

# Wolf

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# Letter from the Director



Dear Patrons:

Fall seemingly is passing through quietly due to the absence of many trees, and winter is quickly approaching. Fortunately staff and volunteers now have an office trailer to help endure the bitter cold. We have already had our first snow and the animals are itching with extra energy. Loki seems to be able to vertically bounce ten feet instead of his normal five!

Forecasters are predicting this winter to be one of higher precipitation and colder temperatures than the last. We were particularly concerned for Mucqua negotiating snow and ice this winter. He reined in his 20th year this September. We have since let him enter his retirement years where he has a heated abode, is surrounded by canine friends, pampered by adoring humans and served whatever epicurean delights he desires (pg. 9). After all, he's earned the status of royalty. Anyone know where we can buy some canine bonbons?

The animals are adjusting magnificently since their return. Rajan and Kiki are still waiting for their enclosure to be repaired, crossing our fingers it is done before the onslaught of snow. Renata has also recovered splendidly. At the time of the evacuation, little did *Wolf* staff know that Renata was harboring consolidated pulmonary disease, advanced pneumonia. She most likely came to us, weakened from her previous plight, already dealing with respiratory illness. With her strong will and rugged character, Renata did not outwardly show her illness nor be defeated. It wasn't until we returned to *Wolf* after the evacuation that we noticed she was not as defiant. We then discovered she had pneumonia. The vet said it was a miracle that she had not succumbed to her illness. After repose, a regiment of antibiotics and TLC, she is as insolent as ever, a testament to her fortitude and strength.

I am honored to share in Renata's recovery and Mucqua's golden years. But more than that I am overjoyed to consider myself part of *Wolf* and want to ensure you of *Wolf*'s future. If you have any questions about who I am, what we are doing or simply wish to introduce yourself or voice ideas, I am eager to hear from you. I want you to know that you are a vital team member of *Wolf* on every level whether your feet ever touch the ground here or not. Your continued support in whatever manner is invaluable to us.

Thank you so much from the animals, staff and me. I am humbled by your support, dedication and belief in *Wolf*.

Gratefully yours,

Shelley

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**Mission:** To improve the quality of life for all wolves and wolf-dogs.

#### Strategic Objectives:

- Rescue - Save captive-bred wolves and wolf-dogs whose guardians are no longer able to care for them.
- Sanctuary - Provide a lifelong home at *Wolf* that takes into account each animal's physical and emotional needs.
- Education - Provide the public with information about wolves (both wild and captive) to help foster a greater understanding of them and their value.

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# Meet the Staff



**Daniel Allan**

What's up, everyone? I am Daniel, the facilities manager here at *Wolf*. I spend most of my time outside, hands on daily improving the physical attributes of the sanctuary. If I am not at the sanctuary I might be spending time with my family – my wife and 10 year old son.

**Place of Origin:** Tennessee

**Furry Companions:** Cassie

**Likes:** Riding Motorcycles, Tools & Machines, Building Things

**Dislikes:** Cheap Tools, Computers

**Favorite Food:** Serious Texas Barbecue Sandwiches

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**Michelle Proulx**

Hi! I'm Michelle, the education programs coordinator and primary animal caretaker at the Sanctuary. I have always had a passion for animals and I have been volunteering at stables, shelters, aquariums, zoos and (of course) sanctuaries since I was young. I love spending my time getting to know and caring for all of these amazing animals.

**Place of Origin:** Colorado

**Furry Companions:** Hunter

**Likes:** Animals, Rock Climbing, Photography, Dancing, Australia

**Dislikes:** Traffic, Being Stuck at a Desk, Mushrooms

**Favorite Food:** Chocolate Ice Cream

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**Cassiopeia Camara**

Greetings Earthlings! I'm Cassi, the Communications Coordinator for *Wolf*. I grew up watching my grandfather lead the red wolf rehabilitation and reintroduction for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Subsequently, my fondness for these animals developed at an early age. I have only been with *Wolf* since early 2012 and feel privileged every day to work alongside such magnificent creatures and coworkers.

