



WINTER 2008

## 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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DAKOTA  
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## Challenge Made, Challenge Met! by Leyton Cougar

In our last issue of the Howling Reporter, I told you about our urgent deadline. We needed to purchase the original 12 acres of land on which founder Jacque Evans started our Sanctuary. We were only half way to our goal and we were running out of time. Once again, our wonderful friends and members helped achieve our goal, plus extra! Now, our land is paid off and all our late bills have been paid! Thank you all so very much. I am certain everyone knows what it's like when the funds are low and time is running out. Not everyone knows the blessing of being rescued, especially now while our country is facing such uncertain economic times. We seem to always be living on the edge, but you came through! Thanks again!

## Land Sponsors

To honor those who have lifted us up and enabled us to grow over the years, Leyton opens the doors to Wild Spirit's Howl of Fame. Please see our top 150 individual supporters of all time on page 10. Below, we honor those of you who helped us reach our land purchase goal.

If we could make the sound of a roaring crowd at the Super Bowl to let you know what you've accomplished, we would, but even better, take a moment and imagine the song of those you help us look after. This howl's for you.

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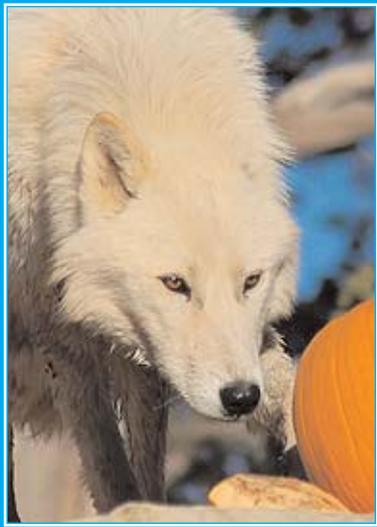
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## Big Pack In The Sky

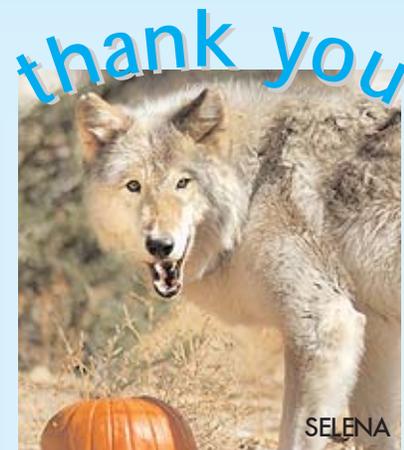
TRINITY: We'd just begun celebrating you enabling us to purchase the Sanctuary land, when we were stung by our unexpected loss of Trinity. Our littlest girl from the Mountain Pack had a short, tough life.

You may remember the touching story of Trinity's parents, Sierra and Yukon. We first met the arctic couple when their owner/breeder donated a litter of their pups to Wild Spirit. That litter became our "Coffee Skunks," Alice, Powder, Sabine, Storm, Sugar and Thunder. We were pleased when the owner chose to get out of the wolf breeding business and retire Sierra and Yukon at Wild Spirit. When the wolf couple finally arrived, Sierra was already

expecting again. She gave birth to her last litter at Wild Spirit, and was able to raise three of her pups for the first time in her life: Teton, Trinity, and Shasta. When Trinity was about three months old, she suffered the loss of her ear, and endured a stressful journey through stitches and infections on her way to recovery. During her ordeal, she did become more social than her brother and sister, because of the extra contact with people. A short time later, we were dealt a shattering blow when Sierra lost her life to a combination of organ failure and complications from cryptococcus fungus. Trinity and her brother Teton also suffered ill-effects from the fungus, but responded well to treatment and recovered.

