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- Sanctuary** - Provide a life-long home at W.O.L.F. in a natural habitat that takes into account each individual's physical, medical & emotional needs;
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# Letter from the Director

Dear Supporters:

It's hard to believe another year is almost behind us. It was a very busy year for W.O.L.F. with rescues, our Great Growlsby fundraiser, and purchasing the Red Feather Lakes property that we hope will be our new home.

In July, within a span of only 20 days, we did four rescues: Castiel from Los Angeles, Amaris and Indigo from Washington, and Tenali from Wisconsin. Michelle Proulx, our Director of Animal Care, went on each of these rescues and brought these special animals safely home to W.O.L.F. Each has brought great joy to our hearts and such pride in watching them flourish and settle in to the W.O.L.F. family. Watching these beautiful animals go from downtrodden, dispirited souls into happy, free and healthy family members of our pack is incredibly rewarding for staff and volunteers. Some updates on these rescues are within the newsletter.

Our second largest fundraiser is on the horizon -- Colorado Gives Day on December 6th. Our goal is to raise \$60,000. You, our loyal supporters, helped us reach and exceed our goals for 2014 and 2015, so we're raising the bar for this year. Is there anyone out there who can set up a matching donation to challenge the day? We had an anonymous donor in 2014 who pledged a 1-to-1 match for up to \$40,000. You helped us reach and exceed that with individual donations of \$45,000. Because of this match, we raised \$85,000 total in 2014! Wouldn't it be phenomenal to have a challenge to help us exceed 2014's total? More on Colorado Gives Day is provided within.

As we come to the end of the year, there are various ways to support W.O.L.F. with end-of-year giving. We have provided articles on various ways you can help, including fun stuff like buying W.O.L.F. merchandise. We also have a program for donating used vehicles --those gems that you hate to part with for sentimental reasons or that have been sitting around unused for a while -- your gift of that old vehicle can help W.O.L.F. continue to care for our majestic animals.

Thank you, our dear supporters, for your unwavering support and belief in W.O.L.F. and our mission. Without individuals such as you, we would not be able to fulfill our mission of Rescue, Sanctuary, and Education. The coming year is filled with excitement as we move forward through the Larimer County Special Review process with the anticipation that we will meet the County requirements to call the Red Feather Lakes property our new home. We will keep you posted.

Wishing you the most Beautiful Holiday Season and a Very Happy New Year.

As always, humbly and gratefully yours,

Shelley





# Tenali Comes to W.O.L.F.

*By Michelle Proulx*



Tenali came to W.O.L.F.'s attention once Castiel was on the road to health and living at the Sanctuary. We knew he would soon need a companion and began to casually inquire among our rescue partners if they knew of any young, social female wolf dogs who were in need of a home. Almost immediately we received a response back from The Grey Wolf rescue in Central Wisconsin. They had a female out in foster care who seemed to fit the bill, if we were interested. After hearing a little more about her, W.O.L.F. decided she would likely be a good match for our timid boy.

Tenali began her journey to W.O.L.F. roaming at large in Iowa before she was captured by animal control and taken to a local shelter. Because Tenali was a wolf dog, she was automatically slated for euthanasia since wolf dogs are illegal in Iowa. A concerned shelter worker fell in love with Tenali and contacted The Grey Wolf of Central Wisconsin to see if anyone could help save the young female. Grey Wolf acted quickly and contacted one of their licensed foster homes to help. The family agreed to accept the young wolf dog. They immediately drove to Iowa, picked up Tenali, and brought



her home. They doted on their foster girl and kept her healthy and safe. Unfortunately, one of the animals they had previously placed was returned to them after they had accepted Tenali. The foster family found themselves with more wolf dogs than they could easily care for, so when W.O.L.F. asked for help finding a suitable companion for Castiel, it was the perfect solution.

