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Grilled tofu with classic island marinade, sticky rice, grilled pineapple & broccoli

*If an entrée is not chosen, guests will receive the Island Gnocchi entrée.

Send your reservation to W.O.L.F. PO Box 1544 - Laporte, CO 80535

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Our Colorado Gives Day fundraiser was a howling success, thanks to YOU, our supporters! The overall total raised for CO Gives was \$85,000!



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Rescue - Save captive-born wolves and wolf dogs who need sanctuary in order to survive:

Sanctuary - Provide a lifelong home at W.O.L.F. in a natural habitat that takes into account each individual's physical, medical & emotional needs;

Education - Provide the public with education about the plight of wolves and wolf dogs (both captive-born and wild) to help foster a greater understanding of them and their value.

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Letter from the Director



Dear Supporters:

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR A SPECTACULAR CLOSE TO 2017! We asked for your support on Colorado Gives Day to reach our goal of \$60,000 to satisfy an incentive gift match of \$15,000, and YOU DID IT with room to spare! Our overall total raised for CO Gives was \$85,000. For year-end giving, we had another match challenge of \$10,000 if we raised \$20,000, and YOU DID IT AGAIN! You are rock stars! Your generous support will help us with our base operational expenses while we tackle the huge undertaking to fund relocating W.O.L.F. to our

new property. Thank you so much for your support.

We have more good news. In December we received the permit from Larimer County to relocate W.O.L.F. to the Red Feather Lakes area. It is a new beginning for the Sanctuary. Without knowing if we would be approved, we've had to wait to put together a detailed project management plan, budget and fundraising campaign. We have a lot of work ahead of us with studies (engineering, wildland, wetlands and wildlife), surveys, permits, County fees, contracts and more before we can nail down a complete schedule and budget. Our current estimate is that we will be moving Spring/Summer of 2019. This is a move to a better future, including public visits, and we are ecstatic!

We have exciting announcements for our upcoming annual fundraising gala "Alo-Howl" on April 21st, from 5-9 p.m. at the Hilton in Fort Collins. We have two wonderful guest speakers this year—best-selling author Nate Blakeslee and veritable rock star in the wolf world Rick McIntyre. Nate's book *American Wolf* is about the iconic wolf known as 0-Six who was the leader of the Lamar wolf pack in Yellowstone until she was shot and killed by a hunter in 2012 when she ventured just outside the Park. Leonardo DiCaprio's production company has purchased the rights to the book! Rick McIntyre is considered the grandfather of the wolf reintroduction in Yellowstone. He arrived at Yellowstone in 1994 as a naturalist/wolf interpreter and has served for over 20 years



in the most satisfying position of his career as the Biological Technician for the Yellowstone Wolf Project. How exciting to have these two exceptional people in wolf recovery efforts at our fundraiser! And to highlight the theme of the evening, the Hawaiian dance troupe Hālau Makana Lani from Dublin, CA will be performing native dances and provide lessons at the end of the event. So bring your dancing shoes if you want to learn Hula Auana!



Photo by of Jeff Wilson



2018 is going to be an exciting year of change and a new future for W.O.L.F. We have a lot of work ahead of us and a huge need for support as we solidify the details for implementing designs, construction, and modifications on our new property. Stay tuned, and we will keep you informed with our social media links and newsletters so that you can join us on the adventure.

The New Property - We Did It!

By Carol Mahoney

Finally, after years of searching, some false starts and a very grueling County review process, W.O.L.F. will be able to move to a new, safer home that will be open for educational tours!

THE NEED TO RELOCATE:



For those of you who may be new to W.O.L.F., 2012 and 2013 were years of wrath by Mother Nature. The High Park Fire that hit Northern Colorado in June of 2012 burned over 87,000 acres, destroyed nearly 260 homes and affected our Sanctuary. Our wolf dogs had to be evacuated,

and some of our structures and many trees were burned, damaged or destroyed. Because of the intensity of the blaze, soil became glazed and almost impermeable to water, resulting in a number of flash floods over the next year that destroyed our road and pond spillway. The Sanctuary's location is in a steep ravine, downstream from other ponds, that didn't help the matter. Our first flood

was July 5, 2013, exactly one year after we returned to the Sanctuary after evacuating for the High Park Fire. Then the historic September 2013 flood hit across Colorado's Front Range, adding insult to injury. By then staff had screamed "Uncle!" and knew that a move to a safer location was imperative.