Life seemed to settle down finally for the Mountain Pack, until early this fall. Staff member Allison is their caretaker and knows our arctic family better than anyone else. We were concerned when Allison noticed that Trinity didn't seem to be thriving. Unfortunately, Trinity's condition took a nose-dive one morning. Allison and Leyton rushed her to the vet who ran blood tests for more answers. A few hours later, the vet shocked us with the news that Trinity had passed away. The vet discovered that Trinity died from a condition known as canine dilated cardiomyopathy. The fungus that had plagued her family was apparently not a factor in her death, but now we come to realize that Sierra and her children may all suffer from a genetic defect. (See pages 5 and 9 for details and how you can help). Thank you for helping us care for our girl, Elizabeth & Gary, Yvonne, Judith, Wanda, Cindy, Jeanette, Paige & Tori, Marcia & James, and Leontine. Thank you for your dedication to our Mountain Pack, Irene, Nilda, Shirley, Bill & Sarah, Rebecca & Gerald, and Mountain Pack sponsor, Ron.

EMBLA Our remarkably woolly girl arrived at WSWs when she was a pup, looking much like a bear cub. As she grew, she looked more like a Scottish sheep. Longtime members may remember the time she was shaved, or should we say shorn? She was intensely shy, which is perhaps why she was never adopted to a home. So, she lived a quiet life with us, out-living several pen-mates and successfully avoiding contact with most people. Staff member Angel was Embla's favorite person and closest to her. During her last year, we like to think our low-content girl found her perfect mate in our handsome, mid-content boy, Zeus. Angel noted that no animal had made Embla as happy as Zeus. Her pairing with him made her braver than she had been since she was a young pup, and playful for the first time in many years. Angel took Embla to the vet recently when she noticed she was having difficulty breathing. Our 9-year-old girl was euthanized when the vet discovered a tumor in her larynx. We thank Embla's supporters, Susan K., Dorothy, Linda (thanks John), Julie & Alan, and Ann W., but especially Embla's best friends, Susan H., and Bernie & Laurie.



Your generous involvement is vital to our Sanctuary. Thanks to our tireless and passionate staff and volunteers: Angel, Allison, Christina, Mary, Angie, Taylor, Josh P, Trae, Helga, Courtney, Doran, Virginia, Special thank you to Norma & Chuck Young, Jan Ravenwolf, Dick Thayer, Cheryl Ford, Jill Jacobs, Wild Birds Unlimited, Wanda Langlet, Rene Stapf, Lisa and **Printer's Press**, Weems Artfest, Bosque del Apache, Steve & Josie Donaldson, Bernice & Walter Dalby, Ann Wallace, Cindy at **Green Valley Meats**, Canyon Crossroads, **Art Helping Animals**, Helen Garner & Liz Parr, Jim Harlin & **The Community Pantry**, **Pine Hill Market**, Petco, and our monthly supporters Rebecca, Dr. Planitz, David, William, Nancy, Melodie, Sonja, Eileen, Katharine, Margaret, Scott & Joyce, Nancy, Helen, Dennis, Jean & Caryl, Kelly, Sharon, Susan, Sally, Catherine, and John & Christine, plus our **United Way** supporters, Tim & Delma, Ron & Rachael, Kandice, Nancy, BJ, Eric, Mercedes, Megan & Jim, Christopher, Dick, Walter, Cheryl, Amy Elena, Calvin, Jack, Cody & Amy plus, the Anonymous ones.

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



## What's High-Content? by Angel Bennett

While proof-reading our last issue of *The Howling Reporter*, our dear friend Dr Elizabeth Parr put down her copy and asked, "What does 'high-content' mean?" It's easy for those of us who use terms like this everyday to forget that not everybody knows what phrases from the wolf-dog world like "content-level" mean. We hope the following article will help answer some of your questions.

We all know already that a wolf-dog is a canine who is part wolf and part dog. Past this simple fact, things can get really confusing. What needs to be clear is that wolf-dogs aren't simply 50% wolf and 50% dog. So, how can anyone tell how much wolf is in a wolf-dog? Currently, there is no DNA test that can break down the number of wolf genes vs. dog genes, in any given wolf-dog, to give us an accurate percentage. Wolves and dogs are nearly alike genetically with roughly 2/10 of one percent difference between them.

