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Spotlight - 4 Seasons Vet Specialists
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Letter from the Director

Dear Supporters:

Spring has sprung and we are as busy as we have ever been. There is so much news to report, and I hope you will enjoy reading about these exciting times in this edition of our W.O.L.F. Newsletter.

As you may have heard, W.O.L.F. has bought a new property! We are thrilled with the new location in Northern Larimer County. We closed on the 180-acre property at the end of April, and we are now beginning the arduous task of preparing for the move. In the coming months we will begin the regulatory process with Larimer County that must occur before we can move our animals. We will also be designing the sanctuary enclosures and continuing to raise funds for the move. At this juncture, we would be grateful for assistance with Site Planning, Engineering Services and Permit Applications. Our long-range goals are to build a Visitor's Center with a Gift Shop, an Education and Nature Center, and Memorial Garden. We hope to have an Open House this summer so that all of our supporters can visit the new property and meet several of our ambassador wolves who will be happy to take you on a guided tour. We will have more information on the date and time in the coming weeks.

We are also looking forward to our annual gala fundraiser. This year we will celebrate *The Great Growlsby* Gala Fundraiser on June 11 at the Hilton in Fort Collins. We hope you will be able to attend since we will have some great auction items, terrific food, and entertaining live music. We are looking forward to telling our guests about the plans for our new property. Ticket information is contained inside, and we are hoping to see you there.

In this issue, we are again spotlighting some of the amazing men and women who help to keep our animals healthy -- the doctors at Four Seasons Veterinary Specialists in Loveland, Colorado. We would not be able to do what we do without the dedicated expertise of this special veterinary team. They have provided emergency surgery, specialized dental care, and routine care for the wolves and wolf dogs we love so much.

On March 15th Kevin Shin Sul, production coordinator with the Sichuan Radio and Television (SRT) from China, contacted us about including W.O.L.F. in a program titled "We are Friends." The program is a series production with the theme of seeing the world from the point of view of animals. It is an *Animal Planet*-type shoot with more emphasis on documentary than adventure. The focus of the program is to capture the communication and bond between humans and animals as we live together. The slogan of the series is "All Life is Equally Valuable." The crew of six filmed at W.O.L.F. for four days in mid-April and will air late June or July to 10-20 million Korean and Chinese viewers! We had a wonderful time getting to know the crew. When we have a link to the program, we will share it with you. We look forward to having them back to film at our new location.



Our wolves are shedding their winter coats and preparing for summer. They are the reason we exist, and we are dedicated to their care and well-being. We hope you will join us at *The Great Growlsby* Gala Fundraiser and help us raise the funds to continue this vital work.

As Always, Gratefully and Humbly Yours,
Shelley

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I have been honored to volunteer for W.O.L.F. since 1999 and have called many wolves friend during this time. It is my pleasure to support W.O.L.F. and continue to care for and protect one of earth's greatest, the wolf.



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W.O.L.F.'s New Home

By Susan Weidel

As many of you know, W.O.L.F. has been looking to move the Sanctuary to a new site, and we are excited to announce that we are one step closer toward that dream! After several years of searching for a new location, having it fall through and trying again, W.O.L.F. is finally going to have a new home! Earlier this spring, Executive Director Shelley Coldiron announced W.O.L.F. has found the ideal location that is a perfect match for the Sanctuary and the wolves.



2012 Fire Damage

unstable and difficult to maintain for animal operations. Adding to these issues is the low limit on the number of animals that W.O.L.F. is authorized to care for at the current location. W.O.L.F. also faces travel restrictions on being open to the public for educational programs and public tours.



2013 Flood Damage



W.O.L.F.'s New Property

So the search began anew after a previous property at the top of Rist Canyon did not come to fruition. W.O.L.F. is excited to announce the purchase of the new land located in Larimer County, northwest of the current property, but with easy access and still within quick driving distance of Fort Collins. According to Coldiron, "The new property is perfect. It has huge grassy meadowlands, gorgeous natural rock formations, mature trees, and gently sloping terrain which will make a wonderful home for our wolves. This is our dream location."

