

THE HOWLING REPORTER



WINTER 2007

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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AXEL

photo: Allison Bailey

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Tuesday - Sunday
11am 12:30pm 2pm 3:30pm

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SEE MAP ON BACK COVER

E-Wolf News Update

by Leyton Cougar

I want to start off by saying thank you to all you great people that have been enduring my mistakes in cyber space. I have sent out wrong messages, blank e-mails and repeated messages. Thank you for your forgiveness and kind responses. The computer and Internet learning curve is steep! I will do my best to do better in the future. Here is what we are up to right now:

Many of our members, sponsors and friends have already received their free Photomax account and 100 of our best photographs. We've had some really great feed back already from tons of people which has been very encouraging. Your feed back has helped me know we are on the right track in our new fund-raising endeavors. We have several videos that can be seen in a number of places. I would really like everyone who receives this newsletter to please go to www.current.com. Then in the search bar put in wild spirit wolf sanctuary. Watch our video and then make a comment. Do it often, if you please!

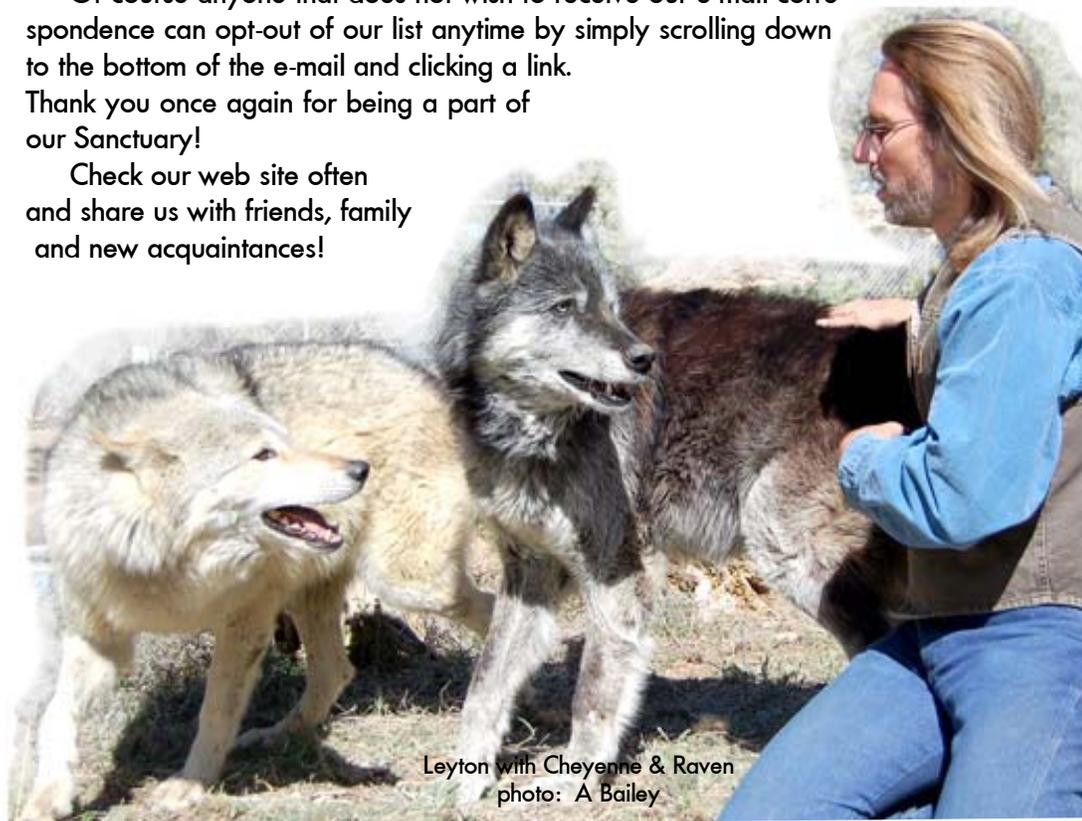
We want to go up in the ratings so it will be shown on Current TV. If you haven't heard of current and have cable or satellite you might have it. On our Direct Way satellite it's on channel 196.

