ready to pass away at 7:00 am. We will all miss this handsome animal, his stunning eyes, his haunting howl, and strong spirit, but are relieved that he passed away before old-age could begin to take its toll. Thank you Jim, Robert & Janice, Brian, Brad, Bobbie, Robert & Jenny, Linda, Elizabeth, Eileen, Mike, Lynn, Sally, Audrey, Dorothy, David, Jill, Patricia, and On Site Oil Services.



MR. SHYLOH Our unforgettable boy was around 15 years old when he was peacefully put to rest at our vet's office only a few days after Zeus's passing. Our Mr Shyloh battled with many health problems, including hypothyroidism and skin issues that caused him to lose much of his hair. Thanks to the support of a few dedicated sponsors like Bill & Jo Nelson, and Wanda Langlet, we were able to treat Mr. Shyloh's issues, and for a while, he even grew much of his fur back. Shyloh was cheerful through his entire stay at our Sanctuary. He was well known as our "volunteer initiator" as he was guaranteed to "nip" each person entering his enclosure, typically right in the rear-end! His morning rituals made everyone more cheerful, as he sat up for his food when asked to "act like a bear," and returned volunteers' sentiments when he howled "I love you." It was difficult for all of us to make this decision, especially his "daddy," Leyton, but when Mr. Shyloh lost control of his back legs, we made the decision to help him pass away peacefully. Thanks to those who also loved our boy, Bill & Jo, Wanda, Leda, Maria Ann, Robert & Donna, Madeline, Cheryl & Larry, and Anthony & Kay.

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Your generous involvement is crucial to our Sanctuary. Thanks to our tireless and passionate staff and volunteers, Angel, Jim, Sean, Rebecca, Allison, Christina, Jason, Maya, Angie, Mary, Quentin, Micah, Darren, & Taylor Special thank you to Norma & Chuck Young, Jan Ravenwolf, Wanda Langlet, Dick Thayer, friends & family of Melanie Deus, Rene Stapf, Lisa and **Printer's Press**, David Dorsey, Christopher Doherty & AGRA Greenhouses, High Country Gardens, Jackalope, Ann Wallace, Jill Jacobs, Cindy at **Green Valley Meats**, **TJ's Camera**, **Los Golondrinas**, **Art Helping Animals**, The Manns, 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, plus our **United Way** supporters, Tim & Delma, Ron & Rachael, Kandice, Nancy, BJ, Eric, Mercedes, Megan, Christopher, Dick, Walter, Cheryl, Amy Elena, Calvin, Jack, Cody & Amy and the Anonymous ones.

We love to show our appreciation, so please let us know if you or someone you know needs to be mentioned.

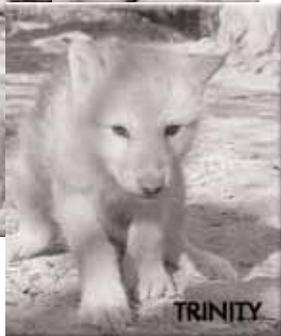
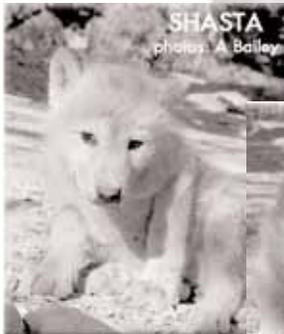
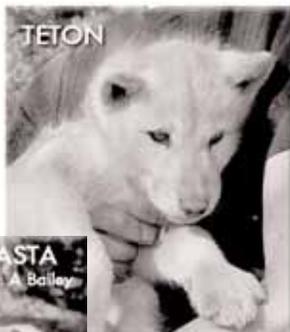
Needless to say, all eyes were on Sierra's belly. At first, we tried to convince ourselves that her roundness was simply due to the fact that she was enjoying her new Sanctuary diet. As the days went by, her bulge took on the unmistakable shape of "Expecting Mother." May 8th, for the first time in over 11 years, a litter of pups were born on-site.

We're sure you can imagine, this was a very exciting, (and some-what nerve-racking) time for all of us. What was before us now, was another difficult decision. Experts agree that in order for wolves to be social to humans at all, they must be pulled from their mothers and bottle-raised. They must "imprint" on us at an early age. That means we must be their primary care-givers so their early smells, sounds, and sights are of people. If the pups are left with their mother until they mature, they are almost always too fearful for human contact. This early imprinting is still no guarantee, however. Even with consistent human contact, there is no way to tell how social a wolf will be after maturity.