W.O.L.F. has high hopes for our new home. We are looking forward to the improvements this location will allow, not only for the facility, but also for our wolves and our friends. With County approval, this property will allow W.O.L.F. to:

- Provide larger enclosures for the wolves;
- Provide an on-site infirmary for the wolves in our care;
- Have a significant buffer from neighboring homes, along with a natural boundary of 80 acres of State preserve land;
- Provide tours to the general public that will be conducted in the most respectful and non-stressful manner for the wolves;
- Allow school children to come for educational programs, a major part of W.O.L.F.'s mission;
- Have on-grid utilities at less cost and more efficiency than at the current off-the-grid facility.

W.O.L.F. is dreaming big for our new home. Future plans also include building an Education and Nature Center, a Visitors Center and Gift Shop, a Memorial Garden, and providing on-site living quarters for interns. We also hope to gain permission from the County to gradually increase the number of animals we rescue from 30 to 60. These projects will be phased in over the years as funds become available. In the future, sponsorships and naming rights will be available on some of these projects.

The first order of business will be working with Larimer County to secure the appropriate permission for the move. This process can take up to a year. Once the regulatory issues are resolved, W.O.L.F. will prepare the new property for the animals with state-of-the-art animal enclosures that will provide each wolf pair with a larger natural habitat. The design of the enclosures will work with the natural features of the landscape and ensure safety and containment, as well as the ability for staff to work with the animals and perform routine maintenance and animal care chores more efficiently. Additional work will need to be done on living facilities for overnight staff and interns, maintenance buildings and the water supply. W.O.L.F. anticipates the new property may be ready for the animals by the latter half of 2017.



Overnight Caretaker Cabin

property a reality. Later this summer, W.O.L.F. is planning to host an open house on the property to share the vision with neighbors and supporters. Coldiron states, "Once people are able to see the unique location and understand our vision for the future, it is W.O.L.F.'s hope that the support base for the Sanctuary will dramatically increase. We need the help of a broad base of supporters to reach our goals. Once the new Sanctuary becomes a reality, we will be a community resource for education and compassion – allowing people of all ages to enjoy the natural beauty of the site and learn about the magnificent animals who live at the Sanctuary."

Though there is much more that still needs to be done to make W.O.L.F.'s new home into the state-of-the-art facility we all dream of, we are off to a great start thanks to you! If you are interested in continuing to help, whether it is a donation, volunteering expertise with design, development and construction, or simply a willingness to volunteer and get your hands dirty, please don't hesitate to contact us!



3,000 sq ft Outbuilding



The Front Gate

HOWL-ELUJAH! We Did it ... Thanks To You!

We knew we had committed supporters, but the outpouring of donations and well wishes for the new property went beyond our wildest dreams. Not only did W.O.L.F. have support from all over the nation, but donations also came in from Scotland, England, Ireland, Australia and the Czech Republic. And an incredible anonymous donor from the local community did something that changed our future--they contributed \$85,000! We can't tell you enough how much we appreciate your support--many tears of joy were shed by staff when accepting your generosity.

With over 700 people having donated, we were able to reach our goal and purchase the property—step one in our dream of an expanded sanctuary that will benefit wolves and wolf dogs, our supporters and the local community.

As mentioned in the "W.O.L.F.'s New Home" article, there are more steps along the way as we prepare to move to the new location. The County's Special Review process, upgrades to the current buildings, cutting in a new entrance way to the property, putting in the enclosures—these are a few of projects that are required before we can settle in at our new residence. And, of course, these procedures come at a price. We hope you will consider ongoing support, especially recurring donations that help us plan our cash flow needs more easily. All donations, big or small, are always appreciated.

We can't tell you how excited we are about the positive changes for W.O.L.F. and hope that you will continue with us on this wonderful journey.



Want to Help Celebrate?

Try Some Wines From The *Mellowulf Vineyard*



W.O.L.F. recently partnered with Benefit Wines to bring you six delicious fair-trade, organic wines from Chile. Benefit Wines is a company that has donated over \$1.9 million dollars to charities across the United States since 2007, and W.O.L.F. is excited to be a part of this unique experience.