Without any truly scientific way to determine how much wolf is in a wolf-dog, we rely on what we know: what wolves act like, and what wolves look like.

The phrase "content-level," is used to categorize wolf-dogs only. We use three levels: high-content, mid-content and low-content. We place each wolf-dog into a category based on two things. How much does the wolf-dog look like a wolf and how much does the wolf-dog behave like a wolf. If he's mostly wolf, we call him "high-content." If he's mostly dog, we call him "low-content."

When deciding content level, we take into account our own experiences and many other more subtle differences. Let's make it easy and pretend that there are 7 physical characteristics and 5 behavioral characteristics that are different in wolves and dogs which we use to determine content. If a wolf-dog has more than 6 of these characteristics combined, she is considered high-content. If she has 5 or 6 of these characteristics, she is mid-content.

We'll use Wild Spirit resident, Rain, as our model. Rain is a high-content wolf-dog. She is mostly wolf in her appearance and behavior, but she obviously has a little dog in her too. We'll start with our list of physical characteristics and show you how Rain scores.

DOC



### 1. EARS

Wolves have rounded ears that are more proportionate to their head size. Thick fur grows inside the ear so that just by looking, no skin can be seen inside. Rain's ears are large and they come to a sharp point on top. Her skin can be easily seen inside of her ear.

Rain scores: 1 dog point.

GHENGIS



### 2. EYES

Wolves' eyes are at an angle, and are almost always amber in color, but rarely can be gray or green. An adult pure wolf's eyes are never brown or blue. However, a wolf pup's eyes are blue until they are several weeks old.

Rain's eyes are slanted and amber in color.

Rain scores: 1 wolf point.

THUNDER



### 3. & 4. TAIL

Wolves' tails are long, bushy and always hang straight down. Their tails are never curled. Wolves always have an obvious black spot at the base of their tails which marks their scent gland.

Rain has a long bushy tail with a black spot, but it is also curled.

Rain scores: 1 wolf point, 1 dog point.

FROST



### 5. CHEST & LEGS

Wolves' chests are narrow. You can fit 3 fingers in between where the top of the front legs meet. Their front legs are long and lanky. The back legs, however, are cow-hocked outward, so that when a wolf runs, his front legs can come easily between his back legs. Rain has a narrow chest, lanky front legs and cow-hocked back legs.

Rain scores: 1 wolf point.



## 6. FEET

Wolves have large feet and elongated, more finger-like toes. Their toes also have webbing between them. This helps them spread their toes apart and use their feet like built-in snow shoes when going over snow drifts.

Rain's feet are disproportionately large, with elongated and webbed toes.

Rain scores: 1 wolf point.



## 7. FUR & MARKINGS

Wolves have thick, straight fur with a grey undercoat. They have a section of longer fur across their shoulder blades called a "cape." The cape fur can be up to 6 inches long, and is often marked with black tips.

Rain has typical wolf markings, and a cape of hair around her shoulders

Rain scores: 1 wolf point.

Rain's total physical score: 5 out of 7 of the wolf characteristics, written 5/7.

Now, let's score her on her behaviors.

### 1. NEOPHOBIA

Wolves are neophobic which means they have a great fear of new things. For example, during our recent Howl-A-Ween fund-raiser, most of our residents eagerly awaited their familiar stuffed pumpkins and quickly devoured the contents. By contrast, wolves Akela, Brutus and Navar of the Iowa trio were frightened by their first experience with their pumpkins.

Rain is afraid of new things, so scores: 1 wolf point.

### 2. DOMINANCE DISPLAYS

Dominance displays toward other canines, and unfortunately toward people, are a part of a wolf's every day life. Those displays can include mounting, mouthing, growling and body postures.

Rain is always testing her pen-mate, Nimoy, to see who's boss

Rain scores: 1 wolf point.

