



RESCUE SANCTUARY EDUCATION

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

### MISSION:

*To improve the quality of life for wolves and wolf dogs through Rescue, Sanctuary and Education*



### Rescue & Sanctuary

- Four new animals (Nysa, Ashima, Nala and Akela) were welcomed at our Sanctuary. All will receive lifelong care in a natural habitat setting at our facility.
- We sadly report the passing of three of our wolf dogs (Odin, Sigmund and Makoce), the eldest being 18 years of age.
- W.O.L.F. assisted in rescue alerts and logistics for 225 wolves and wolf dogs in need of new homes.
- Our organization continued as an accredited member of the American Sanctuary Association.



*Ashima upon arrival at W.O.L.F. with a shattered femur and a sub-par surgical repair*

### Education & Communications

- Presented 18 educational programs to over 1,100 schoolchildren and adults across the Front Range. Programs included wild wolf biology, behavior and ecology, wolf dog challenges, and the captive wildlife crisis.



*Ashima today, after an appropriate corrective surgery at CO State University's Veterinary Hospital. Her leg has fully healed with no evidence of ever having had an injury.*

- Attended 23 public tabling events across the northern Front Range showcasing our educational materials to thousands.
- Distributed over 9,000 educational newsletters throughout the U.S. and abroad.
- Kept more than 6,000 supporters informed through monthly e-newsletters.
- Responded to roughly 8,000 email inquiries and 2,000 phone calls.
- Over 270,000 followers on Facebook

### Milestones & Involvement

- After an arduous 18-month process, the County approved W.O.L.F.'s relocation to the new sanctuary property.

- ANIMAL PLANET's "Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet" was guest speaker at our 2017 "Wolfstock" gala fundraiser, with Lee Oskar, music legend from the band WAR, as guest performer
- W.O.L.F. continued as a coalition member of the Rocky Mountain Wolf Project which works to reintroduce wolves to the Rockies.

### Donors

- Over 2,000 individual supporters and businesses donated to W.O.L.F. in 2017.
- W.O.L.F. raised close to \$85,000 through Colorado Gives Day in early December with 590 contributors and a generous donor providing a \$15,000 match. The Community Foundation of Northern Colorado awarded W.O.L.F. with the "Largest Number of Donors" Award for Colorado Gives Day out of 170 northern Colorado nonprofits.
- More than 300 people attended our annual gala in April (themed "Wolfstock") where we raised a record \$87,000 net.



### Volunteers

- Over 10,000 volunteer hours were served.
- Trained over 100 new volunteers for hands-on work at the Sanctuary and for educational programs.
- Hundreds of hours contributed by corporate work groups helped with maintenance, fire mitigation and construction projects.
- Had a core group of 75 committed volunteers helping on a regular basis.

### Financial Profile

W.O.L.F. finished 2017 in a strong financial position, thanks to our supporters locally and throughout the globe.

Breakdown of financial allocation:

- Program 87.1%
- Management & General 8.3%
- Fundraising 4.6%

### Key Staff

Shelley Coldiron, PhD	<i>Executive Director</i>
Michelle Proulx	<i>Director of Animal Care &amp; Education Programs</i>
Susan Weidel, JD	<i>Rescue Coordinator (volunteer position)</i>
Carol Mahoney	<i>Development Director</i>
Mark Speth	<i>Volunteer Coordinator</i>
Bob Proulx	<i>Facilities Manager</i>

### Board of Directors

- Diane Balkin, JD – Director (2016-present)**  
- Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund's Criminal Justice Program; Former Chief Deputy District Attorney, Denver
- Barbara Budny – Director (joined 2017)**  
- Vice President, Graziano Budny Wealth Management Group
- Ronald Bright, DVM - Member (2013-present)**  
- Retired Professor and Surgical Veterinarian
- Shelley Coldiron, PhD – Member (2011-present)**  
- W.O.L.F. Executive Director & Biotech Entrepreneur
- John Nigh, MS – Director (2016-present)**  
- Chairman and Acting CEO, Advantage Bank
- Liz Smokowski – Director (joined 2017)**  
- Chief Executive Officer, Longmont Humane Society
- Teva Stone, DVM – Director (2016-present)**  
- Co-Owner, Wellington Veterinary Hospital
- Mike Thompson - Chair (2013-present)**  
- Retired IBM Executive Management
- Claudia Whitcomb, CPA - Treasurer (2014-present)**  
- Owner, Dye & Whitcomb



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**Outlaw showing his always-chipper nature**