Help us raise the ratings by telling your friends about it and ask them to view it often. The video is about our mission statement and runs just under seven minutes long. I also have a You Tube site with some fun videos featuring some of our fur-kids. Please check them out. Find them at <http://www.youtube.com/user/wswolfman>. I will be putting more videos up from time to time.

If you are on our e-mail list, thank you for being there. If you would like to be, just fill out our opt-in box on the home page of our website. Then you will begin to get some updates and videos that I have been doing this past year. Most of them will be short and goofy; some might be serious. Give me some feedback about them, please. We also want to show you how to use your own videos and help us make money by you sharing your home videos with friends and family.

Of course anyone that does not wish to receive our e-mail correspondence can opt-out of our list anytime by simply scrolling down to the bottom of the e-mail and clicking a link. Thank you once again for being a part of our Sanctuary!

Check our web site often and share us with friends, family and new acquaintances!



Leyton with Cheyenne & Raven
photo: A Bailey



photo: A Bailey

Enrichment

We work hard day after day to make sure our Sanctuary is a grand place for our captive-bred wolves and wolf-dogs. Even so, we know that life in a cage can be incredibly dull. We've all seen heartbreaking images of animals in captivity who have gone crazy with boredom. Our enrichment program helps to break up dreaded monotony by stimulating both mind and body.

Each day our fluffy residents enjoy several built-in comforts. Everyone has enough room to run in the great outdoors and revel in the exhilarating change of the seasons. Our chain link fencing allows for interactive gossiping and squabbling with neighbors. Plus, everyone has an extended view of the surrounding landscape, where something howl-worthy is always taking place. There are pesky raven birds to watch and stalk, and of course a human caretaker to torment or who can offer some pampering rubs and scratches. Dozens of times each week, social animals can happily accept treats from the tour guide and see new folks who have come to take a tour. Our fur-kids who can be managed on a leash get to go for walks around the compound. Stuffed animals are always sure to please, and of course, we can never go wrong with the occasional luxury of ripe road-kill elk or deer.

Aside from this regular stimulation, we treat our animals to four enrichment snacks each year, thanks to your donations. In the spring, the Easter Bunny leaves our animals Bunny Baskets. In the summer, our exclusive Pupsicles cool things off. In the fall, the stuffed Howl-A-Ween pumpkins appear, and then we end the year with the festive Turkey Toss.

Our amazing staff member, Allison, has taken particular interest in developing a more

extensive enrichment program and has spent loads of time researching and brainstorming. She's recently added several new activities in 2007 and has plans for new activities in 2008. Ripping apart a bale of hay while searching for hidden treats proved to be a glorious good time. Discovering the wonders of the coconut also provided hours of investigating and an intriguing new substance to scent roll in. You can help enrich the lives of our wolves and wolf-dogs by participating in our quarterly programs, or by sending large stuffed animals, rope toys, or heavy duty plastic toys. Your thoughtful involvement not only keeps our furry family healthy, but happy and entertained as well. Thank you for blessing us with your helping hand all year long!



BRUTUS
photo: A Bailey



GAIA & ELK LEG
photo: A Bailey

thank you



EMBLA photo: A Bailey

Your generous involvement is crucial to our Sanctuary. Thanks to our tireless and passionate staff and volunteers, Angel, Jim, Allison, Christina, Mary, Angie, Jen, Claire, Tasha, and Sonny. Special thank you to Norma & Chuck Young, Jan Ravenwolf, Dick Thayer, Wanda Langlet, Cheryl Ford, friends & family of Savannah Cheyenne Feinberg, Rene Stapf, Lisa and Printer's Press, Weems Artfest, Bosque del Apache, Steve & Josie Donaldson, Mark Sanchez, Ann Wallace, Jill Jacobs, Cindy at Green Valley Meats, Canyon Crossroads, Art Helping Animals, Loretta Pipkin, 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, & Sally, 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 say Thanks, so please let us know if you, or someone you know needs to be mentioned.



The Mountain Pack Update

by Angel Bennett

Time heals all, as we've heard many times, and though it was a difficult couple of months, both humans and wolves alike are finally recovering from the troubles our arctic family faced this summer.