How does it work, you ask? Benefit Wines allows each charity partner to create a custom label and sets up an online site to sell wines under that label. Then 100% of all online retail profits from the sale of the Mellowulf Vineyard wines (W.O.L.F.'s label) comes directly to the Sanctuary. Find your favorite or collect the set and raise a glass to W.O.L.F.'s new home. Cheers!

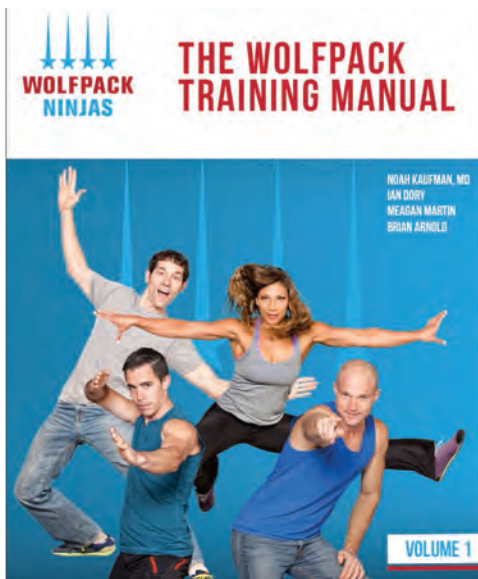
Go to BenefitWines.com and search for W.O.L.F. Sanctuary, or check the store on our website for a complete list of wines for sale!

Gala Auction Sneak Peak

By Michelle Proulx

There are so many wonderful items that have been donated to *The Great Growlsby* Gala Fund-raiser this year that we are had a hard time picking which ones to share in this sneak peak! From amazing experiences to stunning artwork, even a dinner with W.O.L.F.'s Executive Director Shelley Coldiron, there is sure to be something for everyone! Here we have highlighted only a few of the things you will have a chance to bid on at the Great Growlsby!

Even if you are unable to attend the event in person, you will still have the opportunity to be able to bid on select auction items. W.O.L.F. will once again be opening online bidding through Bidding Owl, so keep checking the Auction Sneak Peak page on our website for upcoming details on how you can participate in the bidding!



A Day Training with the Wolfpack of NBC's *American Ninja Warrior*

Ever seen the show *American Ninja Warrior* and thought "I wonder what it takes to be able to do that"? Well, here is your chance to find out in person! You and a friend can spend a day training with (or just watching) the internationally-renowned elite athletes called the Wolfpack Ninjas as you learn inside tips at their top-secret training center in Northern Colorado. You will also be able to try some of the obstacles as seen on the show like The Salmon Ladder and Cannonball Alley! To learn more about the Wolfpack Ninjas at: wolfpackninjas.com

Original Painting of Drake by Julie Kramer Cole

Julie Kramer Cole will once again bless us with her extraordinary artwork, this year a painting of Drake. Julie Kramer Cole was nominated and selected to the Colorado Institute of Art Hall of Fame and has won many national awards for her Western art.

60" x 80" W.O.L.F. Photo Blanket

Cuddle up on the couch with 29 wolves! This beautiful, one-of-a-kind fleece photo blanket features all 29 of W.O.L.F.'s current residents. Printed on thick, hypoallergenic, 100% polyester fleece right here in Colorado, this blanket is perfect for keeping you warm while you read a book or watch TV.

Name a W.O.L.F. Enclosure

Here is your chance to leave a legacy and help the wolves in the process. This year we will be auctioning off the right to name one of the enclosures that will be built at the new facility. Not only will you be able to name the enclosure, but you will also receive a private tour of the property W.O.L.F. will be calling home. This is a wonderful opportunity to help the Sanctuary continue its good work!







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Veterinary Spotlight:

Four Seasons Veterinary Specialists

By Susan Weidel

Part of W.O.L.F.'s mission is to provide sanctuary for 30 wolves and wolf dogs. That includes giving each animal individualized care, enrichment, companionship, and high quality veterinary care. W.O.L.F. has worked closely with the doctors from Four Seasons Veterinary Specialists since 2013, and we are pleased to spotlight them in this issue of W.O.L.F. They are skilled specialists and general practitioners who treat the wolves and wolf dogs with great care, compassion and respect.