### 3. TAIL LANGUAGE

Wolves raise their tails up as a sign of aggression. When a wolf hangs its tail straight down and wags just the tip, they are sending the message that they are happy to meet you. By contrast, when a wolf's tail is out and wagging back and forth, they are sending a warning that they are happy to eat you. Dogs often raise their tails to show happiness or excitement. We are all familiar with the happy wag of a dog's tail, which usually means a dog is happy, friendly and safe to approach.

Rain uses a dog's tail language, so scores: 1 dog point.

### 4. VOCALIZATIONS

Wolves howl, growl, whimper, whine, and huff, plus all kinds of other vocalizations. However, wolves do not bark.

Rain does not bark so, scores: 1 wolf point.



# MOONLIGHT SPOTLIGHT



Three of our arctic kids, Teton, Sugar and Thunder are in need of our immediate attention. We've lost Sierra, and now her daughter, Trinity, to canine dilated cardiomyopathy, or an enlarged heart. This condition is not curable, but we're thrilled to learn that it is treatable if it is detected early. We need to act quickly to prevent any more losses. Not much can be done after the onset of severe symptoms, like those Trinity was exhibiting before she died. We've learned that the typical onset of symptoms is at about age 4, but can be earlier as in 1 1/2-year-old Trinity's case.

Sierra's cardiomyopathy lead to her inability to fight off the cryptococcus fungus which caused her death. Because Teton was also affected by the fungus, we suspect he and his brothers and sisters may have inherited his mom's heart condition. In order to detect it, each animal will need to undergo an echocardiogram. We have selected Teton, Sugar and Thunder to be the first for the exam at the specialists office, because each of them have had previous health concerns. We're grateful that there is a specialist in Albuquerque who is able to read the echocardiograms for this specific condition with near certainty. We're also grateful that we have such fantastic members who are willing to help with vet bills. After we get Teton, Sugar and Thunder taken care of, we'll continue with Sierra's eight other children. (Please see page 9). Thank you for your concern and dedication to our arctic family.

# Turkey Toss 2008

Just imagine for a moment serving a holiday dinner that all your guests will RAVE about. Even better, imagine not having to prepare a single dish, scrub a single pot, or manage endless left overs! Sounds too good to be true? It's not a trick, it's the holidays Wild Spirit style. You can provide the perfect turkey dinner to an eager wolf or wolf-dog with a donation of \$35. We will then simply toss your undressed, un-cooked, no-fuss turkey over a fence, and dinner is served!



You're done. No broken china, no burned rolls, no worries about an under-cooked bird, and no left-overs taking up all the space in your fridge! It could possibly be the easiest, most appreciated holiday feast you've ever presented. And, it's tax deductible. We hope you and your family have a jubilant holiday season. Your stellar contribution fills our hearts with holiday cheer all year long.

## Howl-A-Ween Party 2008

Angel threw yet another stupendous party! Please save a spot to join us next year. Our Howl-A-Ween party is usually the Saturday before Halloween. We hope to see you there in 2009! Have a joyous and blessed holiday season. Thank you for gracing us with your heartwarming generosity.



## Updates

**CONTESSA** Our new girl's toe is all healed up. She'll be on her way to a date with Doc sometime this winter.

**ROMEO** by Leyton

Our newest arrival, Romeo the red fox, has settled in very well. He has lots of toys to play with in his beautiful habitat. Romeo is often visited by volunteers and staff, but hands down, his favorite visitor yet is our 6-year-old daughter, Lakota. When she and I visit Romeo, our little fox is happy to have some one he can relate to and play the way a young fox wants to.

Check out our video "Lakota's Friend Romeo" on the video page on our website. Let your children and grandchildren watch as Lakota and Romeo have tons of fun together. Oh, yes, wild animals are not pets! They just sometimes look like they could be.