We had to think about the future of these new babies in our Sanctuary. If they were unsocialized, any capture for vet visits or emergencies would be a traumatic, possibly dangerous event. None of us was even slightly comfortable about the idea of taking Sierra's babies away from her. In our hearts, we wanted to give Sierra and Yukon the opportunity to raise their own pups for once. So what was the right decision?

In the end, we compromised. Sierra and Yukon are busy raising three of their beautiful pups: two girls, Shasta and Trinity, and their brother, Teton. Our new arctic family has become, "The Mountain Pack."

Meanwhile, Sierra & Yukon's other two boys are residing in the Animal Care Office during the day, and at either the Cougars' house, or Angel's house during the evenings. We're back to bottle-raising and socializing 24 hours a day. As much as we love our furry babies, we are fully aware that we are a poor substitute for their mama and papa. We go into the Mountain Pack's enclosure twice each day and have been able to pick up and hold Shasta, Teton and Trinity. They are larger than their two



brothers, and surprisingly calm. Sierra and Yukon are nervous, but tolerant when we come to visit.

It's hard to adequately describe how poignant it is to watch Sierra and Yukon dote on their babies for the first and last time. Our hope is that they will continue to live as a family and enjoy many happy howls together at Wild Spirit.



First there were Coffee Skunks,
then there were Fweasles,
Now Introducing...



The Baked Potatoes

BY ANGEL BENNETT

We at Wild Spirit have a serious problem with comparing animals to food items. Personally, I blame Georgia and Leyton. While we've claimed that pup, Storm, lost the tip of his ear to another wolf, I must confess I have heard Leyton discussing how wolf ear tastes like bacon. One must begin to wonder where this knowledge came from... Beyond this, there is a bare-all demonstration of Leyton's "problem" on-line at - <http://youtube.com/user/wswolfman>

I know from personal experience, that Mrs. Cougar can often be heard planning to wrap kittens, puppies, or other furry critters in tortillas. It didn't take long before Micah, a fairly new volunteer, began ordering extra hot-dog buns "for" the new puppies. Many of you may recall the two coffee skunks, Powder & Sugar. These were not the only condiment names we discussed. Of course, the name Coffee Skunk itself, arose from Georgia's claims that puppy breath smelled like a skunk who had just enjoyed a cup of java. I am afraid this disturbing behavior is spreading to a new generation as well. After Leyton & Georgia's five year old daughter, Lakota, commented on how cute one of the pups' paws were, I distinctly heard her mother instruct her to, and I quote, "bite it off."



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Jan Ravenwolf

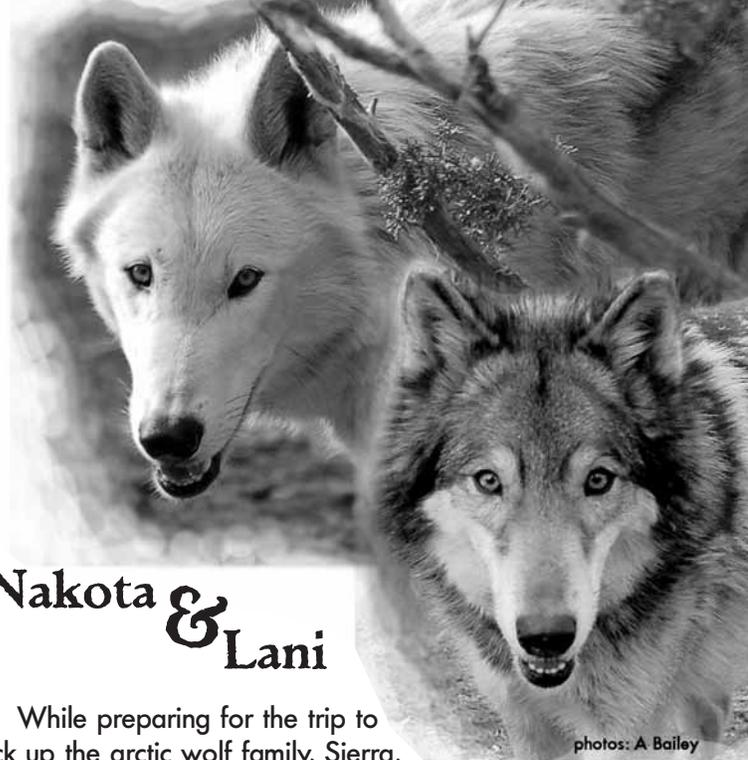


When we removed two beautiful babies from Sierra's den, it was not long before the sniff-fest began. The left cheek smelled like salad, but over-all, Georgia believed there was a distinct baked potato odor. Allison, a day or two later, asked, "Is it the tinfoil smell that reminds you of baked potatoes?" Our baked potatoes were complete

with the smell of garnish on their cheeks, and apparently, pre-wrapped in tinfoil for the baking. I realize how disturbing all of this information must be for some of you, but rest assured, there are a few of us protecting these delectable new additions from being eaten for their cuteness. Most of them at least... After all, they don't need both ears, do they?