**Place of Origin:** Virginia

**Furry Companions:** Kiba & Andromeda

**Likes:** Reading, Travelling, Snuggling by Fires When it Rains

**Dislikes:** Creepy Crawlies in Shadows, Gum

**Favorite Food:** Artichokes & Every Flavor Ice Cream

**Contact Info:** ccamara@wolfsanctuary.net



**Michelle Hecker**

Hi Everyone! My name is Shelly. I am the volunteer coordinator and administrative assistant for *Wolf*. I started working here after completing my BS in Zoology at CSU in 2011. I have formed some truly special relationships with my two-legged and four-legged counterparts that I treasure and I look forward to creating many more.

**Place of Origin:** Poolesville, MD

**Furry Companions:** Tegan

**Likes:** Family, Being Outdoors, Planning Activities

**Dislikes:** Snakes, Getting Stuck in Traffic

**Favorite Food:** Greek or Anything Sweet!

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**Colorado Gives Day?** What is that, you may be asking yourself and until recently *Wolf* was asking the same thing. Well here is the rundown and we hope that you are as excited about it as we are...

Created back in 2010, Colorado Gives Day is an initiative to increase philanthropy in the state through online giving. The goal is to inspire and unite Coloradoans in supporting local nonprofits such as *Wolf*. Last year, a remarkable \$12.4 million was raised and distributed to Colorado nonprofits!

On Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Coloradoans will come together again to raise millions of dollars for nonprofits like ours. Presented by the Community First Foundation and First Bank, Colorado Gives Day asks you to give to your favorite charity through the website GivingFirst.org, an online giving resource featuring every nonprofit participating in Colorado Gives Day.

What is totally awesome about this event is not only will 100% of your donation come directly to support the wolves and wolf-dogs but when you give online any time on December 4<sup>th</sup>, the value of your donation will be increased by the First Bank Incentive Fund!

**What does this mean for *Wolf*?** Overall this event makes your dollar go farther. The incentive fund by First Bank has provided \$300,000 that will leverage donations made through GivingFirst.org on December 4<sup>th</sup> and will be proportionally allocated across all donations received, increasing the value of each donation.

But wait...There is more! In addition to having the value of each donation increased, *Wolf* is eligible to receive multiple \$5,000 prizes! The beauty of this is that these prizes are not awarded based on how much money gets donated but on how many people donate. This means that no matter how much you can afford to contribute, your donation may just be the winning ticket!

**How do I make a donation?** Go to GivingFirst.org on December 4<sup>th</sup> and search *Wolf* by typing our name into the "Keywords or Charity Name" field. Select W.O.L.F., hit enter and you're in! From here select the "Donate Now to this Charity" and enter your donation amount as directed. You can use Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express) or donate through your bank account. It is not necessary for you to create a GivingFirst account to participate in this event.

So remember *Wolf* on December 4<sup>th</sup> at GivingFirst.org!



# A Celebration to Remember

## - C. Camara

This year's 8th Annual Waltz for the Wolves was another FURNOMENAL success!

For the first time, the event was held at the Drake Center in Fort Collins. We had an astounding 375 attendees this year, including devoted members, volunteers and over 100 newcomers! The Drake Center will be under new management next year and as we hope to continually increase our turn out, we are on the hunt for the perfect space for next year.

Due to the High Park Fire the Waltz was nearly cancelled, but credit is due to the amazing volunteers, staff and supporters who rallied together to pull this event off. We thank each of you!

There were many exciting auction items this year. Our top earner was a beautiful painting, *Song of Survival*, by Julie Kramer-Cole, inspired by our very own Renata, that went for \$4,000 in the very intense live auction. We hope to offer many more works of art including paintings, photography and pottery in upcoming years. Custom jewelry, a multitude of gift baskets and phenomenal quality hand-made clothing woven from the fur of some of our resident animals were also auctioned.