On July 22, the W.O.L.F. Rescue Team made the drive to a rendezvous point in Iowa to meet with Tenali and her foster family. The meeting was a great success, and Tenali's foster family bid her a fond farewell. The social and happy wolf dog settled into the W.O.L.F. vehicle, and she headed for her new, forever home in Colorado. Because Tenali was in perfect health with all the appropriate shots and recent blood work, she was able to go immediately to the Sanctuary.

The first meeting between Tenali and the shy Castiel occurred on July 23. Tenali was excited to meet the handsome young wolf. She was energetic and eager to play. Castiel was overwhelmed by his new companion and remained a bit aloof and reclusive. Tenali had very good instincts, and she gave Castiel the time he needed to feel comfortable with her. As the days passed, Tenali enthusiastically explored her new enclosure, played in her water bucket, enjoyed her daily feeding, and eagerly visited with W.O.L.F. staff who often stopped by with treats. Tenali quickly became a favorite among volunteers and staff with her antics, and she definitely enjoys the attention. With patience and time, Castiel was able to overcome his hesitation. Soon he and Tenali began to play and form a strong bond as lifetime companions.







# Can Help Guarantee the YOU Future of Our Wolves!

W.O.L.F. is able to provide a safe, healthy and caring environment for wolves and wolf dogs because of wonderful people like you, our incredible supporters. We are always amazed and humbled by the generosity of people from all over the world who are helping us fulfill our mission of caring for these majestic animals. It costs over \$50 per day (nearly \$20,000 annually!) to care for only one of our wolf dogs. Over 95% of our income comes from donor support, so when we say your donations matter, they really do!

There are many ways to help support W.O.L.F. Some of the ways you can donate to the Sanctuary include:

- Becoming a supporting member with a one-time or recurring monthly donation
- Donating stocks or bonds
- Creating and leading your own fundraiser for W.O.L.F.
- Having friends/family donate in your honor for

your birthday or other significant date

- Providing W.O.L.F. with in-kind gifts of goods or services (check out our “wish list” online)
- Name an enclosure at our new sanctuary
- And last but not least, considering W.O.L.F. in your estate planning.

We were quite surprised recently with a \$30,000 donation from the sister of a supporter who had passed away. It was a sign of great compassion from the sister and her brother, leaving a worthy legacy that will help our wolves and will be memorialized at our new property.

Estate gifts are perhaps one of the least understood and the most versatile ways to make a lasting impact on W.O.L.F. Estate gifts can provide you with tax benefits while simultaneously helping our wolves. Through a planned estate gift, like a charitable trust, you may be able to increase your current income or provide additional

retirement income while reducing your income tax and estate taxes. Some of the most common forms of estate giving include:

1. **Will** – You can provide a gift to W.O.L.F. through your will by making W.O.L.F. a direct beneficiary. This type of giving is simple, easy and allows you to designate a specific dollar or percentage amount, a gift of real estate, stocks, bonds, or a gift of any other property which is part of your estate. If you already have a will, you



may be able to add a codicil (supplement) to your will without the need to redo the entire document. However, it is always a good idea to review your will and the rest of your estate plan as circumstances change in your life.

2. **IRA** – You can name W.O.L.F. as the beneficiary of an IRA.
3. **Life Insurance Proceeds** – Another simple way to make a legacy gift is to designate W.O.L.F. as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy. This is a simple and effective way to make a gift that will make a difference for the animals.
4. **Charitable Trust** – Another method of making a gift is to create a charitable trust and place assets into the trust. There are many types of charitable trusts, and it is best to consult an

estate planning expert to determine which type of trust might be best for your circumstances.

There are many ways to make sure that your loved ones and your favorite charities are remembered in your estate planning. The best way to accomplish your goals is to consult with an attorney who is knowledgeable about estate planning. If you would like more information about W.O.L.F. as you develop your estate planning goals, please contact Susan Weidel, Rescue Coordinator at W.O.L.F. ([sweidel@wolfsanctuary.net](mailto:sweidel@wolfsanctuary.net)). Susan will be happy to provide you or your attorney with information.