While perhaps "Spud" and "Tator" would have been more appropriate names, please meet two of our youngest Wild Spirit residents: Scout and Frost. Our Potatoes have already gone to work at an outreach event in early June, and met their older brother, Storm, who faithfully regurgitated his dinner for his younger brothers (video available on-line soon!). We have plans to take Scout and Frost over to visit their mom, dad and siblings. You can be sure we will be sharing photos and video of the reunion. Until then, enjoy the baby pictures...



Nakota & Lani

photos: A Bailey

While preparing for the trip to pick up the arctic wolf family, Sierra, Yukon and Axel in Oregon, a woman named Missy began persistently contacting us. Missy was desperate to find a home for a male wolf-dog named Lakota, and his female companion, Kaelani, who were also in Oregon. Missy had cared for Lakota in the past, and was still taking care of his brother and several other wolf-dogs. Lakota had been unsuccessfully placed in several different homes and unfortunately found himself in need of a new home yet again. If Lakota could not find a new home, he would have to be euthanized. Missy also expressed concern that Lakota was in love with his companion wolf-dog Kaelani, and that the two should stay together. Our director, Leyton, agreed that if someone could bring the inseparable couple to where he and Angel were picking up Sierra, Yukon and Axel, they could join the Wild Spirit family as well.

All went well, and Lakota and Kaelani met up with Leyton and Angel in Oregon and were packed up in the van with the arctic wolf family.

Because we rescue animals who were at one time someone's pet, the animals already have names, and we typically continue to call them by their given names. However, we had a teeny problem. If everyone kept his original name, our Sanctuary would be home to canines Lakota, Lakota, and Lakota plus Lakota the human girl. To help avoid confusion, our newest Lakota has become Nakota. We also shortened Kaelani's name to Lani. The sweet and lovely Lani is already claiming several volunteers' laps as her own personal recliner, and handsome Nakota, while timid, is getting braver and braver each day. He also has already developed a habit of "nipping" volunteers' behinds when they leave his enclosure.

Our new couple's enclosure is one of those that is not part of our regular tour. The chances of them finding sponsors is slim due to the fact that folks coming to visit us don't get a chance to meet them. With your help, we hope our new soul-mates can find sponsors to call their own and discover what a stable, happy home can be like.



Summer Coolers 2007

Residents of our high desert Sanctuary endure a hot, dry summer. Not as deadly as a hot and also humid summer, but still no fun if you're running around in a

fur coat. Although our animals shed their thick winter coats when the warm weather hits and look completely emaciated the whole summer, they still prefer the cooler weather. The summer enrichment fund-raiser promises a fun reprieve from the heat. The "Pupsicle" is a frozen treat designed with the canine tastes in mind complete with hot dogs and jerky treats. Our furry family will be as excited as neighborhood kids when they hear the sound of the ice cream truck. Proceeds from our enrichment/fund-raisers cover food for all our kids for the quarter. We suggest \$35, but any amount will help. We will deliver the

Pupsicles with our cameras ready to capture all the summer refreshment. Thank you for supporting our enrichment programs and for helping us continue to provide the best care possible!



Sabine's Bad Hair Summer



There's A Sanctuary

In Ramah, New Mexico, is a place hidden away.
There's a Sanctuary for wolves to eat, rest and play.
With timbers and arctics colored brown, black & white,
They howl and they call through day and at night.
There are wolves, wolf-dogs and the occasional critter
It gets really hot, but in winter it's bitter!
Like people, they're characters each one of a kind
Happy, sad or fierce inside the wolf mind,
Forty-two teeth and two layers of fur,
They lie in the rain and don't even stir.
At feeding some squabble, others scent roll their food
This life of a wolf as part of the brood.
Life's simple but enriching if you volunteer
Your face just lights up if a shy wolf comes near.
Daily tours, a gift shop and scenery beautiful to see
If you like, come visit us, we're Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary.
by Jason Franklin