If you couldn't be found bidding, maybe you were scavenging the heavenly buffet tables, watching the elaborate movements of belly-dancers or even learning how to waltz for the first time! Even our ambassadors, Sasha and Pax, made their appearance, enthusiastically investigating the grounds and licking the faces of a few lucky onlookers.

If you were not there this year, be sure to join us next year. There is no better way to enjoy a Saturday evening in June!

Thank you to each individual who donated, attended and bid on auction items. It is a great way to give back to the animals that have touched so many of us with precious memories. This event would not be successful without your continued support!



Join us for our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**WALTZ FOR THE WOLVES**  
 in celebration of our rebirth from  
 the ashes of the High Park Fire.  
 Stay tuned for upcoming details  
 in January, 2013.  
 You won't want to miss it!



# Waltz Auctions Dental Day with Tigers: Winner Tells All



What is seven years old, digs canals, donates its labor, and has exotic clients? Answer: The Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation. Since October 2008, volunteer veterinarians, working with the foundation, have performed 165 root canal therapies and 99 extractions on captive exotic animals.

Recently, I was able to spend a day observing root canals performed on two tigers at The Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg CO as a result of my having won a live auction at the Waltz for the Wolves fundraiser.

The day began with TWAS staff carrying a male tiger into the operating room in a canvas sling. The tiger was lowered onto a metal grate on the floor, steel chains lifted the grate off the floor, and the staff pushed the grate sideways until it was over the operating table. The grate was then gently lowered into place.

Standing next to the operating table, I was able to take in the size of this approximately 500 pound animal. I thought immediately of what an incredibly powerful machine a ten foot long tiger is. The animal's legs were muscular and its paws were huge (about 1 ½ times as large as my hands). When I stood in front of the tiger, I found myself staring into an open mouth that I'm pretty sure my head would have fit inside of. I didn't see how anything could escape from this animal once it was in its grasp.

I had root canal surgery preformed a few years ago and was interested to see how a the procedure is done. First, the vets and vet techs took X-rays to find out the exact condition of the tooth they would be working on. Then the doctors drilled holes into the tiger's tooth and inserted custom-made files to remove the decayed tooth's nerve and pulp. After more X-rays, to make sure everything had been repaired correctly, the tooth was sealed. All the while the procedures were being carried out an anesthesiologist kept close watch on the tiger's vital signs.

When I wasn't observing the surgery up close, I walked around the operating table and admired the incredible animal lying on it. I was allowed to stroke the tiger and feel the powerful muscles beneath the surface of its body. When a second tiger, a female, was brought into the operating room, I noticed the striking difference in the patterns of the two tigers' fur. Every tiger has a distinct color pattern, and this allows the staff at The Wild Animal Sanctuary to tell their approximately 75 tigers apart.

I am very grateful to the Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation for allowing me this once-in-a-lifetime experience. I hope this opportunity is available next year to another lucky Waltz attendee!



**Holly Ashby, Volunteer & Auction Winner**





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# Tracks & Facts

Mucqua, the little blind wolf who turned 20 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, has officially begun the retirement life that such a distinguished senior citizen deserves. Mucq was rescued by *Wolf* in 2006. He came from deplorable circumstances at a Wisconsin breeding facility. The owner of the facility died unexpectedly and the animals were unattended for many days until help finally arrived. Mucq was one of the lucky animals who made the journey to *Wolf*. Mucq's eyesight was severely compromised by the time he arrived at *Wolf* and he eventually went blind.

That didn't stop the little wolf. He was able to navigate his way around his enclosure, find a special corner in the sun, and enjoy his new mountain home.

But age made life as he knows it at the Sanctuary difficult for Mucq. As his arthritis advances, it is becoming increasingly more uncomfortable for him during the winter cold and snow that lasts for many months. So the Sanctuary staff helped Mucq retire to posh new circumstances. He now resides in a spacious enclosure that has not only an outdoor run for the wolf Mucq still is at heart but a heated indoor space for a little extra pampering and protection from the elements should he so desire. Mucq has found his favorite corner and he loves to lounge in heated luxury. But best of all, Mucq is now having a "spa" experience.