After being quarantined for the duration of Teton's prednisone prescription, Trinity & Teton were happily reunited with their daddy Yukon, and sister Shasta. When Allison and I released the two youngsters back into the enclosure, we had butterflies in our stomachs, fearing Yukon would no longer accept his distanced children. He greeted Trinity first, with whimpers, whines and sniffs, and then, when Teton made his entrance, Yukon became a proud, alpha male with his tail straight out and hackles raised. Luckily, Teton responded appropriately, submitting and licking at his father's muzzle. Since then, the family has been happily living together without issue.

As for their health, Trinity made a full recovery, and today, it is hard to remember that she ever had any difficulties. While she was previously a "mama's girl," she's now switched to "daddy's girl." She is, in fact, the only pup that Yukon still lets take food from his mouth. Teton, who suffered most extensively, rarely limps now, and in fact, we only notice a problem after he's been romping around the enclosure with his sisters too much - something that certainly can't be a bad sign! He also seems to have dealt with what could have been a very traumatic experience quite well. He still approaches his caretaker, Allison, and remembers the extra TLC board member Jan Ravenwolf offered him during his difficult stay at the vet's office. Shasta, after being reunited with Trinity & Teton, stopped her mournful howls, and now, has taken the proud role as "investigator" for the pups. She is always first at the fence in the morning, awaiting her breakfast, and giving Daddy Yukon a hard time. Yukon, too, has seemingly healed with the help of his rambunctious pups. After all, who has time to be mournful when there are three mischievous young-

sters following you about the enclosure all day and all night?

As for the two-leggeds at Wild Spirit, we will never be able to accept fate's choice of taking our mama wolf, Sierra, but time and more knowledge has helped us begin healing. After Canyon Crossroads received Sierra's autopsy report, we found out that even without the *Cryptococcus* ingestion, Sierra's time on earth would have been short. She had been suffering from fairly severe kidney disease, as well as some type of bacterial infection which had left a rather large abscess on the base of her brain. This may have been the major source of the neurological symptoms we observed. As for the *Cryptococcus*, with the other conditions, the stress of relocation and pregnancy, Sierra was a buffet for the nasty fungus, and it certainly didn't help her already critical situation.

Many of you have been kind enough to send memorial donations, and sympathy wishes, as well as expressions of concern for further problems associated with the fungus. Thankfully, *Cryptococcus* is typically not found in the area, especially under our circumstances. This encourages us to believe that not much is around. Also, *Cryptococcus*, even when ingested, rarely affects animals or humans with proper immune-system function. As an extra precaution, all four remaining members of the Mountain Pack are receiving daily vitamins to help boost their immune systems.

Teton is still receiving fluconazole to kill whatever remaining fungus there may be, and we are appreciative of all the support you are able to offer in helping us fund this somewhat expensive drug. We are also using liquid silver, a known combatant for viruses, as a precaution, and would appreciate donations of this as well.

While there is no way of forgetting the pain and sadness this series of events caused all of us, we can only hope that their troubles are over, and that this arctic family will have many long years ahead of them, pain-free and full of all the special care they deserve.

WSWS WOLF VALENTINE CARDS!



KING & GAIA

Poem Cards
5 Pack
\$12



SELENA & AMANI



SASQUATCH & JUNEAU



SUNBEAR & LUNA



MEEA & NAYATI

Place your orders using our membership form in your newsletter, or online at www.wildspiritwolvesanctuary.org
Thank You & Happy Holidays!

Combo Pack
\$20

We created some original Valentine Cards featuring our own wolves and wolf-dogs. These full color cards come full-size with an original poem, or mini front & back cards like you used to pass out in school. For a full color view, and a look at the poems, go to www.wildspiritwolvesanctuary.org

"To you my one and only,
My love, my mate, my life
Through all the stress of days,
And all time's endless strife,
Remember I'll be with you,
To hold you close and true,
And though life brings temptations,
I'll only howl for you!"

"Although I can be snappy,
And often jump the gun,
Know that I still love you,
You're my only one!"

"I love you in the morning
And in the afternoon
I love you in the evening
While howling at the moon!"

Original Poems by Angel!