*\*The above information is not intended as legal or tax advice. For such advice, you should consult with an attorney of your choice.*

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## "Animal Planet" films at W.O.L.F. for the TV series "Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet"

W.O.L.F. had a visit from "Animal Planet" in early September for the taping of an episode of the wildly popular series "Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet." Our Executive Director Shelley Coldiron and Director of Animal Care Michelle Proulx starred in the filming that focused on conducting standard medical check-ups on several of our wolves. Dr. Jeff Young and his right-hand man, vet tech Hector, conducted the exams and blood draws on Rajan, Jacob and Sasha. Other staff and volunteers assisted, and W.O.L.F.'s volunteer vet Dr. Teva Stone provided Dr. Jeff with background on the animals. Dr. Jeff and Hector were very compassionate with the wolves and were excited to have worked with these three special animals. This will be a wonderful opportunity to educate on a national level about the captive-born wolf dog crisis.

At this point, the airing schedule is not set in stone--stay tuned and we'll keep you informed once we know. If you're not already receiving our monthly e-newsletter, please email Carol Mahoney, our Development Director, at [cmahoney@wolfsanctuary.net](mailto:cmahoney@wolfsanctuary.net) and she'll add you to the list. Also follow us on Facebook for the latest developments: [www.facebook.com/wolfsanctuaryco/](http://www.facebook.com/wolfsanctuaryco/)



**Dr. Jeff and Shelley getting informed  
about medical check-ups by Michelle**



# Why Rescue Wolf Dogs?

*By Susan Weidel*

Why do people do it? Sometimes the work is unbearably painful. Rescue workers are often first-hand witnesses to the abuse and mistreatment inflicted on animals who have no choices in their lives. They are captive and unable to escape the circumstances into which they were born or placed. Rescue may often come too late, and innocent animals die before they can be brought to safety. This work can break a heart, yet good people continue to strive daily to save the much maligned and misunderstood wolves and wolf dogs.

In this issue of W.O.L.F., we turn the spotlight on several of our rescue partners--those people who toil in the trenches of wolf and wolf dog rescue. W.O.L.F. worked with these groups of extraordinary people to bring Zoey and her three sisters to safety last spring from a hopeless situation on a commercial fox fur farm in Illinois. Without the collaboration of these people, the rescue would not have happened. This article explores how they began the journey, their motivation, and what sustains them when the battle is uphill nearly every step of the way.

## The Grey Wolf

Mike and Jayne Belsky are the founders of The Grey Wolf, Central Wisconsin, Wolf and Wolf Dog Rescue, a nonprofit sanctuary on 15 wooded acres in Wisconsin. The Belskys came to the work in a way that is familiar -- through the love of a wolf dog they named Cinder. In 1999, both Jayne and Mike were working for the State of Wisconsin.



Mike was employed by Wisconsin Fish & Wildlife Service. On a November day, a state biologist received a call to investigate a wolf who had been shadowing a beaver trapper in a remote area of the refuge where Mike was working. Jayne went to the site in the hope of helping with the capture. The animal was identified as a young wolf dog who had been abandoned. The decision was made to use a tranquilizer dart for capture. While Jayne sat quietly waiting for the capture process to begin, the pup approached her and crawled into her lap. That was it. The biologist told her: "I guess he is going home with you because our other option is to have him euthanized." The wolf dog was named Cinder and he began his life with the Belskys.



Mike and Jayne were life-long German Shepard people and had never considered wolf dog rescue until they brought Cinder home. Jayne was aware that captive wolves and wolf dogs were used for breeding but felt that the practice was morally corrupt. When Cinder entered their lives, Mike and Jayne realized that they were about to embark upon a new path in life. Jayne immediately started researching wolf and wolf dog rescue and the needs of these special creatures. Cinder was her first teacher. The Belskys wanted to give Cinder the best life possible, and they reached out to the founders of W.O.L.F. for help. Jayne credits W.O.L.F. with teaching her the fundamentals of the proper care and feeding of wolf dogs in captivity. It wasn't long before she started receiving calls



for help from local shelters and the Department of Natural Resources. Grey Wolf was founded in honor of Cinder.