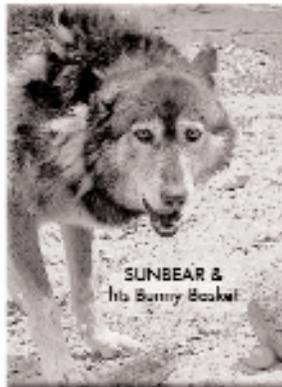
Updates

LANDSCAPING

There is never an end to projects which could help improve Wild Spirit. Our steady staff of only three and an ever-changing stream of short-term, overworked volunteers, are all spread pretty thin. It is a tremendous help to

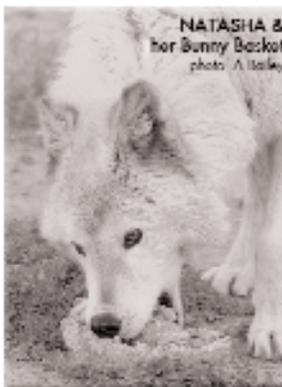


the evolution of our Sanctuary when someone can take on a project for us. Our friend, Jill Jacobs, has blessed us by focusing her attention on our landscaping. Jill set to work getting xeriscape (low water) plants donated from the generous folks of High Country Gardens. We also did a plant fund-raiser at Jackalope in Albuquerque. Christopher Doherty and AGRA Greenhouses & Landscaping are storing young trees for us until they are ready to plant. With all the lovely plant life combined with the donation of gravel by Walter and Bernice Dalby, we are looking pretty and feeling pretty. We thank tireless volunteer, Jason, who has done a fantastic job re-landscaping, laying gravel, & caring for all our new plants. We're all so excited about a custom fountain Jason is building with local lava stones. A huge thank you to Jill, Jason and all the generous people involved with our facelift! Come see all our improvements.



SUNBEAR

A howl of thanks to you, our members! SunBear takes over as top dog with 22 sponsors! Thanks to long time friend, Irene, and new friends Rebecca & Jerry, Robert, Allen & Patricia, Alla, Linda, Eileen, Ashley, Lynn, Barbara, William, Donna, Debra, Gerald, Audrey, Louis, Marion, On Site Oil Services, Sally, Gary & Dianne, Pat, & Abraham.



GRANDMA NATASHA

Our older girl, whom we foolishly took off the list of animals for sponsorship, is sitting pretty with two new sponsors, Elizabeth, Jim & fellow Grandma, Ginny. Thanks also to Natasha's devoted couple, Bill & Sarah, and Grant & Lanie. Thanks to Jonnie Sue for the treats!



THANKS FOR BUNNY BASKETS 2007!



It was a dark, cold night...we were, after all, inside the freezer. We stood side-by-side, two nutritious meat loaves shaped like bunnies with nothing in the world except each other. Our fiery passion warmed the Frigid Aire and before we knew it, our ice box was filled to capacity

come!
We were poised for battle!
We were seizing the day!
We were... SNACKS?!

The canines were elated to see us. They smiled, they leaped up to grab us, they ran with us, rolled on us, gnawed on us, and buried us. We had never seen them so full of joy. And then, it hit us. We realized we had a Higher Purpose. We had been formed for this day of fun. The canines loved us. Our moment had come!

with adorable little bunny-shaped meat loaves just like ourselves. We would need more room, acres to be exact. That is when we began to plot...plot to take over the world! One Sanctuary at a time.

To defeat the enemy, you must KNOW the enemy. We began to study the current occupants of our Sanctuary-to-be, the Singing Canine.

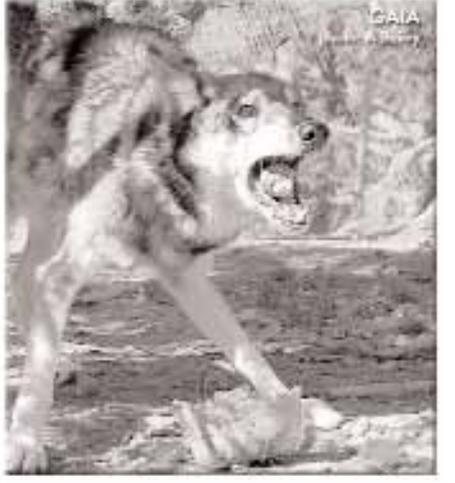
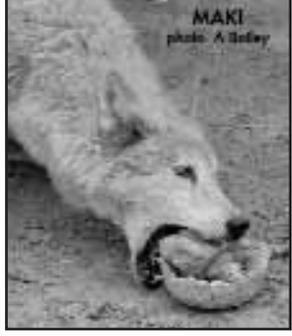


We surmised the canines possessed some intelligence, because they have trained a crew of humans to serve them. With our intoxicating levels of Cute, meatball tails, and mesmerizing chopped-carrot eyes, we were confident the humans would soon be our puppets as well. We used the foolproof "Hold Me" tactic, and as we predicted, the humans began picking us up. They took us out to the canines, most likely to show them how irresistible we were. We couldn't suppress our triumphant giggles when the humans actually escorted us right in to the enclosures! Our moment had

We were Nutritious!
We were Delicious!
We were Party Animals!