BACK OF MINI CARD



Mini Cards
16 Pack
\$10

RAVEN



SELENA



NAPI



MOONLIGHT SPOTLIGHT



NIMOY
photo: A Bailey

Last *Howling Reporter's* CoverBoy needs your help. Our sweet, timid Nimoy was attacked by his pen mates in early December. He received several serious wounds, and many other cuts and bruises before he was removed from the enclosure and taken to the vets to be cleaned up and sewn up. All our hearts and thoughts went out to our beat-up boy, who found it difficult to get comfortable while recovering. Allison and Christina stayed with Nimoy overnight and tried to make him as comfortable as possible. He was given round-the-clock care and pampering in our animal care office. Nimoy's plight is a good demonstration of one of the complexities of managing a Sanctuary like ours. Although wolves are naturally social and live in groups, those groups are most often their biological family members, and not strangers introduced to the pack by an outside source. The inescapable boundaries of the cage also throw a kink in the natural order of things. When normal wolf-family squabbles occur, the animal under attack can easily catch the hint and run away until things cool off, or leave the pack for good if they need to. When escape is possible, wolves rarely hurt each other seriously. As our pups mature, their group dynamics will be continually evolving and it's up to us to help keep the peace and determine who will be compatible with whom. Meanwhile, Nimoy has hefty medical bills and we would certainly appreciate your help. Please keep our boy in your thoughts and prayers, and let's all hope he's up and back to hugging to help ring in the New Year. Thank you for your continued generosity and uplifting support!



ANGEL
photo: A Bennett

Turkey Toss 2007

Thanks to your kind hearts, our wolves and wolf-dogs are blessed with a wonderful diet all year. But we all know, a "healthy" diet is not what most of us consider to be a "fun" diet. Our animals do not get the pleasure of hunting bunnies, mice, or any of the larger critters they might enjoy in the wild. They

do not get to fill out a little Sanctuary form with their top choices for breakfast each day, (although Greebo and Dakota always put this suggestion in our "ideas box"). However, with your help, we are very pleased to offer our furry family a quarterly treat packed with festivity and health too! Each winter, we toss stuffed turkeys to each of our residents. The holiday bird is our most expensive treat of the year and as with all our fund-raisers, your donations make it possible. We suggest \$35 dollars per animal but we welcome any amount you can spare. Extra funds go toward feeding our animals through the rest of the winter. When you provide a turkey for a wolf or wolf-dog, you never run the risk of disappointing someone. Our animals will never willingly "re-gift" the turkey you give them to any other living creature. They will never put the turkey in a box in their attic and only take it out when you visit, and they will never take it to the Goodwill. They will truly love it and "use it" with great joy and soaring spirit! We send you our warmest wishes for you and your family this holiday season.

Howl-A-Ween Night 2007

This year's Howl-A-Ween Party fund-raiser was even more fun-filled than last year. Angel and our tireless crew put together a spooky, educational, surprising and hilarious time for all, complete with costumes, decorations, a tour full of myths and legends, and an enchanting fireside presentation, complete with an original piece especially written for us by member and well-known fantasy writer, Jane Lindskold, and her friend & WSWs member, Patti Nagle. Please make plans early to join us in 2008 for this truly unique, wildly entertaining day and night in the woods!



Girl Scouts Photo: Jessa Brown

Updates

MOUNTAIN PACK

We are so touched by your concern for the hardships endured by our arctic family, and the loss of Sierra. Please see Angel's article on page 4 for an update on our arctic family

NIKKI

Last issue, Angel told our readers about Nikki sending Leyton on a bloody trip to the emergency room. We are happy to report that both Leyton and Nikki are still with us and doing well. During our recent Howl-A-Ween fun-raiser, Nikki managed to destroy the Sanctuary's digital camera by grabbing it through the fence while he was being photographed. Many of you wondered what would happen to Nikki after such a severe attack. We



photo: A Bailey



photo: A Bailey

never consider euthanizing an animal like Nikki. We always have several residents who fall into the high maintenance category. It's problem children like these that we are here to serve and protect. But, we can always make it an easier task for ourselves. We're excited to report that we do have plans to build a sub-enclosure for Nikki's pen. A special howl of thanks goes out to WSWs board member Jan, who bought all the supplies for this crucial project. When the sub-enclosure is done, Nikki will go securely into it to get his breakfast, and then any qualified caretaker can clean and inspect his home without fear of potentially harmful encounters. It is our goal to build these sub-enclosures throughout our Sanctuary. Along with added safety, this addition to our current enclosures would be invaluable during vaccination time and vet visits, plus during major enclosure repairs or improvements.