Devoted staff and volunteers who adore this fellow, have developed a special routine for Mucq that includes gentle care and feeding. He is pampered with special meals (boiled chicken is a favorite), massage and grooming sessions, enhanced hygiene and special music that lulls him to sleep. Volunteers and staff have a strong rapport with Mucq and he seems to revel in the attention. He is safe, secure and snug as a bug in his luxury enclosure. The little wolf who endured so much is now living the good life in retirement.

## Mucqua (Mucq)

***Birthday:*** 20 September 1992

***Second Chance:*** 01 June 2006

***Companion:*** Atlantis (passed)

***Likes:*** Dog houses, sleeping in the sun

***Dislikes:*** Things being moved around in his enclosure

***Favorite Food:*** Wet dog food

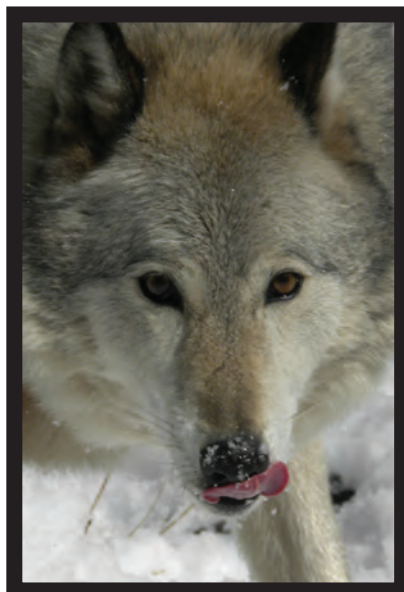
***Fun Fact:*** Mucqua turned 20 this year and is touching hearts every day!

***Personality:*** Mucqua is an extremely old, blind wolf who is rarely observed outside of his dog house. Having come from an abusive breeder, he often freezes when humans get too close. Though his eyes had to be removed as a result of glaucoma in 2009, he will 'watch' his caretakers when they are in his enclosure, following their every movement with eerie accuracy.



**-The Wolves**





## Kiki

**Birthday:** 10 May 1999

**Second Chance:** 25 July 2000

**Companion:** Rajan

**Likes:** Playing with Rajan, digging & more digging

**Dislikes:** Rajan being taken out for walks

**Favorite Food:** Rabbits

**Fun Facts:** Kiki got her name as a result of catching her up in Alaska. Her champion discovered that calling out “ki-ki-ki-ki-ki-ki-ki” was the most effective way to encourage her to approach.

**Personality:** Kiki is an unsocial female and *Wolf's* resident with the most ‘wild’ in her. Captured as a free-ranging wolf outside of Anchorage, Alaska, Kiki was deemed non-releasable after the collar imbedded in her neck (which was preventing her from being able to eat) was surgically removed. Today she is mostly unconcerned when her caretakers are present, preferring the company of her companion, Rajan.

## Peta

**Birthday:** 15 April 1999

**Second Chance:** 27 June 1999

**Companions:** Makoce & Tate

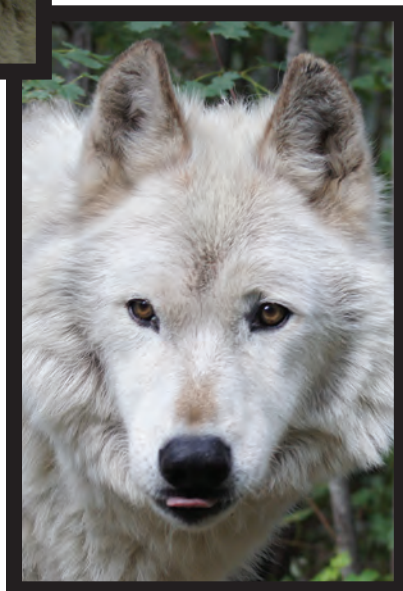
**Likes:** Chuffing, morning med rounds

**Dislikes:** Large groups of people, fast movements

**Favorite Food:** String Cheese

**Fun Facts:** Peta has the uncanny ability of moving directly into the flight path of a treat or piece of meat being thrown to him, often resulting in the item landing on him. Peta's name means “Fire” in Lakota.