Along with this, private easement restrictions limit us to only five car trips a day (including, staff, volunteers, workgroups and service deliveries) along with not allowing us to be open to the public for tours. Education is a key part of W.O.L.F.'s mission, and having people visit to see the wolves in person and hear their stories

is a huge part of helping people understand why wolves and wolf dogs should not be bred as pets and why wild wolves are necessary to maintain balance in nature.

LESSONS ON FINDING A NEW LOCATION:

Lesson #1: Finding a new property within our price range that fit the needs of our Sanctuary was more difficult than expected. We did have one offer in 2014 that looked promising but, alas, didn't come to fruition. With more research and a number of visits to various potential sites, we finally found a great match northwest of our current location. After months of negotiations and a surprise "you must buy it now or it'll go back on the market" ultimatum from the owner, we scurried to raise funds for the down payment.



Lesson #2: Never doubt the generosity of W.O.L.F. supporters who make things happen. Your donations enabled us to meet the down payment to mortgage and close on the property at the end of April 2016. Though we knew there were a number of improvements that needed to be made, the property was ideal. We also knew that we'd be required to go through our County's Special Use Review process to ensure that all regulations would be met.

Lesson #3: Plan on things taking longer than expected, being more expensive than expected, and realize that you may learn more about noise studies, traffic flow and water law than you had ever thought possible.

Lesson #4: Myths surrounding wolves are still firmly entrenched in portions of society. One of the biggest challenges we faced was how much fear and false assumptions surrounded





wolves, wolf dogs W.O.L.F.'s and relocation to the new property in Livermore. Some neighbors mentioned fearing for the safety of their children or grandchildren: horses and cattle would be negatively affected by the smell of and the howling

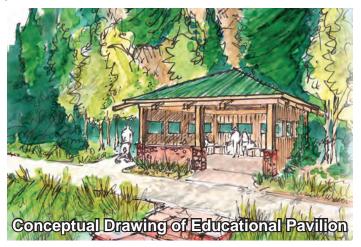
of the wolves; feeding wolf dogs red meat would make them aggressive; the wolves would howl 24/7; all wildlife would be driven from the area; and the list goes on. Though we had numerous open houses and provided factual information to dispel such fallacies, we realized how hard it is to override ingrained beliefs and how vital WOLF's role is in educating the public about these misunderstood and majestic animals.

Finally, on December 4th, after the County Commissioners reviewed over 700 pages of reports and public feedback and led a 5 ½ hour public hearing with nearly 300 people in attendance, WOLF's relocation was approved, though with certain compromises. W.O.L.F.'s original plan included two phases: Phase One would have the



full move of the Sanctuary and its 30 wolf dogs to the new location and allow public tours three to four times a day; Phase Two would be years down the line, allowing W.O.L.F. to care for up to 60 wolf dogs, have more visitors per tour and entail the building of a Visitor & Education Center. The Commissioners decided that night that it would be best for W.O.L.F. to prove itself as a good neighbor first by approving only Phase One and limiting tours to two per day, ten people per tour. Phase Two will require W.O.L.F. to go through another Special Use Review process again years from now.

Though not what we had originally hoped for, we're pleased that we can move our animals, staff and volunteers to a safer location and that we can finally have public tours and meet our supporters!



THE DESIGN AND NEXT STEPS:

Now we move forward on implementing the plan—lots of work ahead and lots of help needed. Among the many steps that are required before we move:

- Engineering plans will be drawn up for a number of major projects to ensure full compliance with County requirements.
- Water rights in Colorado are complicated, sometimes counter-intuitive in nature. More work will be needed to create plans for the most effective and conservative use of water for our operations.
- A new driveway entrance and visitor parking area will be created.
- The existing driveway will need major improvements and cutting into the hillside to be

How To Help

Visit our website at www.wolfsanctuary.net and click on "DONATE" to find various ways to help:

- **Become a monthly donor** to help sustain W.O.L.F. during this transition and throughout the year
- Consider a higher-level W.O.L.F. membership.
 We even have a "Phoenix Rising" level that provides member gifts, a recognition plaque at our new property, along with a table for eight at our annual gala!
- In-kind donations can be very helpful. Consider providing professional services such as carpentry, electrical, plumbing and paving. Get rid of an old vehicle or trailer through our CARS program. Donate field fencing, quiet ATV, golf cart, power tools or road base materials. Email us at info@wolfsanctuary.net.
- Create your own fundraiser for W.O.L.F. where you invite family and friends to participate. Contact Carol for ideas at cmahoney@wolfsanctuary.net.