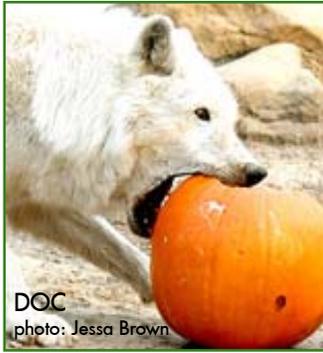
COLOR E-NEWSLETTER

We have now offered two issues of our Howling Reporter in electronic form that you can look at online. We've always wished we could share the photos we display in our Howling Reporter the way we get to see them. And now we can! The e-newsletter is now in FULL COLOR! If you would like to receive an e-newsletter, here's how to do it. Go to our website www.wildspiritwolvesanctuary.org. On our home page, you will see a blue "opt-in" box with Napi the wolf sitting on top of it. Enter your name and e-mail address here, and then submit. Of course, you can continue to get your paper copy plus go and look at the e-news, too. You can easily share the e-Howling Reporter with friends and family by simply sending them the link. The more folks who get the e-newsletter, the less paper we need to use and the less time it takes us to process the newsletters for the mail. Either way, we want to say we truly appreciate you reading about our Sanctuary and getting involved.

Happy Holidays!

ENRICHMENT PHOTO ALBUM

THANKS FOR HOWL-A-WEEN 2007!



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photo: Jessa Brown



FENRIS
photo: A Bailey



SUNBEAR
photo: A Bailey



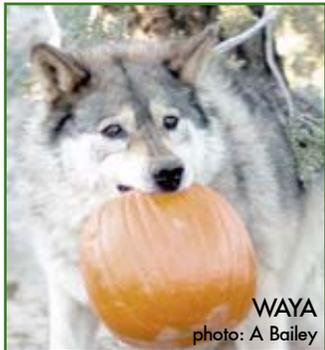
BRUTUS
photo: Jessa Brown



DUSTY
photo: A Bailey



SEQUOIA
photo: A Bailey



WAYA
photo: A Bailey



WHITNEY
photo: Jessa Brown



WAPAHNEE
photo: A Bailey



SABINE
photo: Jessa Brown

I Am Not A Wolf by Bratwurst
I am a puppy. My sister "Speck" and I were rescued from under a trailer. Now we have new people folks. They call me "Bratwurst," because I remind them of a sausage. Our folks had raised only wolf puppies for a few years, and forgot what puppy dogs are like. We like to play and find treasures in the "Trash" like wolf puppies but other than that, Speck and I are nothing like wolf puppies. Wolves just don't "get" the whole Pet idea. I have a pretty mighty bark and I protect my folks' yard from other people or animals. You'll never hear a wolf puppy bark, or protect a person's yard from anything. Even Storm, who's 3 feet taller than me. I don't snarl or snap at my folks if they want to share my snack or want a turn with the shoe I found by the bed. Wolf puppies don't come running when you call their name like

me, and then look into their people's eyes to see what they want. Wolf pups might glance at a person if they've got something they want. Plus, it doesn't scare me or make me mad if my folks hug me. I'm not always trying to be the Boss Of Everyone. If my folks try to teach me something, I look them in the eye and try to learn it. I think tricks are fun and I really want my folks to be happy with me. Wolf pups don't even care about that, and don't try to make sure their people are happy with them. They're more interested in making sure they are happy with their people. If I'm scared, I run to my folks for help. A wolf pup would just look for some place to hide. If I want something, I look my folks in the eye and try to ask them. A wolf pup would just figure out how to get whatever he wants for himself. If I feel lonely, I go sit by them and ask them to pet me.