That's when we began to plot! Plot to conquer boredom! One canine at a time.

We are Loaf Bunnies, and we shall return!



WOLF LEVITATES

Sanctuary workers witness remarkable proof of Spontaneous Levitation during a spring enrichment program. Wolf "Lycea," hovers three feet off the ground anticipating a bunny shaped meat loaf while a staff member shot this series of photographs.

"The photos are genuine and have not been altered," claims a local forensic photo analyst. Skeptics argue there was no phenomenon at all, but an age old illusion, simply done with mirrors. Lycea was unavailable for comment, but her publicist announced the floating wolf plans a 3 day "Canus levi-

tatus" workshop at the Sanctuary. Don't bother signing up; skeptics. Lycea's workshop is strictly canines only. The enterprising Canus lepus extends an invitation to all humans to see her uplifting antics for themselves this fall at Wild Sprit's second annual Howl-A-Ween party. Details coming soon.



When a third "Lakota" recently joined our furry family, we decided to change his name. Our new boy had very distinctive large, cocked ears that immediately reminded us of Mr. Spock from "Star Trek" and so was named after the beloved Leonard Nimoy.

Nimoy had a lot of life experience already. During his first year of life he not only spent time in at least three different homes, but had also braved town on his own for roughly three months before one of his original owners was able to get him back. The loving couple had Nimoy neutered, micro-chipped, and then they brought him out to us. He's quite the "ladies man" and we all agree that Nimoy gives the best hugs of any of the puppies. He's particularly stolen the heart of return volunteer, Mary.

Nimoy By Mary

I came back for my second summer volunteering at WSWS full of anticipation and expectations. I couldn't wait to see the puppies I helped raise last year and all the people I had come to know. What I didn't expect were all the changes: gravel lined paths, new fences, and fresh coats of paint. Those things were easy to accept. The changes in our population were not.

I receive my newsletter back home and I call Angel and the Sanctuary on a regular basis just to check in. I knew there would be new animals to meet; it was just hard to imagine them being able to fill the void left by those who have passed on. In truth they don't. One animal never replaces another, but they do offer comfort when confronted with the memory of animals past.

The second day I was back, I went into the enclosure containing the group of pups called the Powder Pack. For all the time I spent with those babies last summer I still couldn't tell who was who. Sure they were excited to see me because they love people, but I have no idea if they remembered me. I was greeted with kisses & licks & wagging tails and to my great joy, with a new face.

Nimoy is a little skinnier than our other fat puppies, and a little shyer than some, but he has a certain feistiness that I can appreciate. The first thing he did when I met him was to steal my heart. Though he never spent a night in the trailer with Angel and me, and though I never wiped his bottom or ground up chicken for him, I love him as if I had done those things for him. He's the new kid trying to find his place among a large family of brothers and sisters and I'd say he's doing pretty well. Nimoy is unassuming to look at- he's just a wolf who follows Dakota around and who will sometimes pick on Sabine, but he has a great capacity to make me feel special.

If you ever follow one of Allison's tours, she will tell you how wolves are intimidated by humans and how they don't like it if you stand over them, and what they would do if you tried to give them a hug. I can tell you what it's like when they hug you. There is nothing like this gentle creature reaching out to you and wanting to be close to you. Nimoy stands on his hind legs and puts his arms on my shoulders and pulls



me close, taking care not to scratch me with his dewclaws. He rubs his cheek up next to mine and gives me sweet puppy kisses. There's no way to avoid falling in love with him. My heart is bigger this year. It had to grow to make room for all of the new animals I've met like Lani and Nakota, Axel, Sierra and Yukon, and Dusty and Specter, not to mention the Baked Potatoes, but Nimoy is the one who tugs on more than just my heart strings.



Specter & Dusty

In early spring we welcomed an older wolf-dog couple, Specter and his female companion, Dusty. These shy kids were originally displaced when their owners divorced, and had a rocky time finding a permanent home. Their "dad" had gone to great lengths to ensure that his kids have a proper place to live.