We will be creating more opportunities to help over the next few months, so check our website often!

able to accommodate emergency vehicles as required by the County.

- Our outbuilding will have rooms added for volunteers, office space and storage, an onsite examination room for routine veterinary procedures and a maintenance shop for vehicles and equipment.
- The caretaker cabin's one-car garage will be converted into an infirmary for animals
 - who need managed care on site. A smaller exterior enclosure will be added to this infirmary so a wolf dog can have some outside time but not enough roaming room to cause any issues with recovery.
- An educational pavilion for visitors will be constructed;
- Restrooms that use minimal, if any, water will be constructed for visitors and volunteers;
- A walk-in freezer for meat storage will be installed;
- A comprehensive security system will be created to protect from outside intruders;
- We will build up to 20 habitats for the wolf dog homes so we can ro-

tate pairs out on occasion to reduce wear and tear on the land. These habitats will require miles of fencing, which will include a secondary perimeter fence for extra security for the wolves. The bulk of fencing at our current location cannot be reused.

Initial cost estimates for these projects are between \$400,000 and \$500,000—this is over and above our normal annual operating budget of about \$600,000. In 2017 W.O.L.F. was awarded several grants specifically for use for the new property and will continue to pursue other grants in 2018. We will also be recruiting volunteers to help with certain projects (which will keep down costs) and ask businesses for reduced rates on the services and materials that they provide. However, the bulk of our funding will need to come from supporters and businesses. Our target date for completing the move is early to mid-2019, depending on funding and weather-related issues for some of the projects.

We are extremely excited about this move and are happy that you will be part of this adventure with us. We'll keep you updated on progress in this quarterly newsletter, and you can also get the latest and greatest info through our monthly e-newsletter, social media and our website. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping us reach this point and for joining us on this journey!









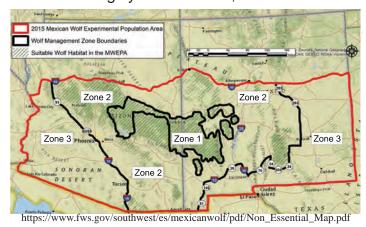
New Plan for Mexican Wolf Recovery Is A Go!

By Adrienne Seltz

Three times in the previous decade a recovery planning team commissioned by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) recommended the same strategy for Mexican

wolf recovery success: three distinct populations totaling 700 wolves. These populations would be in the current recovery area--the Gila in New Mexico, and into eastern Arizona--with new populations in northern New Mexico and the north rim of the Grand Canyon. These areas contain excellent wolf habitat and would allow wolves to disperse among the groups, allowing for the genetic diversity they so desperately need.

The plan was proposed by wolf experts and biologists and based on the best available science, a requirement of the Endangered Species Act. This is NOT the plan the wolves ended up with. The new plan for Mexican wolf recovery was decided behind closed doors by the USFWS and state game commissions. The plan restricts US wolves to the current Gila/AZ area (zone 1) which was expanded in a USFWS 2015 rule change into western New Mexico. Looking at a map it is easy to see how the Mexican wolf population size is limited to roughly 325 animals, not 700. Wolves



are denied access to northern New Mexico and Arizona as well as southern Utah and Colorado, which all have great habitat for wolves. Instead the plan includes working with a second population in Mexico where recovery has also been taking place.

While this is not the plan wolf supporters would have liked, there is some good news as was evidenced this past December at the New Mexico Game and Fish Commission meeting. For years the commission had fought Mexican wolf recovery and even withdrew as a participating partner several years ago, despite the fact that the Mexican wolf is listed on the state's endangered species list. But at their December meeting the commission at last voted to approve the final plan, agreeing that many of their previously stated concerns had been met. Items the commissioners particularly approved of include a 5- and 10-year review and the requirement that the USFWS obtain state permits for any releases. As timing is critical in wolf pup cross-fostering (the placing of captive-born pups into wild litters) the necessity of permits implies a fair degree of cooperation between the New Mexico and Arizona game commissions and the USFWS.