When asked how she handles the highs and lows of rescue work, Jayne responded: "From the very beginning we acknowledged our limits both in the number of animals we could properly care for and the emotional energy it was going to take. We are dedicated to giving the best life possible to each and every animal in our care, and that is where we put our focus." And for the animals they cannot take into their rescue, Jayne added: "We are still determined to find qualified placement, help with foster care, or transport. Knowing that we are not alone, and that there is a dedicated rescue community out there to help us on this journey, has been an amazing experience. We also know that the whole rescue community shares in the grief if a rescue attempt fails."

One of the greatest concerns for dedicated rescue workers is "rescue fatigue." Jayne and Mike feel very strongly that the fatigue comes from dealing with the human failure aspect of wolf dog rescue, and it has always been the most difficult part of the work. "Repeatedly we



JJ at her original home



Grey Wolf rescues JJ



JJ being transported to W.O.L.F.



JJ at W.O.L.F. Sanctuary

see the same failures and mistakes by caretakers and irresponsible breeders, and it is our biggest frustration. The reasons why an animal needs rescue basically haven't changed in 17 years, and they continue to this day -- human failure." Jayne says when the sadness becomes overwhelming, and the fatigue starts to set in, she and Mike just spend a few hours with the animals they rescue and their hearts are re-charged.

Jayne and Mike have helped to save hundreds of animals, including many who have found homes at W.O.L.F., and they are hopeful that the education they provide has helped private owners better understand the needs of wolf dogs. They have also helped shelters with the identification process for wolf dogs, and to understand the differences between northern breed dogs and wolf dogs. They have helped to prevent untold litters of unwanted puppies through their "pay for spay and neuter" program. Jayne summed up their approach to rescue: "We never forget that we are the winners in all of this, and we have been given a great gift to be able to share the lives of so many amazing animals."





**Indigo & Amaris**







### Apex Protection Project

Paula Ficara and Steve Wastell are the husband and wife team who founded The Apex Protection Project in Southern California. Their mission is to protect the wolf species and preserve its natural environment through advocacy and education. They also protect captive-bred wolves and wolf dogs through rescue and education.



APEX PROTECTION PROJECT

A year ago, Paula and Steve made an amazing cross-country trip to pick up Zoey's three sisters from their temporary home with the Belskys at Grey Wolf in Wisconsin. While W.O.L.F. rescued Zoey, Jayne and Mike Belsky were on site and able to take Zoey's litter mates. They provided interim housing for the three wolves – dubbed Charlie's Angels – until their permanent home in California was able to make the appropriate arrangements for them. Paula and Steve were working with Wolf Connection in California, and they made the cross-country trip in a specially modified wolf-mobile that could transport the three wolf girls for two days without needing to crate them. Once Paula and Steve picked up the three wolves, the mad dash across the country began,



and 1½ days later – through hail, wind and rain -- the three wolves were safely ensconced at Wolf Connection where they will now spend the rest of their days in safety and comfort.

Paula and Steve began their careers in wolf rescue seven years ago when Paula heard about Wolf Connection from a contact at work. She raced home and told Steve, and the two began volunteering immediately. Paula had been intrigued by wolves since childhood, and then she introduced Steve to her passion. They became more and more dedicated to working with the animals at Wolf Connection and eventually became two of the first staff members. They helped to rescue and rehabilitate over 50 wolves and wolf dogs, developed educational events and programs, and were active advocates for captive-bred wolves and wolf dogs, as well as wolves in the wild.

After nearly seven years with Wolf Connection, Paula and Steve made the difficult decision to begin their own organization that would focus primarily on advocacy for wolves in the wild. The Apex Protection Project was born. Today Paula and



Steve live in the hills above Los Angeles, on a mountain property with 5 wolf dogs.