**Personality:** Peta is a large, standoffish male who prefers to chuff and howl at his caretakers even while investigating what they have brought for him. Requiring intensive veterinary care at a very young age, Peta quickly earned the nickname “Snapper” for his tendency to bite at anything that got too close and is the most reluctant of the three to interact directly with their caretakers.





## Webster

**Birthday:** 03 October 1998

**Second Chance:** 01 June 2006

**Companion:** Renata

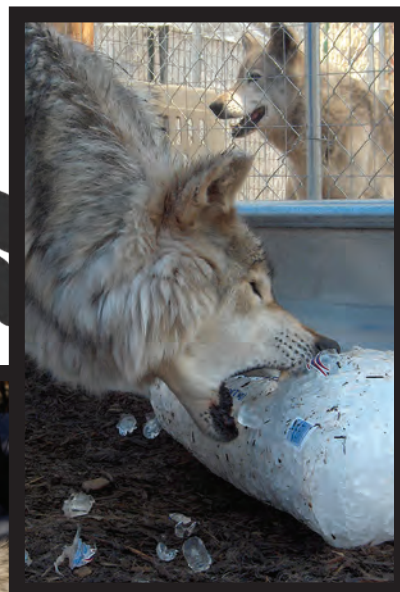
**Likes:** Breakfast meats, a quick ear rub only when he thinks you're not looking

**Dislikes:** A lot of people around or in his enclosure

**Favorite Food:** Cooked chicken

**Fun Facts:** Since the fire, Webster, normally stand-offish toward humans, has become increasingly interested in socializing, even going so far as to willingly accompany his companion, Renata, on walks.

**Personality:** Webster is a shy older male who, until recently, would avoid his caretakers if possible and was usually content to be left alone and quietly observe from a distance. Since his introduction to Renata and his close encounters during this summer's fire, Webster has become increasingly interested in the activities of his caretakers and will follow them around the enclosure or wait eagerly for his breakfast.



## Loki

**Birthday:** 30 May 2010

**Second Chance:** 17 January 2012

**Companion:** Frackette

**Likes:** Jumping, chasing, playing, swimming, toys & treats, destroying water buckets

**Dislikes:** Anyone but him getting attention

**Favorite Food:** Anything edible

**Fun Facts:** Whenever his caretakers enter the enclosure Loki loses his mind trying to get them to play with him; jumping, spinning, play bowing and running wildly in circles all with a silly grin.

**Personality:** Loki is an outgoing and energetic young male with an intense joy for life and an attitude to match. Having been kept on a six foot chain at a roadside attraction for most of his life, Loki exhibits little fear of his caretakers and is a source of many smiles as he romps around his enclosure, enjoying his newfound freedom.





# Fire Recovery Update

## - C. Camara

### Road Restyling

*Wolf* has spent over a month hauling in recycled asphalt and in some cases road base to fill in areas of washout and potholes along the access road. Touching up the road was a necessity. We were able to update the road that winds near the animals' enclosures and touches the entrance and exit to the fire road. Yet the road was fixed for another reason, so that *Wolf* could receive a long awaited office trailer, only deliverable by semi. Thank goodness we got it in here before the snow!



Grading the Road

### Help from Above



Helicopters over *Wolf*

'Whop-whop', this was the sound of the helicopters that began aerial mulching in early October. *Wolf's* property was among some of the private land that was moderately to severely burned. Because our property slopes upwards of 60% and we are "strategically located in areas where life, safety, or property [are] at risk or where there is high risk to public water supply," *Wolf* received aerial mulching and seeding aid that were "emergency stabilization treatments, to address impacts of the High Park Fire (RCVFD)."