Dr. Tara Britt is one of the founders of Four Seasons along with Dr. Jennifer Lowry. Dr. Britt is committed to providing specialty and emergency services for the animals of

Northern Colorado. She is a 2002 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Britt completed her internship and surgical residency in New Jersey and moved to Colorado for a surgical oncology fellowship at Colorado State University School of Veterinary Medicine. She became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2007 and is a Founding Fellow in surgical oncology.

Dr. Britt's first encounter with treating wolves was as part of a surgical team removing a lung tumor from a wolf in Colorado Springs in 2011. She always

hoped to be able to continue to work with wolves. When Four Seasons opened in 2013, Dr. Britt became colleagues with Dr. Lauren Prause, who has been a long-time W.O.L.F. veterinarian and is Board Certified in internal medicine. Dr. Prause often reached out to other specialists for help with her wolf patients and Dr. Britt became part of the team caring for W.O.L.F.'s animals.

Dr. Britt explained that there are similarities and differences between treating wolves and dogs. "We treat every animal in our care with dignity and respect and wolves inspire a certain level of awe amongst our staff. When a wolf comes in for treatment, we are especially careful to ensure as stress-free a visit as possible. We provide a safe, quiet



space for the wolf to be examined and treated." Dr. Britt says they often dim the lights, quiet the background noise and cover the kennel with a blanket. She notes "we frequently start the exam outside the clinic under the trees, and when a wolf is on the table for a procedure, we will cover their eyes and put cotton in their ears to drown out the stimulation." Dr. Britt often has W.O.L.F. staff at her side, and she frequently follows the advice of the caregivers since they know the behaviors of each wolf.

Dr. Britt says she really en-



joys the challenge of getting to know the different wolves and their personalities. That was particularly true with Sasha who had a leg injury last year that required bandage changes every other day. It was very stressful for Sasha to make the trip to the clinic, and Dr. Britt was amazed at how quickly she was able to earn Sasha's trust. "For Sasha, we found we could move to a quiet room to change her bandages with a light sedation. She tolerated the process remarkably well. We know how stressful trips to the vet can be for a wolf, so for Sasha, we tried to decrease her office visits. With Sasha's wound, we applied a dressing used in human medicine called Hydrofera Blue which allows for less frequent bandage changes. By the end of her treatment, we were able to perform her bandage changes without any sedation!"

Dr. Britt recognizes that a wolf is not going to tolerate rehab or other treatments the way a household pet would. She carefully considers the options for repairing injuries and treating ailments after learning all she can about each particular patient from W.O.L.F. Staff. "There is a lot of thoughtful planning, and each case is treated uniquely. I'll consider how active the wolf is, his/her personality and overall health, the relationship the wolf has with caregivers, and where the wolf will recover from sur-

gery. I really like the challenges each case brings – each allows me to grow as a veterinarian, and what I learn transfers to my next case."

Dr. Britt also treated Pride who had her back leg amputated due to cancer. The amputation was not the challenge--it was figuring out how a wolf would handle the after care. Dr. Britt made the decision to place all of Pride's sutures under her skin so that they did not require a return to the clinic for removal. It would have been very difficult to catch up the three-legged wolf and take her back to the clinic once she was home at the Sanctuary with her long-time companion Lance. Because of Dr. Britt's advance planning, no follow-up trip was necessary. Half a year since her surgery,



Pride is still running up and down her mountain, and it takes a very close eye to determine that she does it all on three legs.

Dr. Britt considered it a special privilege to have treated Pride and Sasha. She marveled at the great care provided by W.O.L.F. Staff and Execu-



tive Director Shelley Coldiron who runs the special off-site medical infirmary for the wolves. Dr. Britt recalled that "it was a beautiful thing to see the reunion between Sasha and her companion Jacob when she was finally cleared to return home to the Sanctuary." Dr. Britt witnessed the reunion first-hand by video on W.O.L.F.'s Face-

book page. W.O.L.F. is privileged to have Dr. Britt provide her medical skill and compassion for our wolves who need it.