Both Steve and Paula acknowledge that rescue is not an easy profession. However, the passion and love they have for the animals outweighs the pain which is sometimes nearly unbearable. Steve commented, "We have recently gone through an extremely rough time with one of our wolf dogs named Merlin. We have a deep bond with him, and he became very sick. It has taken weeks to figure out what has been wrong with him, treat him, and hope for a successful recovery. The emotional toll this has taken has been great." Steve credits the wolf rescue community





with helping them get through the rough days. He and Paula agree, "At the end of the day, we have to remember that we are doing our best and that while in our care, we try to give these animals the best lives they can have, and to us that means a great deal." With regard to their mission of fighting for wolves in the wild, they know that the battle will be a lifelong one and they will continue to push forward as best they can. It is not an option for them to give up on the struggle to protect wolves in the wild.

One of the questions that always arises with animal rescue is how rescuers deal with rescue fatigue and burnout. Paula and Steve know that it is a real and ever-present danger. In order to keep themselves balanced, they take their entire pack for a hike every morning. "Getting out in nature and watching the pack run and play puts us in such a state of joy, reminds of why we're doing what we do, and helps us just breathe." Paula says they also have an amazing group of volunteers, and they laugh and cry together.

When asked how they feel about the effectiveness of their work, both Paula and Steve talked

about a truly special rescue. "We rescued a wolf dog from a local shelter. He had been dumped out of a car, and a Good Samaritan brought him to the shelter. Once we got him to his new home, we took him for his first walk through the woods and into a stream. He stepped into the water, looked up at the treetops, and then he took a deep breath as if to say 'I'm home.' We both started to cry. That is what rescue means to us: an animal who breathes deeply of the wilderness air and feels that he has come home."

With the newly formed Apex Protection Project, Steve and Paula are moving into a new phase of their work. According to Paula, Apex believes the fate of the wild wolf relies on the next generation. "The enthusiasm we see in the children we work with gives us hope. We are becoming more and more active in our advocacy, and we look forward to contributing to the protection of wild wolves."



### **W.O.L.F. Sanctuary**

W.O.L.F.'s Executive Director Shelley Coldiron has been active in animal rescue for over 35 years. At W.O.L.F. she has been directly responsible for the rescue of 22 wolves and wolf dogs. Shelley recalls her first days in rescue when she was living in Dayton, Ohio. "One day while I was gardening, a stray female cat led me to her litter of kittens. They were only a few days old, and they were my very first foster animals." Now many years later, Shelley has worked to save countless numbers of animals in shelters across the country, including dogs from Hurricane Katrina. While living in Utah and working as the Chief Technical Officer for her own biotech start-up company in 2008,







she spent much of her spare time helping various retired university research animals by walking dogs, socializing cats, rabbits and pigs, and helping with adoption programs. The retired research dog who stole her heart completely was Bailey. He

was a Golden Retriever who had made an immediate connection with Shelley. After his adoption, they became an inseparable pair in day-to-day activities and travel until he passed away several years ago.

Shelley now shares her home with six rescued dogs and a rescued cat. She also shares her life with the 30 wolves and wolf dogs who call W.O.L.F. home. Shelley remembers very well the



day she heard about Zoey and the wolves who were captive at a fox fur farm in Illinois. "I knew we had to help. We were able to take one female, and I worked around the clock with our Rescue Coordinator to find sanctuary placement for the other three wolf pups. These wolves were barely a year old, and they would most certainly have been killed and pelted if law enforcement had not stepped in and closed the fur farm. The thought that these gorgeous animals would be used in the commercial fur trade was sickening."