The USFWS requested several translocation permits:

- Removal of a female traveling with her brother, to breed in captivity and then return to the wild
- Placement of up to twelve captive pups into wild litters to increase genetic diversity (2018 release plan)
- Potential removal of wild pups where captive pups have been cross-fostered to maintain a viable litter size. These pups would be held at New Mexico's Sevilletta Reserve, not to be put back into the wild without additional permit

Mexican wolf recovery director Sherry Barrett addressed the commission, emphasizing the importance of having permits in place and flexibility in placing cross-fostered pups at the critical times when litters and dens are available. The commission agreed that in good faith they would approve the requested translocation requests. For those of us who have spent years hearing "no"



in these meetings, it was at last a step in the right direction. It may not be perfect, but for the first time we have a plan that all mostly agree on and a way to move forward in what has been a very difficult process.

Interestingly, the Arizona Game and Fish Department did not included any agenda items regarding the new plan for Mexican wolf recovery at either the December or January meetings. But they did host an awards banquet on January 20th and a few of the awards make their bias quite clear. Conservation Organization of the Year was awarded to the Phoenix Varmint Callers, Inc.; Advocate of the Year was given to Governor Doug Ducey at the state level; and for the federal level, Senator Jeff Flake. None of these folks are friends of wolves.

So time will tell if this endangered North American mammal can survive. The lack of genetic diversity is a critical issue, and reintroducing new genes into the wild population is beyond urgent. The delicate balancing act between state game commissions, the USFWS, and now the Mexican government as well will be something to behold! It should be noted that another large stakeholder, the public, was not included in the formation of this recovery plan. We still have a big voice if we choose to use it. Calling or emailing both New Mexico and Arizona game commissions as well as USFWS in Albuquerque in support of the Mexican wolf is greatly appreciated! In other states, calling your legislators in support of wolf recovery everywhere is needed. These amazing beings deserve to be here and our children deserve to have them in their lives.

Species Spotlight - Mexican Wolves

Scientific Name: Canis lupus baileyi

ESA Status: Endangered

Natural Habitat: Mountain forests.

grasslands and scrublands

Height: 26 - 32 inches at the shoulder

Length: 4.5 - 5.5 feet nose to tail

Weight: 60 - 80 pounds

Life Span: Up to 15 years in captivity



The Mexican Gray wolf is an inhabitant of the southwestern United States and Mexico. It used to call Arizona, Texas, and New Mexico as its home. A female typically has a litter of four to seven pups in late spring/early summer that the pack will care for until they are ten months old. They hold a special place with local indigenous cultures where the wolf is seen as a guardian spirit (Navajo) or even the creator of some of the tribes. In the Ute nation there is a legend of Sinauf, a half-man, half-wolf spirit. Sinauf was responsible for keeping the world in balance. W.O.L.F. resident Makoce and her brothers Tate and Peta, who have since returned to spirit, were believed to have been part Mexican Gray.

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Special Guest - Rick McIntyre

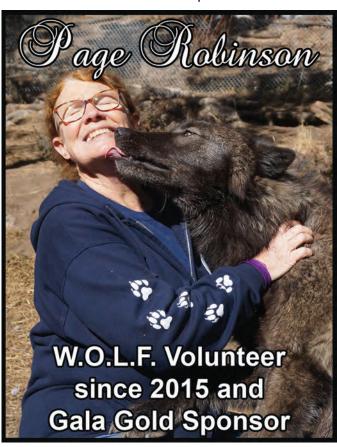
By Susan Weidel



Rick McIntyre is one of the most celebrated wolf experts in America. He has a degree in Forestry from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and has worked in Yellowstone National Park since 1994. He began his time in Yellowstone as a naturalist with the title of wolf interpreter.

He became a Biological Technician for the Yellowstone Wolf Project in 1998 and has continued in that position ever since.

McIntyre spent most of his adult life working for the National Park Service and has lived for many years in some of the most beautiful natural places in the world. His first position in 1975 was





as a firefighter on a helitack crew in Sequoia National Park. He spent 15 summers in Denali National Park as a naturalist following wolves and grizzlies. He also followed wolf packs in Glacier National Park and served stints in Death Valley, Joshua Tree, and Big Bend National Parks, and in Anza Borrego Desert State Park in California. McIntyre wrote his first two books about his time in Denali: Denali National Park: An Island in Time (Albion, 1986) and Grizzly Cub: Five Years in the Life of a Bear (Alaska Northwest, 1990).