Dr. Clarence Sitzman is a highly skilled and highly respected specialist who provides dental care to the animals at W.O.L.F. Dr. Sitzman graduated from Colorado State University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1975 and opened a small and large animal practice in Fort Collins in 1976. By 1990, Dr. Sitzman had developed a strong interest in animal dentistry, and he gradually phased out his large animal practice while pursuing extra education in dentistry. He is currently a Diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College. Dr. Sitzman has been very active in spreading the word on the importance of dental health in animals. In 2002, he created the Foundation for Veterinary Dentistry and served as Chairman of the Board. He is now a lifetime honorary trustee.

In 2005, Dr. Sitzman began studying and working with the world-famous Dr. Peter Emily who is both a human and animal dentist. Dr. Emily created the Peter Emily Veterinary Dental Institute that helps to provide expert dental care to captive exotic animals around the world. He has



worked on all kinds of animals, including performing a root canal on an elephant. Through his association with Dr. Emily, Dr. Sitzman began treating exotic animals and went on 32 missions with the Institute to help exotic animals in zoos and public and private sanctuaries. He has treated lions, tigers, chimps, bears, wolves, river otters and birds. He currently works with the big cats at the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg, CO.

Dr. Sitzman first began treating wolves at the Denver Zoo in the 1990s with Dr. Emily. He began his work with W.O.L.F. nearly seven years ago. Dr. Sitzman treated W.O.L.F.'s much beloved Drake for a bad tooth and recently treated Rajan for an abscess. He said wolves frequently need dental work due to a variety of reasons. Working on any exotic animal requires doing everything in one visit. Dr. Sitzman may do a root canal and restoration all in a single visit because bringing a wolf for a follow-up visit is too stressful for them.



He added that getting the anesthesia into a wolf is also very stressful. He tries to do it quickly and only once. Dr. Sitzman says with big cats there is specialized dental equipment, but wolves are easy because he can use the same equipment that

he would for a dog. "The challenge with wolves isn't the dental procedure, it is the catch-up at the Sanctuary. Once the wolf is sedated, the procedure goes very smoothly." W.O.L.F. is very lucky to have Dr. Sitzman available to help our wolves keep their teeth and gums in tip-top shape.



Dr. Laura Halpin is a specialist in emergency veterinary medicine. She grew up in Wales and graduated from the Royal Veterinary College at the University of London in 2008. After graduating she moved to Florida to practice general veterinary

medicine. In 2010, Dr. Halpin moved to Colorado, where she now specializes in emergency veterinary medicine. She is a member of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society.

Dr. Halpin says her first encounters with wolves came through her colleague Dr. Lauren Prause who has worked with W.O.L.F. since 2012. The veterinarians at Four Seasons often consult as a team, and Dr. Halpin was introduced to wolves through that process. She has collaborated with Dr. Prause and with Dr. Britt when treating wolves.

Treating wolves is a new and fascinating experience for Dr. Halpin, and she really enjoys learning about their care and temperament. She

says: "Wolves are beautiful animals, and they deserve our respect. Some of the wolves are more familiar with human contact than others. As a result, we take additional precautions working with wolves, and we always try to make every experience with them as positive as possible." She worked closely with Dr. Britt on the treatment of Sasha for her leg injury, which required frequent rechecks and splint changes in the hospital.



"Whenever Sasha came to the clinic, we took her outside underneath the trees to make her visit as comfortable as possible. Over time she gradually became more familiar with us, and we were able to do splint and bandage changes without any sedation. She showed remarkable patience and kindness through her recovery."

Dr. Halpin sums up her experience with W.O.L.F. by saying: "I am enjoying the opportunity to learn more about W.O.L.F. and the captive-bred wolf population. There is a large need for rescue and sanctuary. W.O.L.F. is impressively dedicated to providing a safe, loving, home for the wolves." And as for her wolf patient Sasha, "I am so glad that she is now back to running and playing every day at the Sanctuary."

W.O.L.F. is grateful for the veterinarians who provide such compassionate care for our wolves while at Four Seasons Veterinary Specialists. They are the special people who keep our animals healthy for all the years they are in our care. We couldn't take care of the wolves as well as we do without their help. In our next issue we will feature W.O.L.F.'s long-time friend and veterinarian, Dr. Lauren Prause.