W.O.L.F. collaborated with Grey Wolf and Wolf Connection to bring the four pups to safety. "For me, that is what rescue is about. Every one of these animals is part of my extended family. We often see them come to W.O.L.F. with broken spirits. They have been abused and neglected, and they are fearful. Many have never known any kindness from humans." Shelley rejoices as their true personalities begin to bubble through. At W.O.L.F. they are able to live on their own terms, and to be who they are. According to Shelley, "that is what W.O.L.F. does best."



She continued: "I am thankful every day that I have the opportunity to do this work. I am also blessed to have an incredible staff who bring their best game to work each and every day. They are dedicated to our wolves and wolf dogs, and they make sacrifices in their personal and economic lives to spend their days and nights caring for these amazing creatures. They are very special people who care for very special animals. It is the best life I can imagine."







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# Castiel Asks You to Show Your Support for W.O.L.F.

Over the last four years, Colorado Gives Day has become one of W.O.L.F.'s largest and most successful fundraising events. Over the years this event has helped us overcome fire, flood and unexpected veterinary expenses. This year your support will be used to help us move onward and upward with our dreams for making a greater difference in the lives of wolves and wolf dogs everywhere. Your contribution is the foundation for making this dream a reality. Last year your support earned W.O.L.F. \$50,000, and this year we've set our goal for \$60,000.

Why is it important to donate to the Sanctuary on Colorado Gives Day as opposed to any other day? It is a way to increase the value of your donation! FirstBank has a **one million dollar** matching incentive fund, and W.O.L.F. will receive a portion of that money based on the percentage of donations we receive on **Tuesday December 6th, 2016.**

Even if you don't live in Colorado, you can still donate on December 6th through the Colorado Gives Day website and make the value of your donation go further. You can even do your own fundraiser through their website! But remember, donations have to be made on the 6th or pre-scheduled for that date. Only donations credited to December 6th allow W.O.L.F. to receive part of the million-dollar incentive fund. You have a full 24 hours, starting at midnight on the 6th, to make your donation. Mark your calendars and help make this a successful Colorado Gives Day!

**Help us reach our goal! Visit  
[www.coloradogives.org/WOLF](http://www.coloradogives.org/WOLF)  
**Tuesday December 6th, 2016**  
starting at midnight.**



# Animal Updates: Castiel, Amaris & Indigo

*By Michelle Proulx*

It is often a slow road to recovery for the wolves we rescue. Landmarks in their progress may seem insignificant to most, but to us they mean the world. Some of our rescues seem to immediately realize they have come to a better place and quickly settle in to the new routine, but for many others it takes months, even years to come to terms with the fact that they are now safe. Each baby step they take toward recovery is cause for celebration, and we would like to share some of these with you on our newest residents.

Indigo & Amaris



Photo Taken by Volunteer Bob Buderman

When Amaris and Indigo arrived, it seemed as if they had no intention of sticking around and would panic when their caretakers came near. At first the girls' unsuccessful escape attempts were frequent, and staff was constantly making sure that their enclosure remained secure. Whenever



anyone entered their enclosure, they would make sure they were as far away from the people as

possible and pace in circles. As the months have passed, Amaris and Indigo have gotten the hang of the new routine and started to settle down. They are no longer trying to get out of their enclosure, and the girls have come to realize that when the caretakers enter, they are not there to come get them. Instead, the caretakers quietly walk around in a now familiar pattern, never attempting to approach or force the girls into a corner.

The development of a consistent daily routine has had a profound effect on Amaris' and Indigo's confidence. The girls will now often trail along behind their caretakers at a safe distance, watching and investigating what has been done to their home. They have also come to learn that when the caretakers are present there is often food to be had. When caretakers walk down the road, both Amaris and Indigo eagerly race to the front fence line to see if any treats are forthcoming.

Indigo is the braver of the two when it comes to getting treats and will approach within a few feet of a person to retrieve a goodie from the ground. She is not yet brave enough to take one off of the spoon when offered, but every day





she gets a little closer. Amaris, on the other hand, becomes particularly animated when the ATV drives up with the meat, jumping and spinning around in anticipation. More reserved than her sister with taking food from her caretakers, Amaris has become quite adept at snatching the meat out of the air when it is thrown to her.

