

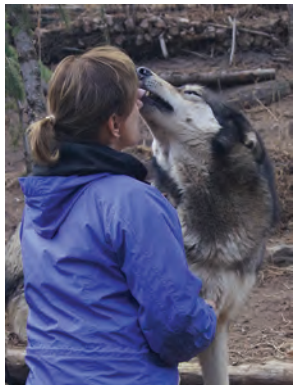
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In Loving Memory of Lena

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Letter from the Director

Happy New Year! We hope that 2013 brings each of you good health, great happiness and much success.



I am pleased to report that Mucqua is thriving at his new abode. He gets three squares a day, massages, grooming and lots of attention. He is happily surrounded at night with his new dog pack to keep him company. Even his human snuggles in with them several nights per week. Mucqua is an inspiration in perseverance, pushing past his “disability” of being blind. He knows the perimeter of his home and how to shuffle his cute little butt up the ramp to go outside. I’m rather smitten with the little man.

Renata’s illness continues to baffle us and our vets. She is on a regimen of antibiotics to address the possibility of encephalitis. We recently started her on a mild anticonvulsant. The initial dosage will elevate blood levels and will then be reduced to a maintenance level. Please send Renata your good will and please keep her in your thoughts as we strive to tackle her health issues. She is an enigma, but one of the strongest willed spirits I have ever known.

Ever so sadly for all of us, our sweet Lena unexpectedly passed on. She appears to have left us due to natural causes (see page 11.) Lena’s passing left Boots without his dear companion but a new love was found in Kasota (see page 10.) We will soon welcome a new companion for Matoskah, hopefully in February. We will let you know when a new girl makes *Wolf* her home.

As *Wolf*’s new director I am asked many questions. It is my pleasure to take this opportunity to answer some of those questions here.

“What are some of your goals for the Sanctuary in 2013?”

In addition to our annual Waltz for the Wolves, we will restructure and revive some popular past events and offer up some fun and exciting new fundraising activities as well. We will premiere a gourmet fundraising dinner at an elegant Rist Canyon estate in early spring. On May 5 we will present a benefit concert at the Lincoln Center. A late summer rummage sale with a volunteer/supporter picnic is currently in the planning stages. In October we will once again stage the Howl-o-ween Run. The crème de la crème, the 9th Annual Waltz for the Wolves, will be held on June 1 at The Ranch in Loveland, CO. Event updates will be sent, and please be sure to follow our Facebook posts for details.

“What has been your biggest challenge since becoming Director of Wolf?”

My biggest challenge since becoming Director is dealing with recovery from the High Park Fire. We lost four structures, two enclosures are compromised, our ponds are polluted with ash runoff, the main road and fire road are damaged by erosion, and the surrounding landscape is scarred and burned. Overall, we sustained quite a lot of damage. We are nearly done with filing our insurance claims and while we hope for the best, the claims determination outcome remains unknown. We have applied for grants to assist with some of the recovery expenses, but our main source of recovery relief is by far our generous donors.

“Are you done rebuilding from the fire?”

No, we still have much work before us. The staff has been extremely busy since the fire with repairs and the creation of temporary operational arrangements, but the amount of work is massive. By spring we need to be prepared for ash runoff and erosion. To battle erosion we must re-seed and replant (be sure to read our tutorial on re-seeding!) Substantial work is needed to repair Kiki and Rajan’s old enclosure. Additionally, it is time to prepare for a new fire season.

As we tackle these hardships and strive to look forward, I cannot begin to thank you enough for your phenomenal support of *Wolf* during 2012. We must ask for your continued assistance into 2013 as Mother Nature challenges us for months to come. Your continued financial support and willingness to provide sweat and grit are paramount. As always, our mission is accomplished because of you.

Humbly & Gratefully Yours - Shelley

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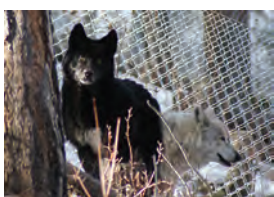
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But wait...There's more! Along with many other changes, *Wolf* is excited to introduce some new staff members to the Sanctuary!



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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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Tracks & Facts

Renata

Birthday: 01 May 2003

Second Chance: 27 August 2010

Companion: Webster

Likes: Playing in her pool, chasing ravens, walks

Dislikes: Gloves, having her things taken

Favorite Food: Butter

Fun Facts: Renata appears to be puzzled by clothing and will often try to get her nose under people's shirts in order to lick at their skin.