Now, we're happy to report that Specter and Dusty are enjoying their new beautiful home at WSWS, a great diet, and fun treats. Most exciting perhaps is the entertainment of new neighbors to watch and sing with.

Dusty and Specter are perfect examples of why it is so important to socialize wolves and wolf-dogs. This new couple join the ranks of our super shy kids which includes Natasha, Lakota, Embla, Waya, Ashlar, Sierra, and Axel.

For our volunteers, there's not much to compare to the joy of finally gaining the trust of a fearful animal. It will take a great deal of patience and time, and we must always prepare ourselves for the fact that it might not happen at all. It will be fun to see if any of us will get the rare pleasure of being the first person to pet either Specter or Dusty.

It's always harder for our super shy animals to find sponsors, so here's hoping Dusty and Specter can find an extended family out there and sponsors to help us continue to care for them.





WILD SPIRIT WOLF SANCTUARY 14 WAYS TO HELP WSWs

Donations



Your faithful donations are what keep our doors open



Sponsoring a wolf keeps them fed... and happy!



We are always so grateful when folks ask us, "What can I do to help?" So far, we've highlighted 14 different ways that you can help Wild Spirit.

We know the internet is an invaluable tool for helping us reach people all over the world and getting more help for our Sanctuary. Allison just set up a new page on our website. We hope people will find it easy to use.

Now, you can make your donations on-line and participate in these other programs which help Wild Spirit. Here's how it works:

- Step #1 Log on to our website, www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org
- Step #2 enter your name and e-mail address in our blue box with Napi sitting on top
- Step #3 click on the How Can I Help button on the home page

We would also appreciate you passing along our website to friends and family who may not already know about us. If you receive our e-newsletter, you can simply forward it to folks you send regular e-mails to.

Your participation truly makes all the difference in the lives of Wild Spirit's wolves and wolf-dogs. On their behalf, we send our deepest thanks.

WSWS Fun On-line!

Leyton's been having a lot of fun with our digital camera and video camera. Take a look at some fun video of our furry kids on Youtube.

If you'd like to hear more about our furry family and life at our Sanctuary, Leyton and Angel both have blogs on-line.

Leyton: voiceofthewild.blogspot.com

Angel: wildspiritwolves.blogspot.com

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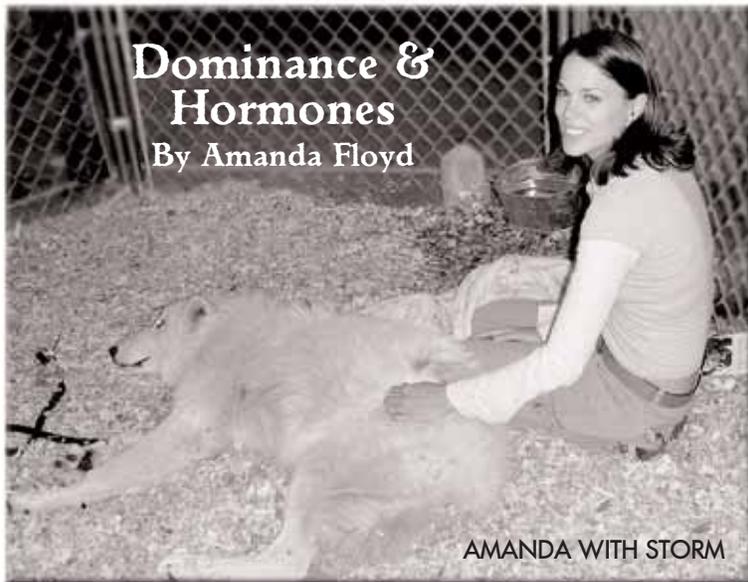


Get posters of your favorite animals at Wolf Poster Store



Dominance & Hormones

By Amanda Floyd



AMANDA WITH STORM

If you have been to the Sanctuary in the early spring months, you might have noticed some cardboard boxes in some of the animals' enclosures. These boxes are part of a dominance and hormone study being conducted by myself and a biology professor at UNM.

I spent last summer at the Sanctuary and helped raise the 6 arctic and 5 timber pups who are now yearlings. As a biology student at UNM, I figured the experience would be good for my resume. And as I am also a lifelong wolf lover, it proved to be one of the best experiences of my life, and one for which I am truly grateful.

I, like many people, saw potential in the Sanctuary for research opportunities that could benefit not only science, but also captive wolves all over the world. But with 11 kids to take care of, last summer was not the time for any research.