Both girls are very active and enjoy running the fence line with their neighbors Loki and Zoey and get upset whenever staff has to move Loki to a new area in order to clean his enclosure. They will often bark or whine in protest until Loki is allowed back into his usual area where they can once again race along the fence with him.

#### Castiel

Rescued on July 4th, Castiel was definitely one of the worst individuals we have taken in recently in regards to physical and emotional health. Left to fend for himself in Los Angeles, Castiel's severe malnourishment allowed mange and other parasites to take over his body, leaving him weak (practically unable to walk) and missing huge patches of fur. He was also frightened of humans and would cower when approached.

Today you would be hard pressed to tell that Castiel had any prior physical problems, let alone believe how bad they were. Castiel has grown and gained weight, filling out his frame nicely. His fur has grown back and he is putting on a beautiful, thick winter coat. His feet, which were once so inflamed and raw that he could hardly walk, are now healthy...and huge! If their size is anything to go by, he still has some growing to do!

Castiel is still not interested in interacting with his caretakers and chooses to avoid them whenever they enter his enclosure, but slowly, with the help of his companion Tenali, his confidence is growing. It once took him an hour or more to calm down after someone brought him food; now it only takes a minute or two before he calms enough to eat. Castiel will also wait to see if his caretakers are coming into his enclosure before walking to the opposite end instead of immediately starting to pace as soon as he sees them. With time and patience we hope that Castiel will continue to relax around his caretakers.







## A Special Request

W.O.L.F. is currently in desperate need of new water buckets for our wolves. Between the harsh weather conditions and easily bored wolves looking for something to entertain themselves with, the buckets we currently use (to provide them with clean drinking water) have definitely seen better days.

We are asking for your help with replacing our water buckets. We need 40 new **blue or black** five gallon buckets.

We are asking for these colors specifically so we don't mix them up with our maintenance or poop scooping buckets! If you are able to buy one or two for the Sanctuary we would be truly grateful. You can find these on Amazon.com and at many hardware stores.



## Just in Time for the Holidays

If you are looking for a gift that will be more than just another 'thing' this holiday season, consider giving a gift that will be cherished while supporting a great cause! Go to [www.wolfsanctuary.net/store](http://www.wolfsanctuary.net/store) to view all of our wonderful gift ideas. Orders must be placed by December 10<sup>th</sup> to be received in time for Christmas!

And for those friends who don't want material things, consider getting them a gift membership to W.O.L.F.! It is a great way to help the Sanctuary while also giving a loved one a meaningful gift that will last the entire year.

Not a member yourself? There is still time! Purchase or renew your membership today at \$50 or more and your 2017 calendar is free! See the back cover for membership details.





**April 22, 2017 at The Hilton Ft. Collins, CO**



The 60s' are back in style this coming April for our annual auction fundraiser "A Truly WOLF Affair"! Dig out those grrroovy hippy outfits and join us for a night filled with food, fun, and exciting auction items at "WOLFstock." All proceeds raised at this event directly benefit the Sanctuary and the wolves we have all come to love and cherish. So remember to mark your calendars. Peace, Love, WOLF!

**More information regarding making reservations, meal options, donation and sponsorship opportunities will be available online at [www.wolfsanctuary.net/a-truly-wolf-affair](http://www.wolfsanctuary.net/a-truly-wolf-affair) starting December 15th, 2016 so make sure to check them out!**

Coming from out of town and need a place to stay? The Hilton Fort Collins (970.482.2626) is offering discounted room rates (\$129 per night) to anyone attending WOLFstock! Make sure to mention W.O.L.F. Sanctuary when you book your reservation. Hurry! This rate is only valid until March 23, 2017. Room reservations can also be booked online at [www.wolfsanctuary.net/tickets!](http://www.wolfsanctuary.net/tickets!)







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