Personality: Renata is an outgoing yet unpredictable female who enjoys human companionship. Having been passed around the country from facility to facility as a result of her quickly changeable and potentially dangerous behavior, Renata has adapted well to the environment at *Wolf*. She enjoys roaming her enclosure with her companion, Webster, and is often just a bit obsessive about marking her territory, whether it is a tree, piece of meat or a person.



Makoce

Makoce

Birthday: 15 April 1999
Second Chance: 27 June 1999
Companions: Peta & Tate

Likes: Morning med rounds, playing in her pool

Dislikes: Loud noises, lots of human activity

Favorite Food: String Cheese

Fun Facts: When Makoce comes up for treats she takes them very politely and then steps back for her brother, Tate, to get his turn.

Personality: Makoce is a cautiously curious girl who enjoys walking the fence with her caretakers as they pass by. Requiring intensive veterinary care at a very young age, Makoce's reluctance to approach humans is easily understood, yet she is slowly learning to trust her caretakers and will often come into the catch area to watch as they take care of her water and food or follow them around the enclosure when they poop scoop. Occasionally she may even approach close enough to take a treat from their hand.



Kasota

Kasota

Birthday: 20 January 1997
Second Chance: 01 June 2006
Companion: Boots

Likes: Getting extra treats, sneaking up on her caretakers

Dislikes: Being surprised

Favorite Food: Bacon-wrapped wet dog food

Fun Facts: Summer of 2012 was the first time Kasota let anyone groom her.

Personality: Kasota is a nervous girl with large eyes and an intense gaze. Having come from an abusive breeding facility, it has been a long slow road getting her to relax around her caretakers. It is largely thanks to her neighbor, Renata (who Kasota intently watches when she socializes with people,) that Kasota has begun to relax around humans. Now she often waits at the fence in hopes of getting her favorite treat and will even approach some individuals if they sit and wait quietly long enough.



Meet the Staff - Part II



Bob Proulx

Hello folks! Call me Bob. I'm the new kid on the hill. Fans of the "Red Green Show" will know that if people don't find you handsome, they should at least find you handy. That would be me. As the holder of a dusty degree in wildlife biology from the Land Before Time, working at the Sanctuary has been a most rewarding and satisfying change of pace for me. I hope your long-distance support has been rewarding as well!

Place of Origin: Michigan

Furry Companions: Kylie (a mutt with the appetite of a wolf)

Likes: Outdoor activities (mostly horizontal, occasionally vertical up to 14,000')

Dislikes: I'll be happy to discuss it sometime over a cold beer

Favorite Food: Too embarrassing to admit here

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Susan Weidel

Hello! I am a lawyer who has volunteered with animal welfare and rescue organizations for years. And now I am also *Wolf's* Rescue Coordinator! I share my home with five rescue dogs with special needs. I have been actively volunteering with *Wolf* since 2009 and am excited to be helping with the rescue process for the Sanctuary.

Place of Origin: Chicago

Furry Companions: Little Red, Daisy, Pom Pom, Cheeto and Ella

Likes: Books, Ballet and teaching my dogs silly tricks

Dislikes: Animal cruelty

Favorite Food: Pasta

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Marla Morine

Hello and welcome! I'm Marla, an accountant for *Wolf*. I have been a *Wolf* volunteer for approximately twelve years, primarily as a foster parent along with my husband Larry the Alpha Male. Tonka will tell you all about it if you offer him a rib rack. After a long history as a business manager and paralegal, I am very pleased to be a part of this most wonderful group of people who work so hard for the animals.

Place of Origin: Illinois

Furry Companions: Patrick, Timmy, and Pie

Likes: All creatures, singing in choirs, the ocean, historical fiction

Dislikes: Hmmm...

Favorite Food: Chocolate

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Steve Shaffer

My name is Steve and I am taking over the Overnight Caretaker Position at *Wolf*! After over 40 years as a CPA, CFO, yadda, yadda, from working in public accounting to the night club business to licensee of Lucas Films and Paramount...I finally got it right and will be spending all my time with and for the critters.

Place of Origin: El Paso, Texas (during the Lincoln administration)

Furry Companions: Samantha, the 20 year old wolf cat

Likes: Wolves, books and rock & roll

Dislikes: Don't get me started!

Favorite Food: Sushi, baby!

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Welcome to the Board!



2013 will be a fundamental year for *Wolf*. One of our biggest and most exciting developments since its recent re-organization has been with our Board of Directors. We are more than honored to introduce you to one of its newest members, Pat Craig.