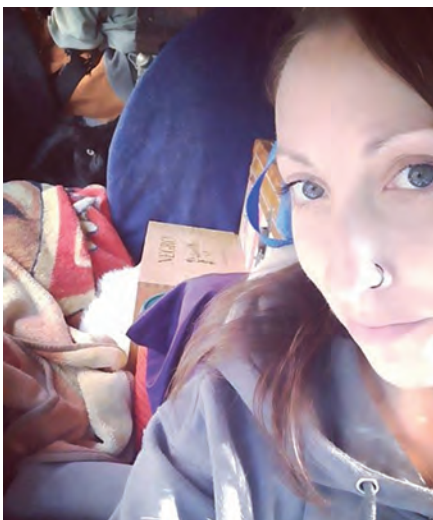
A Sanctuary Tour of the U.S. Two Cats & One Girl Hit The Road!

By Katie Kenney



Over one month ago I quit my job, got rid of all of my belongings along with my New York City apartment, packed up my car and hit the road with my two cats in tow. Why? That is a very good question, thank you for asking! Through the inspiration of a three-legged half-blind dog I recently fostered, a unique project formed in my mind that would bring more attention to the people that have

dedicated their lives to abused and neglected animals all over the country. It would consist of me traveling personally to any farm, wildlife or other sanctuary I came across between New York and Oregon and document their stories. Most people would think this is a crazy thing to do. Most might think about it for a while but ultimately give up on such a monumental task, deciding it was too big for one person to make a difference. Most people, however, are not as crazy as me! I was fed up with feeling helpless in a world full of people who are indifferent to the suffering of animals that it was something I needed to do.



I began my journey with the Farm Sanctuary in Watkins Glen, New York. Volunteering in the past at other farm sanctuaries did not adequately prepare me for what it took to run this particular farm! Farm Sanctuary is massive with many



animals, including goats, pigs, cows, donkeys and more, but runs like a well-oiled machine. Each employee has a specific expertise, and with the help of interns and volunteers, these rescues live in the lap of luxury. I vol-

unteered for a couple days and was tasked with chores such as cleaning the pig barns and assisting with medical checks on chickens. Even more impressive is that Farm Sanctuary is 100% vegan, too. No employee, volunteer or intern is allowed to have anything non-vegan while there. Let's take a moment to give them a round of applause ...

Gladly leaving the freezing temperatures of New York, I began my journey south where I made a last-minute stop in Georgia. Although unplanned, I found out I was meant to be there when I came across a wonderful wildlife rehabilitator, Jeanne Paddison, who runs



Abandoned Bandits ... in a state that views wildlife as nothing more than a nuisance. I have a special place in my heart for those who work with wildlife. Wildlife non-profits have a harder time gathering monetary or volunteering assistance due to the fact that the animals they care for are not pets and are eventually released. The passion that flowed out of her while I interviewed her was awe-inspiring, and I was honored to be able to meet her!

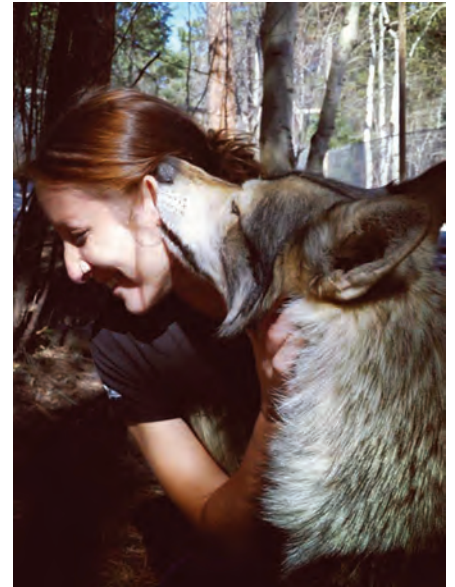


Tucked away in a residential area in a small town in Florida is a sanctuary called Journey's End; an establishment dedicated to providing a forever home to the badly neglected and disabled. I was privileged to spend five fun-filled days there! The sweet souls that live here can put a permanent smile on anyone's face, and often do with the free tours they offer. The first time I stepped onto the property, a dozen dogs, from blind to paraplegic, came to greet me with lots of licks and slobber. The days that followed, I met all sorts of animals, including a grape-loving pig, a jawless chihuahua who loved to cuddle, and a grumpy rooster named Curly ... to name a few! The worst part of this place was the fact that eventually I had to leave, and I did so begrudgingly.