Wolf pups don't really think to ask people for help. I'm not perfect. I act like a wolf sometimes, but a wolf puppy never acts like me. That doesn't make them bad. They just want their folks to be other wolves. Then, they talk a lot, try to please each other, protect each other, and know they are part of a family. I'm convinced they don't even want to be pets at all. I'm glad because that means more families for puppies like me who need a home and love being a pet.



We Remember

We send our heartfelt sympathies and deepest thanks to our friends and families who have made donations to Wild Spirit in loving memory of their loved ones.

SAVANNAH CHEYENNE FEINBERG

Jeffrey & Ashley Feinberg honor the memory of their remarkable daughter, Savannah Cheyenne. Each year at her birthday, Savannah's family and friends make donations to a charity. We all found it particularly touching that we have two wolves in our care with the same name as this precious girl who loved animals: One-year-old Savannah, the timber/arctic pup, and four-year-old Cheyenne. We send our deepest thanks to the Feinbergs, their friends and family for honoring us with their memorial donations.

STEVE BAILEY

Thank you to the friends and family of Steve Bailey, who sent many donations in honor of this wonderful husband, father and friend.

CORIENNE "CORKY" JONES

We say a sad farewell to one of our long-term members, Corky Jones. Corky was a faithful and loving sponsor of our Amadeus for many years. She always made sure he had every quarterly treat each year. Thank you, Corky, for blessing us all with your loving support.

Allow Us To Elaborate



photo: A Bailey

We would love to talk about wolves, wolf-dogs and our Sanctuary all day. Unfortunately, time and space are limited, especially in our little newsletter. Last issue, we reported that long-term friend of ours, Angie, experienced an unnerving encounter with arctic pup, Thunder. In the editing process,

we excluded the part of Angel's article which elaborated on how Angie came to be in Thunder's enclosure in the first place. Although many of our wolves are social, we are extremely discriminating about who is allowed to have direct contact with our animals inside their enclosures. Angie is a vet-tech and former long-term and trained volunteer at our Sanctuary. Angie has visited Thunder and his pen mates many times since first meeting him and helping bottle-feed him when he was only 3 weeks old. She also joins us at many of our outreach/education programs. Most importantly, Angie was not alone inside Thunder's enclosure. Board member and best friend to WSWS, Jan Ravenwolf, was with Angie so that neither would be alone. What happened between Thunder and Angie is exactly why we make sure people are not alone with animals, and that staff and volunteers always know when people are visiting. Jan was able to help Angie inside the enclosure, and top-notch volunteer, Mary, was able to help create a distraction outside the enclosure to ensure that Angie was able to get away from Thunder before she was more seriously injured.



Goof Proof Giving

Please allow us to help you find the perfect gift for any occasion, or any person. It's a Wild Spirit membership or sponsorship, of course.

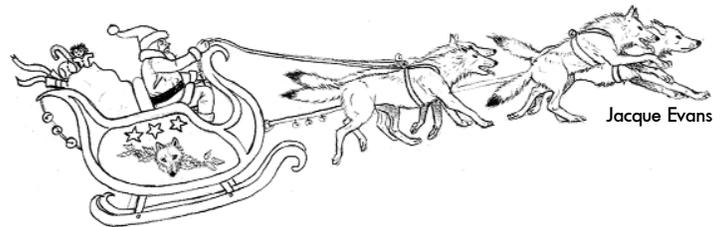
BIRTHDAY PACKAGE - All our memberships come with at least two wolfy goodies. When you give a WSWS membership as a birthday present, we top-it-off by including a wolf birthday card with a personalized message from you, if you

like. Sponsor an animal for a loved one's birthday and they get the birthday card, plus the certificate and magnet with their sponsor wolf's photo. They also get our beautiful membership T-shirt, and the quarterly newsletter.

VALENTINE PACKAGE - Make a donation to our Sanctuary in honor of your sweetheart, and we'll include one of our original wolf Valentines cards with a personalized message from you if you like (see pg 5 for card styles). Your Valentine package will also include all of the other goodies that normally come with donations of \$25 or more.

TAX DEDUCTION FOR YOU - We count on your year-end donations to carry us through to the beginning of the new year. All donations to Wild Spirit are tax deductible, so please allow us to help you out with your 2007 taxes.