Pat is the Executive Director of The Wild Animal Sanctuary, TWAS, which he both established and maintains. TWAS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization located near Keenesburg, CO where it sits on an impressive 720 acres. Pat founded TWAS in 1980 on his family farm. The modest beginnings of the sanctuary have developed into the oldest and largest nonprofit sanctuary in the United States dedicated exclusively to captive exotic and endangered large carnivores. Aside from rescuing these large carnivores, TWAS also focuses on increasing their quality of life for as long as they live, and educating the public about the tragic plight faced by these animals and by an estimated 30,000 more animals in America today.

Pat has been at the forefront of the discussion revolving around this issue, known as the Captive Wildlife Crisis, and we have asked him to tell you a little bit about it. Thanks Pat, and welcome!

The Captive Crisis

- Pat Craig

By today's environmental standards, a self-sustaining tiger population of 7,000 plus animals would be considered a success story. However, when those 7,000 tigers are found in captivity - living outside of our public zoo system - it is considered a travesty. Why aren't they in zoos? Or better yet, why aren't they in the wild where they belong? The answer, as always, lies in their association with another inhabitant of earth: man.

Even though captivity has become a way of life for many species of animals, not all animals can, or should be domesticated - with great cats, bears & wolves being prime examples! For hundreds of years man has made a practice of capturing animals from the wild for use in captivity. Early displays of captured wildlife were found to be fascinating, as they gave zoo-going visitors an exciting glimpse of life from far-off places. And so, for many years, wildlife seemed destined to be captured and sent to an ever-growing number of zoos throughout the world.

Yet, by the mid-nineteen hundreds, the to-

tal number of public zoos began to stabilize, and the number of animals needing to be caught from the wild began to reduce. However, animal populations in captivity continued to grow as a result of breeding policies that many zoos had adopted (which were directly related to their desire for an increase in attendance.) Some zoos believed prolific breeding demonstrated the zoo's success in captive wildlife management... while many others admittedly saw cute baby animals as a fool-proof way to bolster public attendance. In either case, captive populations grew to unsustainable levels, as size limitations and budget constraints shackled most zoos. Continual births left zoos little choice but to surplus or euthanize animals of their own creation.

Surplus animals leaving the zoo system found their way into a number of private places throughout the world. Unfortunately, the vast majority of these animals were transitional with little or





Kiki



no regard to their future well-being. By leaving the surplus animals' destiny in the hands of for-profit animal traders, public zoos set the stage for what was to become a captive wildlife crisis over the next forty years. By continually dumping surplus animals into the private sector, many zoos unwittingly planted thousands of seeds for captive wildlife breeding, commercialization and abuse. Exotic animals such as lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars, bears, wolves and a whole host of other species (many of which were threatened or endangered) began to permeate the backyards & basements of homes in the United States. Exploited in every way - and bred by the thousands in exotic equivalents to "puppy mills" - their numbers continued to grow exponentially.

Today, these animals can be found everywhere from extravagant Las Vegas magic show to shopping malls, to roadside zoos and even in people's backyards, basements and garages. Like guns, drugs and other illegal items, law enforcement agencies are continually forced to confiscate animals from unlicensed individuals who attempt to keep them as pets. Additionally, many private collections exist in licensed facilities throughout the world - though licensing doesn't always guarantee the proper or humane treatment of animals.

Regulation for humane treatment and proper licensing has gained little ground toward solving this problem - as the effectiveness and very existence of laws preventing breeding and private ownership vary from state to state, and country to country. Like many other social dilemmas, little was known about this hidden problem until recently



when innocent people began to get hurt, and abused animals began to escape or die. Much like domestic pet Humane Societies discovered thirty years ago, the answer to overpopulation and the mistreatment of animals doesn't come from rescuing all the unwanted animals; rather, the solution lies in addressing the true source of the problem.

Exotic animal mismanagement has reached epidemic proportions, as the entire captive wildlife industry stands divided by their ethical views. Wildlife can be found captive primarily in six basic areas: public zoos, research centers, private wildlife centers, rehabilitation facilities, the entertainment industry, and individual ownership. Regulating and obtaining compliance with sound management practices at any level would be next to impossible without the voluntary acceptance by everyone involved. The key is to find a universal motivating force that would effectively work throughout the broad spectrum of captive wildlife fields; one that would bring about positive change on a voluntary basis.

All of these areas of captive wildlife management share one important factor: their existence largely depends on social need and public opinion. One of the strongest forces created by society today is the check and balance system that regulates those things we humans deem to be important, such as health, liberty, safety and other heartfelt issues including wildlife conservation and protecting the environment. Therefore, the most effective way to attain positive changes in captive wildlife management is through an educated public - and the subsequent social pressure they will apply.