I then began my trek west to arrive at my third sanctuary, Rowdy Girl in Texas. What makes this place so special is the fact that up until two years ago, it was a cattle ranch, selling the calves to slaughter. But what was once a hell on earth for these cows is now a wonderful home, where the mothers can finally see their babies grow up and live a full and happy life. They also take in other rescues now including horses, chickens, pigs and even a very friendly turkey named Cooper. A true success story!

Arriving in Colorado fulfilled my long awaited desire to work with wildlife and brought me in touch with wolves for the first time! I was completely captivated when I first arrived at W.O.L.F. Sanctuary and met its inhabitants. My volunteer days working there were fascinating from beginning to end, and I learned so much. I will never forget my first scent rub by Tundra, nuzzle by Jake or cuddle by Sigmund. I had no idea that wolves would be so social, and I am happy to report that the seed is planted and, thanks to W.O.L.F., I now know that my time working with wolves is far from over.



I have had a hard time leaving every sanctuary I have visited so far; each place is very unique in their own way with many different rescue stories. The one thing I find in common every time is the passion that overflows from the people who work at these places. These people give their voice to the voiceless, providing a haven to make up for the cruelty that others had inflicted on them. It is simply amazing and leaves me inspired to pursue my own path in animal rescue, wherever it may bring me. Follow my adventures at klkenney7891.wix.com/iheartanimals; there are many more to come!

Volunteer Spotlight

By Abby Matzke

David is, in his words, our “foul weather volunteer.” He is extremely dedicated, and we can rely on him to come help us in emergency situations and in those of less than desirable weather conditions. Not only does he spend a lot of time working with W.O.L.F., but he uses his free time to volunteer with other animal-oriented nonprofits as well. Without David helping us when we need it most, there are a lot of things that wouldn’t get done around the sanctuary! In order for our supporters to get to know him better, we asked him a few questions about why he loves W.O.L.F. Sanctuary.

Who is your favorite animal at the Sanctuary?

After considerable thought, I am unable and mostly unwilling to name a favorite. I have probably spent the most time with our ambassador animals at the educational events and, this past summer, with the injured ones recuperating at Shelley’s. Pretty darn fond of all of them. However, I got my first sloppy wet kiss from Sasha. Jacob is such a handsome guy. Sigmund is the one I’d most like to curl up on the floor with and, I enjoy my visits with the old married couple, Bella and Rajan. I am impressed with Odin, not for his skills as a fighter, but for taking what comes without complaint. Sorry, no favorite.

You do a lot of volunteer work with multiple organizations. Why do you choose to dedicate your time to W.O.L.F. ?

While sitting with Sasha last summer, I brought along some books about wolves that I bought thirty-some years ago. My sisters gave me wolf calendars for Christmas for years. I have been a lifelong animal lover with a particular interest in wolves. I would call my time spent at W.O.L.F. my humble apology for a long history of human unkindness.

What is your best memory of volunteering at the Sanctuary?

Winter before last, one of the volunteers brought her little sister and another volunteer brought a friend as guests for the first time. It was so much fun to watch their wide-eyed encounter with the animals. The highlight was Tundra being very social that day and scent rubbing everyone. The next week she completely ignored her visitors, but that day she was the star of the show.

If you had to choose a favorite activity that you perform while volunteering, what would it be?

First, the Sanctuary is far enough away to feel like getting out of town, and getting up and down the steep and icy enclosures with a poop bucket and a shovel seems winter adventure enough for me. I like being in with the animals, and doing the full enclosure is the best chance for that. I also enjoy watching Michelle (and now Keith) with a room full of third graders and watching their excitement when we bring an animal in. I’m hoping they go home and have a conversation with their families about wolves and their place in our world.

Needless to say, we need more people like David in this world! W.O.L.F. could not exist without this level of love and dedication from our wonderful volunteers.



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