## The Next Big One by Leyton Cougar

Although we would love to take a deep breath now that you've paid off the land our Sanctuary is on, we've got another big challenge around the corner. Many of you might know our Sanctuary is regulated as a Class C exhibitor by the USDA just like any zoo. The USDA is now requiring us to erect a perimeter fence that will go around the outside of our entire property. Oh my, that's pricey! You can understand why we needed to reach that land purchase goal before we tackled this fencing goal.

As of yet, we aren't certain how much this will cost. The current estimate is around \$40,000 for material and labor. Miraculously, we already have a nice chunk set aside due to your overwhelming response to our land crisis. We are praying that USDA will give us an extension on our completion date. I feel certain that they will. I am asking them for a full year before completion and inspection. Cross your fingers that we get that extension.

What happens if we don't reach this goal? Our Class C exhibitor license will be suspended. While we are suspended, we will no longer be able to offer folks tours. We also heard that it is very difficult to regain this license once it is suspended.

In the meantime, we'll get out there and talk to all the fencing companies to see if they'll be willing to help out, plus all our usual fund-raising efforts. Please keep us in mind when you win the lottery. Maybe you know someone in the construction business, or someone who owns a fence company?

Perimeter fencing is a huge project. Please make some plans this spring to come help with our fence. Bring your gloves and post hole digger and we'll get this project going!

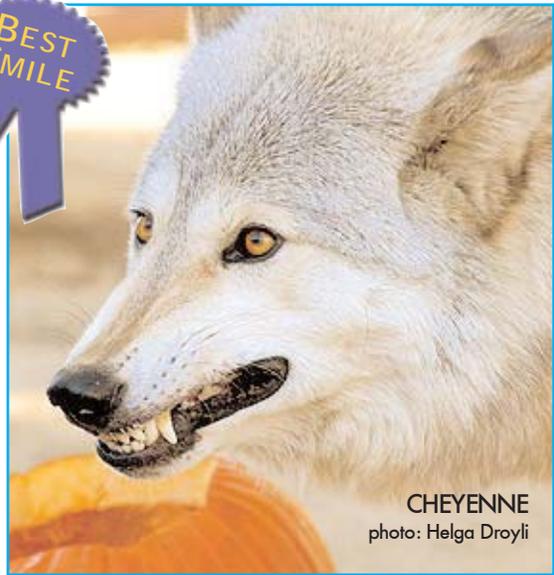
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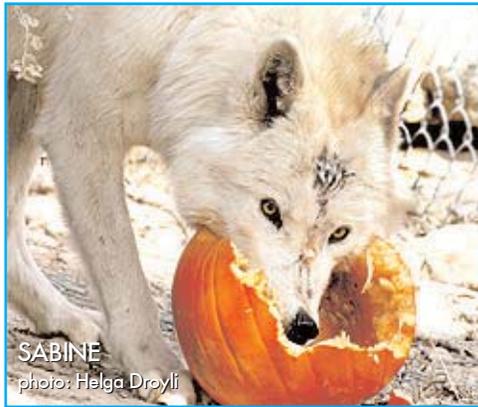
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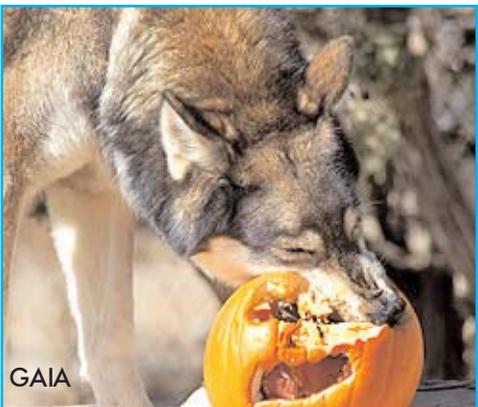
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SHAKTI  
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GAIA



BRUTUS  
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SHAUNIE

### 5. ANGLE OF APPROACH

Wolves usually approach from the side. Wolves only approach head on when they are being dominant, extremely confident, or aggressive. My labrador, Brody, will come running straight at me when he's happy and submissive.