Education will allow individuals, groups, and the population in general to gain an understanding of how wildlife is currently managed in captivity, which will enable them to discover the reasons behind many questionable management practices. With a general understanding of the issues at hand, people will be able to better interpret the policies of local and national wildlife organizations, as well as that of individuals who choose to engage in exotic animal ownership. Having a better understanding will also encourage people to view captive wildlife keepers more closely, and will encourage them to ask questions that will help bring transparency to an operation's animal management practices.

By doing so, people will be able to voice their concerns to operations which serve wildlife in their area - as well as society in general.

Taking into account the number of wildlife and conservation organizations operated in the world today, it is incredibly obvious there are many natural things on earth that people relate to, and see as a direct reflection of man's very existence. The enormous size

of organizations that address environmental issues in areas such as habitat conservation and wildlife preservation, demonstrates the depth of people's interest and concern for the wellbeing of wildlife today.

There is no doubt the public has a desire to help, and it is up to each and every person to take the time to become educated on both the good, and bad, practices that all captive wildlife operations do. Once people have had the time to evaluate many of the long-standing organizations out there, they will then be able to voice their concerns and begin the cycle of change that is desperately needed!



The New Couple

-M. Proulx



With the recent loss of Lena, we began looking high and low for a new companion for Boots. So it came as a huge surprise to everyone when we discovered that she was already here!

We had been concerned for some time about Kasota getting enough to eat with her food-aggressive companion, Matoskah, always chasing her off.

Boots offered a solution to that dilemma.

The move went more smoothly than we could have dreamed. Boots even briefly braved the company of humans to greet Kasota at the fence. Once they were allowed to meet face to face, Kasota began trailing after him like a shadow as he led her up to his favorite spot at the top of the run.

We are keeping a careful eye on the new couple and are amazed at every turn. Kasota follows Boots almost everywhere and when she isn't following, he is often seen running to catch up with her. She has even convinced Boots to join her in hunting for goodies left by their human caretakers, even while the humans are still in sight.

Though their relationship is still new, we have high hopes for their future together as we wait to welcome a new companion for Matoskah.

Thanks for the Memories

-C. Camara

Lena was going on her seventh year here at *Wolf*, having joined us from a backyard breeding facility in Wisconsin. She arrived in 2006, ill, defeated and terrified. She left us on the night of December 29, 2012 healthy, enriched and valiant. While unexpected, our heavy hearts take solace in the fact that she was active, bright and vibrant, eagerly awaiting treats and meats the day prior.

I remember my very first day of volunteering. We were instructed to be sure to “put eyes on” every animal while doing chores. Due to her motley array of browns and reds I stood in front of Lena’s enclosure for a full fifteen minutes before I saw her head pop up from behind a log. She was looking directly at me, eyes aglow with vivid color, as if to say “Hey, I’m napping here!” Afterwards I inquired about her but received little feedback. She was a shy, coquettish little lady. Even after six years, staff and volunteers were still getting to know the elusive Lena as she graced them more and more with interactions.

When the High Park Fire forced the wolves out of their homes this past summer, we stayed at their evacuation sites 24/7. Each night I found myself in the company of Lena, although I actually did not see her for three full days. She had taken refuge inside the same dogloo as her companion, Boots, who had wrapped himself around the edge of it. He seemed to be guarding her from the world that had become so topsy-turvy, while she curled against him in the middle.

“...My spirit and my voice in one combined, The Phantom of the Opera is there...” in dulcet tones I sang these words to Lena and her companion every night. She taught me the gift of patience. When the lights went out, with my back to her enclosure, I would sing. Night by night she would venture out further to sniff the periphery of her makeshift home. One night I turned to lie on my other side. In the middle of the dark I saw two marble shaped eyes with





their signature swirls of caramel and splashes of bronze staring directly at me, just like the first time I had seen them from a distance, popping up from behind that log. In the nights that followed I could be found humming, whistling or crooning the entire Phantom of the Opera score, to Lena. I felt like a mother reading storybooks at night, waiting for her eyelids to close with the heaviness of sleep.

Her eyes will no longer open. We will no longer be privy to the spirals of honey or the glint of gold that radiated from those eyes. She came to Wolf with eyes wide open, filled with restlessness and fear. Although her eyes have closed for the final time, they closed filled with peace and tranquility.

Re-Seeding

What is it? Why do it? ... Good Questions

Welcome to our new 'How-To' section where we give you a brief tutorial on some of the things we do at the Sanctuary! We'd like *Wolf* to be a part of your community. We will be highlighting our current projects and processes, particular those that may be of benefit to you. If there is anything you would like to learn how to accomplish, please let us know and we will make every effort to feature it in an upcoming article.