Your inspiring dedication is a gift to us all year long. We hope you all have a blessed New Year. Please know that you allow us to look to our future with hope.



The Envelope

We wish we'd thought of it sooner. We thank our bulk mail manager for the tip about using envelopes instead of staples for our newsletter. We do have some fear that we might be tossed as junk if people don't see wolves on our newsletter, but we simply can't risk jamming the post office machines. If our newsletter were to cause such a jam, the post office would pull our newsletters from the works and charge us full price for each one. That would make each one over a dollar a piece! Plus now, you won't have to wrestle that big staple out of your newsletter. None of us will shed even one tear about not having to do battle with the ever-breaking staplers, and none of us wanted to go back in time to the three stickers nightmare. So, thanks for not junking our newsletter, and please look for our envelopes each quarter from now on.



photo: A Bailey

Nana Needs Help

Many of you have a soft spot for Sanctuary working dog Savannah, the St Bernard, affectionately known as Nana. We adopted our big girl to help teach arctic pups Alice, Powder, Sabine, Storm, Sugar, and Thunder a little bit about acting like a dog. She soon found her paws full with the addition of our surprise rescue pups, Brutus, Sassy, Dakota, Forest and Savannah. Nana's size and patience made her a good nanny and we're sure our wolf pups benefitted from their time with her. Although Nana's duties as wolf nanny are over, she remains a part of our family. Nana now lives a regular doggie life with staff member, Angel.

Nana has caused us great concern lately. She just didn't seem well. At first, she just acted a little depressed. She stopped eating well and dropped down below normal weight for a St Bernard of her height. Angel repeatedly took Nana to the vet for testing, but a cause for her general ill-health was never found.

Unfortunately, our big beautiful girl took a turn for the worse recently. The very night Angel brought injured Nimoy home from the vet, Nana suddenly collapsed. Angel rushed her back into town for emergency treatment and she was diagnosed with a life-threatening condition. Tests revealed Nana has a mystery growth on her liver which is most likely bleeding into her stomach. The vet warned that the only cure she could suggest is surgery to have the growth removed. At the same time, the vet also advised that she did not feel that Nana is well enough now to survive a major surgery. So we are now in the agonizing position of just waiting and hoping. Of course Angel will do all that is possible to see that Nana's health can improve enough for surgery. Her vet bills have already reached around \$1000. With surgery looming in the future, we would all be so grateful for any extra donations you could send our way to help our exceptional girl. We thank you for your concern.

Small Donations Do Big Things

by Loretta Pipkin (Thanks Loretta!)

My husband and I are summer visitors to New Mexico. We are retired and on a fixed income, so I am pretty careful with monies I donate to charities. I am a single member and give \$25 per year. I have watched the Sanctuary for the last 12 years. What a transition. I felt bad that I couldn't give more, but never has the crew there ever said anything but THANK YOU and WE APPRECIATE YOUR DONATION.

I know there are a lot more persons out there like me, so if you think your donation might not be enough, rest assured all is appreciated. I know from personal experience that I got more BANG for my \$25 than I would have got in a lot of other places. I personally could not do the work Wild Spirit does, but I love animals and I see first hand the work they do taking care of abandoned and abused animals. If I ever win the lottery on my ticket-a-week, they will be in big business.



PRINCESS
Photo: A Bailey

Donate Without Giving a Dime! a GoodSearch Reminder

Every time you search the internet for anything using GoodSearch, the folks at GoodSearch will donate money to Wild Spirit. Simply go to 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. In 2007, we're thrilled to report your searches earned our Sanctuary over \$125. When you visit the GoodSearch website, you can find out how much money you helped raise for us each month. Our numbers are steadily rising. In January 2007, \$4.99 was raised. In November, you raised \$25.01! 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, or shopping, please think of us, and GoodSearch it! Please share this info with all your friends and relatives, too! As always, we want to remind you that your participation and concern keep us going all year long. We couldn't be here without you.