Rain approaches happily and submissively at an angle.

Rain scores: 1 wolf point.

Rain's total behavior score: 4 out of 5 wolf behaviors or 4/5.

Rains's combined total: 9/12 = high-content.

The unfortunate thing about using content-levels is that they are debatable. While many respect the opinion of folks with experience in the wolf-dog world, there is no blood-test we can give Rain to prove that she is mostly wolf with a little dog.

For practicality's sake, however, content-level is the best description possible. After all, when someone calls us saying they have a 98% wolf-dog who needs a new home, it doesn't automatically tell us that the wolf-dog belongs with us. We've found most people think their wolf-dog is more "wolfy" than we do. If we see pictures, hear about the wolf-dog's behavior and it sounds very "wolfy", chances are she can't go to any domestic home and needs to come to a sanctuary like ours. However, if the 98% wolf-dog is friendly, good with kids, walks great on a leash and loves to be around people, she certainly doesn't belong in a wolf sanctuary. Instead, she needs to be treated like a dog, and find a new family to live with. All too often, percentages end up "black-listing" dogs who could live happily in a normal domestic life.



Is our Wapahnee high, mid or low-content?  
photo: Helga Bjerke Droyli



### Happy's Babies

A young mother and her babies are all hoping for a pampered doggy-life in a new home next year. As the nights began to freeze out here in the woods, a concerned local family asked if we could help a very expecting girl who was destined to weather an uncertain, very hungry, very cold winter outside. The toddler of the family named the little dog, "Happy." She is truly an adorable sweetie and is a textbook Mutt. Angel is sure Happy is the homeliest dog she has ever seen, but she loves her none-the-less! It looks like she has some pitt bull, mixed with blue heeler and many other muttly combinations. Her most distinguishing feature is her lovely set of perfectly matched, spotted socks. We think she's less than 2-years-old, weighs about 40 lbs, and so far, is doing very well as a first time Mom. She has five plump babies who have been described as "piglets" and "hamsters." Yes, they're cute, and YES, they ARE PETS! We couldn't begin to guess what they'll be like when grown, but we'll keep updated photos on our website. Perhaps you'll be taking a trip to Wild Spirit sometime in late January? Be sure to bring a blanket and toy for the long ride home for the new furry addition to your family. We'll keep 'em warm for ya! Ho Ho Ho!

# Affairs of the Heart

Angel came up with two heartfelt fund-raisers for Valentine's Day: The Love Sponsorship, and The Heart Sponsorship.

## THE LOVE SPONSORSHIP.

This February, consider giving your Valentine a wolf couple sponsorship from Wild Spirit. Sponsoring a wolf couple for your Valentine is \$200. Your package will include a beautiful wolf T-shirt, a personalized certificate featuring a photo of a wolf couple, and one of our original Valentine cards for you to sign. Please place your order early, so we can be sure to have it delivered by Valentine's Day 2009.

To order: Choose one of our couples from the list below, and one of the cards from the column at the right, and let us know what size T-shirt your Valentine wears.

Our romantic wolf couples:

Cove & Lucian, Nimoy & Rain, Raven & Cheyenne, Storm & Savannah, Forest & Alice, or Riot & Axel.

May your Valentine's Day be filled with bliss.

## THE HEART SPONSORSHIP

Each of Sierra's kids needs his or her heart checked for the cardio myopathy that took the lives of Sierra and her daughter, Trinity. (For more details, see Moonlight Spotlight on page 5). Sponsor one or more of our arctic kids for his or her trip to the heart specialist. Each visit to the specialist will cost between \$300-500. We still need sponsors for the following kids:

Alice Axel Flurry Frost

Powder Sabine Shasta Storm

Thank you so much for opening your hearts to our arctic family. We hope you have a blessed holiday and a miraculous new year!



AXEL



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# Special Thanks

We hope you know that your involvement is crucial to our Sanctuary. Thanks to your support, you enable us to look forward to another year with encouragement and great hope.