I returned to UNM in the fall, and in the Spring semester of 2007, I enlisted the help of UNM Biology professor Paul Watson. We have since been working at the Sanctuary and at UNM on several hypotheses that we have formulated involving dominance behavior, and how dominant (or subordinate) an animal is affects its cortisol and testosterone levels. The main hypothesis is that a dominant animal will have higher levels of the stress hormone, cortisol, and higher levels of testosterone. Of course, there are many variables which are also involved, and we have been working to know as much about those as possible.

We hope to publish this research by next Spring, and make it readily available to wolf sanctuaries across the nation. Knowledge about this most fundamental aspect of wolf life will help in pairing wolves in sanctuaries and decreasing stress and possible fights.

As with most endeavors worth pursuing, there is that little problem of money. Testing fecal samples from the wolves for hormones requires a visit to and use of a lab at Montana State University. We estimate the cost to be around \$1500. If you feel that this is something you would like to contribute to, I would be very, very grateful. If you have any questions regarding this research, feel free to e-mail me at afloyd@unm.edu. Thank you.

Special Thanks

We can never thank you all enough for your thoughtful care.



KATHY ALLS, JUDITH METZEN & GORDON ELSER

Kathy and Judith sent us beefy checks just in time for the epic journey to Oregon! On top of sponsoring many of our animals, these great supporters of ours come to visit often, and

Gordon dropped us another hefty donation the last time they were here. We're all sure blessed to have this fantastic family of animal lovers as friends. Thank You!

DAVE DORSEY

Our friend Dave never ceases to amaze and surprise us! This spring he brought us 2 laptops, 2 computer cases packed with loads of cables & accessories, plus 2 weedwackers! Thank You!

JEAN BEARQUIVER

Our resourceful friend, Jean, has blessed us all by taking pity on our pathetic volunteer kitchen. She not only painted the cabinets, but had custom drawers built where before, there were NONE. Jean is responsible for most of the new paint you'll see on the outhouses, trash cans and barrier fencing. She has also taken special care of our volunteers and staff, not only with thoughtful gifts, but with bountiful tables of her home cooked meals. Thanks a million, Jean!

BIG BEEFY CHECKS

The following folks offered great relief from financial stresses! It's hard to describe what a difference everyone's support makes to us all. Thank you Norma Young, Donna Brown, Jan Ravenwolf, Jane McClagan, Barbara & Steve Harter, Loretta & Robert Desharnais, Jim & Caryl Mann, Brian Brooks & Chip Stites.

STAFF OF PUCCINI & MEAGLE, PA

Seven of our furry family received a wonderful surprise. Louis Jr, Joan, Theo, Shay, Laura, Dawn, Cathy and Josh from the offices of Puccini & Meagle, P.A. in Albuquerque sponsored an animal and then padded the total for a much-needed financial boost. A howl of thanks from our family to yours!

SHARON WANAMAKER

Sharon has showered the humans and her special pal, Storm, with toys and office supplies, and donations a'plenty! Thanks for taking care of us all, Sharon.

BEVERLY HOLLIDAY

Beverly blessed us with beautiful cabinets, a chest of drawers, a VCR and videos. Thanks Beverly!

INDIAN HILLS ELEMENTARY CLASS, GIRL SCOUT TROUPE 103, & CUB SCOUTS Thanks for supporting the wolves and coming for a tour. Please come again!

SYLVIA MCNEIL We send our prayers and sympathies to the friends and family of our member, Ms McNeil. Thank you Robert for the wonderful donation in honor of one of our friends.

MARTIN BICKLER We send our prayers and sympathies to the friends and family of our long-term member, Mr Bickler. It's devoted members like Marty who have made all the difference in our world in the woods. Thanks, Thomas for honoring your friend and ours.

LAUREN DANIELS Wow! Raven & our staff send a howl of thanks to 5-year-old Lauren. Thank you for donating your allowance money for Raven. What a thoughtful gift!

OUR WISH LIST!

Thank you for your invaluable help! Please take a moment to look at our wish list. We have a detailed list complete with photos on our website. Your thoughtful care is what keeps us going and what makes our wishes come true.

MAINTENANCE

10' X 12' WOOD SHED

Low Water Grass Seed

Gift cards for Wal-Mart

Gift cards for Home Depot

Gift cards for Sam's Club

160 tons more of base coarse gravel

Enough mulch for all the enclosures

2 x 4s & 2 x 8s

Plywood 4 x 8 x 1/2" & 1 3/4"

6' cedar privacy fence panels

~~POWDER-FREE Latex Gloves (S,M,L)~~

~~POWDER-FREE vinyl Gloves (S,M,L)~~

Monstrously huge thanks to our pal Dave Dorsey for the TRAILER full of gloves!