Forest The Ambassador



Out of eleven wolf pup prospects, it looks like timber/arctic pup, Forest, is going to be “filling Raven’s paws” as ambassador wolf. We are absolutely thrilled, because as we always emphasize, wolves are not dogs. It is a very rare wolf who will walk on a leash, do what is asked of them, and meet and greet a group of people without fear or stress. Angel and Forest have a strong bond together, and we are blessed to have them as a team. It is such an asset to our education/outreach program to be able to offer people a chance to meet a wolf up close and personally. Little does more to help dispel the myth that wolves are vicious granny-eaters. As arctic pup, Storm, got older, he became less and less at ease about meeting the public. He was particularly uncomfortable when women he did not know approached and reached out to him and he often felt stressed enough to growl a little. Although he never injured anyone, this early behavior is a sure sign that Storm does not have the unique disposition that is required of a wolf ambassador. Because Storm is great with folks he knows, we have contemplated taking him to outreach events and placing him behind a barrier where people can not pet him. For now, we are all overjoyed to be blessed with the handsome, gregarious Forest. If you get a chance, come out to any of our outreach events and meet our special boy for yourself. It may be your one and only chance in your life to pet a wolf, and even get a wolf kiss, if you’re one of the lucky ones.



Special Thanks

We could fill our whole newsletter with lists of folks to thank for keeping our Sanctuary running each year. Here are a just a few of those who gave us a big boost at the end of 2007.

THE FLUDZINSKI FOUNDATION- Once again, The Fludzinski Foundation blesses us with a stupendous and critical donation.

LISA BELL & PRINTERS PRESS- Peter Renna and his family at Printer’s Press in Albuquerque have taken such great care of us over the years. They print and fold our newsletter each quarter for free. Peter’s son, Jack, and daughter-in-law, Anna, are infinitely patient with our various projects and last minute schedule. Peter’s daughter, Lisa Bell, recently gave us a huge helping hand by talking with the paper company, Xpedx. She was able to get the paper for our next batch of brochures at cost! Thanks for everything, Lisa & The Renna Family!

XPEDX- We thank this Albuquerque paper company for selling us paper for our brochures at cost. Our brochures have brought out so many new visitors and many new members, but it is one of our biggest marketing expenses of the year. This assistance with our costs is a splendid gift!

URGENT NEEDS- The following folks are just a few of our supporters who responded to an urgent needs message on our website. What a mammoth help it was! Notable thanks to: Richard & Joann Mills, Dick Thayer (who also took a chunk off our vet bills) , Jan Blumentritt & Charles Sponsel, Cheryl Ford, Sara Gregory, Debra Ekman, Wanda Langlet, Christopher Nelson, Richard Balstrode, and Phil Herrmann.

TORREON GOLF CLUB- Howls of thanks to Cheryl & Joe at the Torreon Golf Club and the folks at White Mountain Nissan who came together to host a fund-raising day dedicated to Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary! All proceeds from this event helped our wolves and wolf-dogs, and we made splendid new friends as well!

BIG BEEFY CHECKS- Every donation that comes our way is vital to our Sanctuary. Absolutely every penny counts with us! But what a particular joy it is to open an envelope and find a surprise check with a couple extra zeroes in it’s number. A huge thanks to Carol Holt, Kimberly Straub, The John W & Clara C Higgins Foundation, Chris & Bruce, and the NM Science Fiction Conference & Jane Lindskold for the marvelous support.

CHRISTINE CRAWFORD- Christine blessed our staff with stuffed Christmas bags and thoughtful gifts for all.

GENE & MICHELLE GREGORY- Thanks for bringing out all the healthful supplements for the fur kids!

CANYON CROSSROADS ANIMAL HOSPITAL- We take comfort in the grand care the staff of Canyon Crossroads provides, but we also send our heartfelt thanks for the awe-inspiring “break” on Sierra’s extensive medical bills.

REGULAR 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 you all have a blessed New Year!

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
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
Garden Hoes
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

OFFICE

New printers that take refillable cartridges

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
~~Gas Powered Log Splitter~~

Two Week Rental of-
Backhoe
Bobcat with Post Auger

NEEDS OF THE FLEET

Newer Model full-size 4 WD pickup truck
16 Ft Flatbed Trailer- Dual Axle
5th Wheel Travel Trailer for more volunteer housing

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



OSCAR
photo: A Bailey



ALICE & FOREST
photo: A Bailey

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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