**NANCY BAIN** You'll see Nancy's name on all three of our special thank you lists. Here we thank her for setting up an outreach program at a museum in El Paso. Thank you Nancy!

**JORGE MARRERO** Our dear friend Jorge helps us out all year, but recently saved the day with a gift of latex gloves.

**LEE HANSEN AND PAT HANSEN** We're so thankful to have a meat grinder to help with preparing our wolf loaf.

**TERRI Q SAYER at KKO**B We thank Terri for inviting Leyton and Raven to be guests on her morning radio show. You can see the video footage that Jan Ravenwolf took of that interview.

**TALLKAT** Thank you for inviting Leyton to be a guest on your radio show. What a great interview!

**DICK THAYER** Dick also appears on all our thank you lists, plus is one of our board members. Thanks for the Dolly and all the other great contributions you always make to our outreach efforts.

**DON SOLOMON** A howl of thanks to Don and his crew from Mountain State Log Homes who came out for a weekend and gave us a huge hand.

**PERMA-CHINK SYSTEMS INC** Thank you for sponsoring Don and his crew on one of our big projects!

**SUNBEAR'S VET BILL** SunBear's bills are paid thanks to Elaine, Jo-Annette, Eileen, Sally, David & Barb, Linda Sue, Irene, and especially Dave. Thanks for helping us get him the best care we can. SunBear is still with us, and enjoyed his pumpkin (photo on page 7).

## We Remember...

**WILLIAM D BROWN** We say goodbye to one of our top 100 supporters of all time. Our sympathies are with his friends at Wild Life West and his family. Both animals and people have lost a great friend, but we'll always remember his dedication and huge heart.



**NAKOTA**  
One of the many animals  
Bill sponsored

# OUR WISH LIST!

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

## MAINTENANCE

10' X 12' WOODEN SHED  
Low Water Grass Seed  
Gift cards from Wal-Mart  
Gift cards from Home Depot  
Gift cards from Sam's Club  
  
Gift Certificates from  
High Country Gardens, dirt from  
Western Organics & a greenhouse  
160 tons more of base coarse gravel  
Enough mulch for all the enclosures  
Latex gloves - S, M, L, & XL  
2 x 4s & 2 x 8s  
Plywood 4 x 8 x 1/2" & 1 3/4"  
6' cedar privacy fence panels  
200 8x8x16 cinder blocks  
Leaf Rakes, & assorted hand tools  
Garden Hoses 15', 25', 50' 100'  
Garden Rakes

## Commercial Outdoor Benches!!

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

Oxygen/Acetylene welding brazing  
cutting outfit/set plus portable welding  
bench

7 "Angle Grinder, plus  
4 1/2" & 7" grinding blades

Jig Saw

7 1/4 Porter Cable circular saw

16 12 volt marine deep cycle bat-  
teries 590-720 CCA

Go Jo Hand Cleaner

Tin Snip Set

## OFFICE

Envelopes:  
3 5/8" x 6 1/2"

6" x 9"

First class stamps  
Generic printer ink refill kits

## FROM THE RENTAL CENTER

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

## NEEDS OF THE FLEET

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

## OTHER WISHES

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

### WOLF LOAF INGREDIENTS

Ground Turkey  
25# OR MORE BAGS OF RICE  
Beef & More dry dog food (Sam's club)  
Bragg's liquid aminos (Whole Foods/Wild Oats)  
Frozen French Cut Green Beans (5-10lbs)  
Shredded Carrots (5-10lbs)  
Rolled Oats (50lb bag)  
Frozen Chicken (we use 960 pounds per week)  
Ground Beef Chubs  
  
SUPPLIES  
Bleach  
Liquid hand soap  
Large industrial strength trash bags

## DONATE WITHOUT GIVING A DIME

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

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1000 members 2 searches daily \$7300 per year

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

We couldn't be here without you.

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**TAKE A GUIDED TOUR**  
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 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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