Leaf Rakes

Garden Hoes

Garden Rakes

Commercial Outdoor Benches!!

~~2 new Ryobi gas-powered Weed Eaters~~

Thanks again Dave Dorsey!

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

OFFICE

1 laptop computer: (see website)

2 GB RAM

140 gig hard drive minimum

Envelopes:

3 5/8" x 6 1/2"

6" x 9"

First class stamps

Generic printer ink refill kits

5th Wheel Travel Trailer for more volunteer housing

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

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)

5 drawer dresser for Jason

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

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

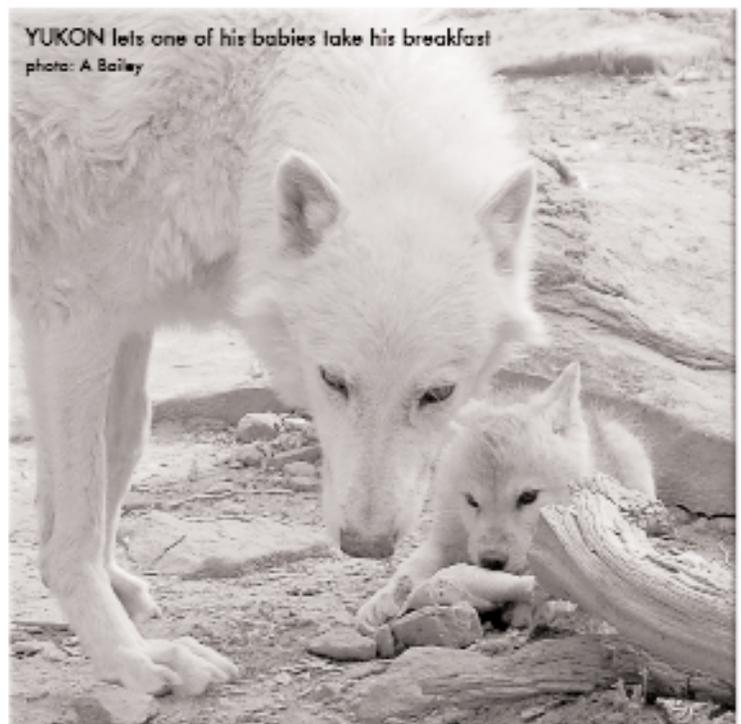
SUPPLIES

Bleach

Liquid hand soap

Large industrial strength trash bags

ONE OF OUR FAVORITES





WILD SPIRIT WOLF SANCTUARY
HC 61 Box 28
Ramah, NM 87321

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



DAKOTA
photo: Angel Bennett

TAKE A GUIDED TOUR

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

CLOSED MONDAYS

FROM ALBUQUERQUE

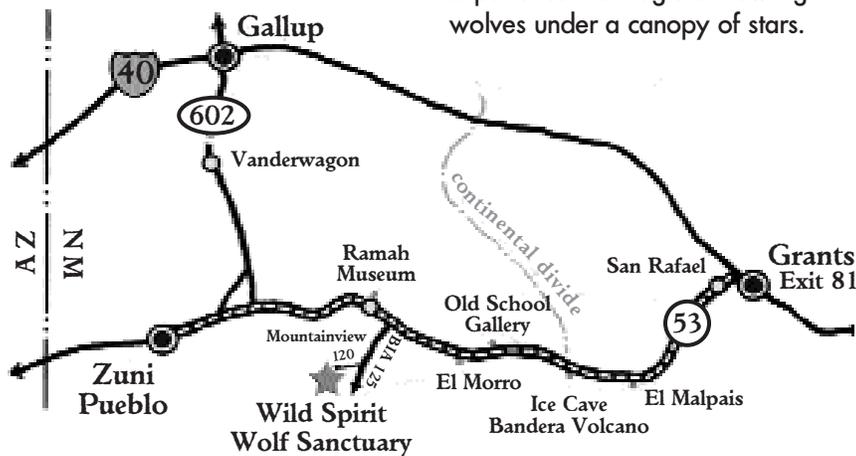
I-40 West to Grants, take Exit 81. Turn left onto Hwy 53, go about 44 miles. About 2 miles past El Morro, look for a sign for Mountainview & Pine Hill. Turn left onto BIA 125, go 8 miles (through Mountainview). Turn right onto gravel road BIA 120. Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary is 4 miles down on the left.

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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