McIntyre spent the last 24 years in Yellowstone National Park, rising at dawn nearly every day to study the wolf packs. According to McIntyre, Yellowstone is the best place on earth to observe wolves in the wild. McIntyre also has two wolf books to his credit: A Society of Wolves: National Parks and the Battle over the Wolf (Voyager Press, 1993, 1996) and War against the Wolf; America's Campaign to Exterminate the Wolf, Rick McIntyre, Editor (Voyager Press 1993, 1996).

During his many years in Yellowstone, Mc-Intyre has given lectures and field tours to tens of thousands of students, tourists and wolf aficionados and has helped countless people see wild wolves for the first time.

Rick McIntyre will be a featured speaker, along with Nate Blakeslee, at the W.O.L.F. "Alo-Howl" Gala on April 21 in Fort Collins. Make sure to make your reservations today!

Wolf Facts & Tracks

By Michelle Proulx



AHOTE - Male

Birthday: May 19, 2009 Given Sanctuary: July 18, 2015 Companion: Kaileah Guardian Angel: Lisha Doucet

Likes: Playing with Kaileah

Dislikes: Being touched by his caretakers **Favorite Food:** Gravy canned dog food

Fun Fact: Ahote will often startle his caretakers when he suddenly appears seemingly out of no-

where next to the fence as they walk by.

Personality: Ahote is an aloof and standoffish boy most of the time, preferring to observe the goings on from up on the hill. However, if his companion gets excited about her caretakers visiting, Ahote sometimes will play the role of the "jealous boyfriend" and will approach to poke at Kaileah to redirect her attention back to him. If he cannot distract her, he will often grump at his caretakers until Kaileah tries to chase him away, effectively getting her to pay attention to him.

Colorado Gives Day Success!

Our Colorado Gives Day fundraiser was a howling success, thanks to YOU, our supporters! We asked for your help to get us to our goal of \$60,000 which, if reached, would earn us another \$15,000 from a private donor's incentive gift match. Not only did contributions from nearly 600 supporters beat our goal, but the overall total raised for CO Gives was \$85,000! This is a delightful amount that will help us with our base operating budget that runs around \$600,000 annually.

And it's very important to honor the individual who put in the most effort for raising funds—Outlaw! He made lots of requests to our social media followers and kept staff on their toes (he'd make a good drill sergeant). His only request was that he be rewarded with a doughnut only if our goal was reached—and we gladly honored that request, delivering his reward on a silver platter!



AMARIS - Female

Birthday: July 14, 2008
Given Sanctuary: July 14, 2016
Companion: Indigo
Guardian Angel: Marie Olagnero

Likes: Sleeping

Dislikes: Moving from her favorite spot **Favorite Food:** Any kind of meat

Fun Fact: Amaris gets so excited at feeding time that she will run the fence with the ATV "spy hopping" along the way.

Personality: Amaris is a very lazy girl and is most often observed doing her best impression of a rock in her habitat. It generally takes a lot of encouragement to get her move around. Despite her

couragement to get her move around. Despite her laziness, Amaris can be quite nimble and athletic when she wants to be and has been observed racing up and down her enclosure with her fenceline neighbors when they are playing. She also shows off her speed when competing for treats with her

sister Indigo, often winning the race.





ARIEL - Female

Birthday: December 21, 2003 Given Sanctuary: July 23, 2013 Companion: Pax Guardian Angel: Alyssa McCall

Likes: Hiding in her fire den

Dislikes: Being seen Favorite Food: Steak

Fun Fact: If being observed by her caretakers, Ariel will almost never stop moving unless there is a bush or tree between her and the observer.

Personality: Ariel is an extremely timid and shy girl who chooses to remain out of sight of her caretakers as much as possible. Though it is rare to see Ariel out and about, it is always a thrill when it happens. Her caretakers will watch her out of the corner of their eyes while pretending to not notice her curious gaze so as not to startle her into returning to her den. On the very rare occasion that Ariel will come down and allow her caretakers to view her up close, there is always a feeling of awe.

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