Re-seeding after the High Park Fire is one of our top priorities to help prevent soil erosion. The plants' roots, which contribute to holding the soil together (especially during periods of heavy rain,) can no longer aid in slowing the soil's water absorption rate, which can lead to soil erosion and mud slides.

By spreading native grass seed, we will be helping anchor the soil to lessen the damaging affects of erosion to the enclosures while allowing time for other plants to recover and further stabilize the mountainside. In addition, we will create culverts, water bars and silt fences to help address the issues of soil erosion. Our steps in reseeded are slightly different from the ones listed bellow due to the steep terrain of the Sanctuary's property.



HOW TO RE-SEED*

1. Break through the hydrophobic layer of soil by working the soil loose. This is the soil that repels water.
2. Spread about 20 lbs of the grass seed acre. (After discussions with Larimer County, we've been using "High Park Fire Custom 5 Acre Mix" by Sharp Bros. Seed Co., located in Greeley.)
3. Ideally you'll rake the soil again, penetrating the soil up to ¾-inch deep.
4. Spread high-quality straw over the seed, tamping it down if possible.
5. Wait for growth and then weed. Since we are working on such a large area at *Wolf*, weeding is not practical. If you are working on a smaller portion of land, removing the weeds to allow healthy grass to grow is important.

* For more information visit the Larimer County and Colorado State University's website and search "re-seeding".

Re-Seeding Wish List

Hay/Straw

Hand Held Seed Spreaders

"High Park Fire Custom 5 Acre Mix"

WANTED



VOLUNTEERS

**OPEN ORIENTATION AT
THE EMPIRE GRANGE IN FT. COLLINS**

**SUNDAY FEB. 17TH 2:30-3:30 PM
SUNDAY MAR. 17TH 2:30-3:30 PM
SUNDAY APR. 21ST 2:30-3:30 PM**

Interested?

2013 is shaping up to be an exciting year for *Wolf*! With big plans and big changes in store for the Sanctuary, we will need all the help we can get.

Our volunteer program has seen many changes over the past six months as we continue to improve and modify our structure to fit the ever-changing needs of the wolves and the organization. While change can be difficult, we are confident as we endeavor to create and implement the best volunteer program *Wolf* has seen.

Interested in volunteering with *Wolf*? Please attend one of our orientation sessions. *Wolf* volunteers are an integral part of our mission. Volunteers help with daily animal care, public outreach, education and everything in between.

We look forward to welcoming you to the pack!

If you have any questions and/or you would like to attend one of these orientation sessions, e-mail Shelly Hecker at mhecker@wolfsanctuary.net.

Volunteer Spotlight

Debbie is a senior project manager for Maritz Travel Company, a mother of two and soon to be grandmother of one! She has been volunteering with *Wolf* since 2009 and is invaluable with helping to make our educational programs, public events and the Waltz astounding successes. Thank you for all you do!

Place of Origin: Born in Tennessee, raised in Louisiana

Furry Companions: Harley, a lab and two cats – Tigger and Cali

Likes: Travel and to be outside – walking, exploring, having fun

Dislikes: Selfish people

Favorite Food: Lasagna

Describe one volunteer experience that has terrifically impacted you

They say that “the eyes are the windows to your soul” and that is not only true in humans but in these magnificent creatures. Each time I am around them, my eyes go directly to theirs and it is almost like I can read them, and the beautiful spirit they possess...come to me, leave me alone, who are you, what do you have for me, don’t like you, just kidding...but always love!



Debbie Dean



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Check the Monthly Automatic Donation box on the return envelope
Set up a recurring donation through PayPal

Payroll Deductions

This is another excellent way to make easy, tax deductible donations in support of the wolves. Organizations like Community Shares provide workplace giving campaigns that allow employees to deduct part of their paychecks as a charitable contribution. Even as little as \$5 a week is enough to support an enrichment program for one rescued wolf for a whole year.

Contact Community Shares of Colorado:
E-mail: cshares@cshares.org
Phone: (303)-861-7507
Toll-free: (800)-808-4038

Don't forget to become a Member!

Nearly all of our operating revenue comes from private donors like yourself, and we would love to thank you for it. Becoming a member of *Wolf* entitles you to a year's subscription to our quarterly publication (in print and online), a membership window decal and an annual calendar!

Memberships can be a one time yearly donation or attained through monthly contributions.

	Help	Sponsor	Save
Student/Senior	\$30	\$90	\$190
Individual	\$40	\$100	\$200
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Pack Protector*:

\$1,000 per Pack

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\$5,000 +

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