### Enclosure Foreclosure



Clearing out Ash

When the efforts began to repair the two uninhabitable enclosures on *Wolf's* property, the damage was more severe than anticipated. First, the habitats were cleared of all ash and burned logs, and while this was time intensive, the progress had barely begun. Dig guard has been laid and the horizontal fencing is complete but dig guard logs and terracing logs still need to have holes drilled in them and rebar pounded through so they can be anchored to the ground before we can put those in place.

Many more man-hours will be needed place before this project can be deemed finished. Yet we are determined to return Kiki and Rajan to their previous location, hopefully before winter, so when spring graces us with her presence we can gear our labor towards fire dens and mending other enclosures that were affected but not destroyed.



Repairing Dig Guard

### More to Come

We will remain forever grateful to the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department, the multitude of work-groups, coming from as far as Glenwood Springs and Wyoming, and as always to our incredible volunteers and charitable donors for their steadfast assistance during and after the High Park Fire. Yet even with this assistance, *Wolf* is far from being whole.

Three enclosures still need to be fully repaired while we hope to undertake updating drainage ways and beginning other projects to aide in flood prevention and erosion damage. In addition, we still have hundreds of burned and dying trees that need to cut and removed from the facility. Once these time sensitive tasks have been completed we aim to immediately return to finishing our fire den project that began in summer 2011.



Cleaning the Facility



The Pond Full of Ash

We have a lot to do but with your help we are up for the task!



# Winter Wish List

If you happen to have any of the following items we would gratefully accept them and remember they are tax deductible!

## Big Ticket Items:

- 4 wheel drive Truck or SUV
- Snow Plow attachments for:
  - Trucks
  - Bobcat
- Snow Blower attachment for a Bobcat
- Gas powered industrial snow blowers
- Photovoltaic Solar Panels



## Everyday Items:

- Snow shovels
- Insulated gloves & hats
- Ice Grips (Stabilicers, etc.)
- Hand warmers
- Propane or Electric Space heaters
- Postage Stamps
- Latex Gloves Sizes M & L



# Volunteering... What does it take?



Have you ever thought to yourself "Wouldn't it be awesome to work at a place like *Wolf*?" Well, here is your opportunity! *Wolf* is currently looking for new volunteers to help with the day to day running of the Sanctuary.

Was your childhood dream to grow up and work at a zoo? Then apply for our Sanctuary Caretaker Volunteer Position. While we are not a zoo, you will have the opportunity to assist staff with all aspects of daily animal care from poop scooping to general maintenance to meat preparation. It is hard and dirty work that will leave you with memories you will cherish forever!

Not the down and dirty type but still passionate about these amazing animals? Try our Public Outreach Volunteer Position on for size. Help us raise funds and teach

the public about wolves as a wild species and the issues with keeping them in captivity.

Interested? Go to our website ([www.wolfsanctuary.net/volunteering](http://www.wolfsanctuary.net/volunteering)) for more detailed information about each available volunteer position as well as our Volunteer Application!





Thank you for all of your dedication and support each and every year. We would be lost without it.

The Wolves, Volunteers, Directors and Staff



**Have you updated you membership lately?**

2013 is almost here so don't forget to check. You won't want to miss out on next year's news, events, merchandise and most importantly supporting your furry loved ones!





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## Looking for a meaningful gift this Holiday Season? Then look no further!

Wolf is offering many wonderful items just in time for the holidays. This year our beautiful, full color, 12 month calendar is joined by T-shirts, greeting cards, jewelry and more! You can purchase items online, by US mail or over the phone (970-416-9531). But hurry, supplies are limited and many of these items are only on sale until the first of the year.



Give a gift they will cherish and help the wolves and wolf-dogs at Wolf!

# Interested? Order Now!

Go online to see all of our unique, limited-time-offer merchandise!

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