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Proceeds raised at the gala benefit the wolves we love and help with the move to our new property. Consider a ticket to our gala as a nice Christmas present for you or a loved one! Information on reservations, the gourmet buffet with vegetarian and vegan options, donation and sponsorship opportunities will be available at www.wolfsanctuary.net/a-truly-wolf-affair.

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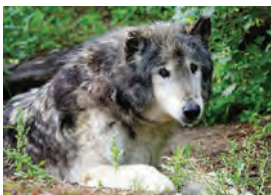
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Letter from the Director



Dear W.O.L.F. Supporters:

It is fall, and the changing of the seasons is often a time for reflection on the past and the future. In this issue we say goodbye to our beloved Tonka who passed away peacefully on August 10 at 16 years of age. We were able to help ease him from this world to the next with his loyal humans at his side.

Now we look to the future with the rescue of two new animals: the puppy Zakai and our young male wolf dog Takoda. In this issue you can read about their history, rescue and adaptation to life at W.O.L.F. Both boys are doing amazingly well. Takoda has been able to help JJ renew her zest for life, and the baby wolf dog Zakai has found his place in the world. He is totally bonded to Tenali who has become his surrogate Mom. Both Takoda and Zakai are young animals, and they will be with us for many years to come.

We have some exciting events on the horizon. Our largest fundraiser of the year is Colorado Gives Day which will be held on December 4, 2018. We are setting an ambitious goal of \$100,000, but we know from our experience that our supporters are generous

and willing to dig deep to help us meet our goals for the Sanctuary. Read about how to give at <https://www.coloradogives.org/cogivesday>.

There are many ways to give to W.O.L.F. at year end through gifts of stocks, cash donations and planned giving. In this issue, you can read about how to use your estate planning as a vehicle to help W.O.L.F. in the future. You may provide a legacy gift that helps to ensure the safety of our wolves and wolf dogs securing their future.

Stay tuned for a look at some unique Holiday merchandise that will make perfect gifts for those you love and will help our animals too! You can review our holiday merchandise on our W.O.L.F. website at <http://wolfsanctuary.co/store/>.

We love to report the progress on our new Red Feather Lakes property; here are some of the items we are focused on this fall:

- Continuing mitigation work and preparing the land for building animal habitats.
- Finalizing detailed architectural and engineering plans and County submissions to obtain the necessary permits before the end of the year.
- Sharing designs with potential bidders for the various aspects of the property buildout.
- Complete year end work before winter and prepare to begin construction in Spring, 2019.

Our wolves and wolf dogs love fall and the nip in the air and are beginning to put on their winter coats. We hope you are enjoying a glorious fall too!

As always, humbly and gratefully yours,
Shelley

Your Estate Planning and W.O.L.F.

By Susan Weidel

There are many ways to make your gift to W.O.L.F. create a big impact on the Sanctuary and our programs. One of the easiest ways to create this impact is through an estate gift to W.O.L.F. through your will, trust, or other financial plan. When you make an estate gift, you help protect our wolves far into the future.

Over the last several years, W.O.L.F. received a number of estate gifts from supporters who included W.O.L.F. in bequests through wills, insurance policies, and annuities. We are filled with gratitude for these unexpected and generous acts of compassion that have helped to sustain the Sanctuary and provide for the health and safety of the animals we all love so much.

Estate gifts are often some of the least understood ways to have a lasting impact on W.O.L.F. These gifts may provide tax benefits to donors while simultaneously helping the 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. Recent changes in the tax laws may make it more appealing to consider estate gifts. Some of the most common forms of estate gifts include:

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 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 simple codicil (supplement) without the need to redo the entire document. It is always a good idea to review your will and the rest of your estate plan as the circumstances change in your life.

Individual Retirement Account (IRA) – You can name W.O.L.F. as the beneficiary of an IRA.

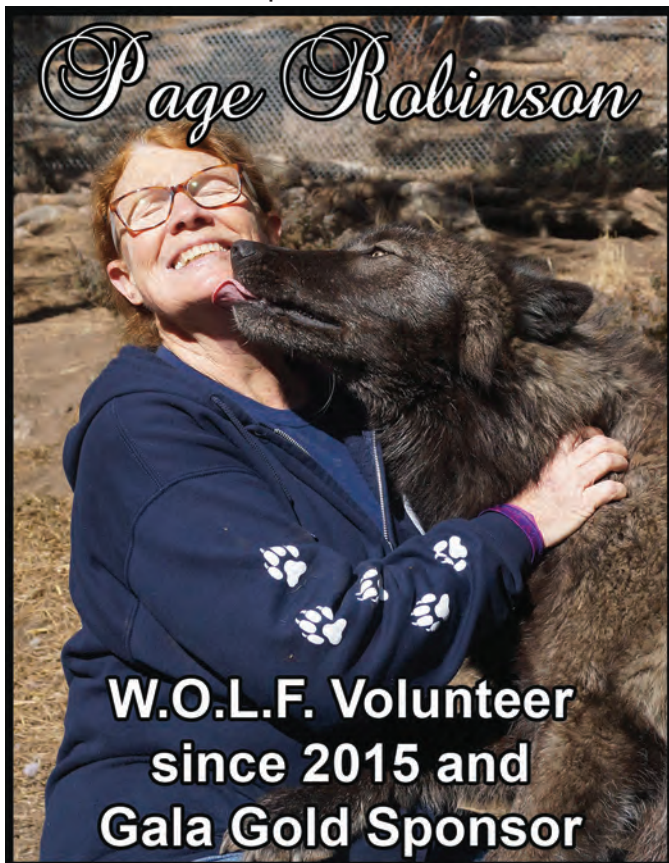
Life Insurance Proceeds – Another simple way to make a legacy gift is to designate W.O.L.F. as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy. This is a simple and effective way to make a gift that will make a difference for the wolves.

Charitable Trust – You can 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 best suits your circumstances.

There are many ways to protect your loved ones and remember your favorite charities. 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 plan, please contact Susan Weidel, Rescue Coordinator, at W.O.L.F. at sweidel@wolfsanctuary.net.

Susan will be happy to provide you and your attorney with helpful information about W.O.L.F. as a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization.

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



New Members Join the W.O.L.F. Pack

By Susan Weidel

Rescuing and bringing new wolves and wolf dogs to the Sanctuary is always a process that brings sadness as well as joy. Because our population is limited to 30 animals, and we are always at capacity, one of W.O.L.F.'s animals must pass to rescue another. In the last few months, W.O.L.F. lost Rajan and Tonka. Both were long-time residents, and the loss of these great beings brought great sadness and grief for the beloved wolves who lived at W.O.L.F. for so many years.

But the other side of the dark cloud is the light and joy that comes from rescuing animals in great need. W.O.L.F. had the opportunity to adopt two such animals this summer.

Zakai

W.O.L.F. received a rescue call for help in mid-August from a young woman in Nebraska. She had a 16-week-old male wolf dog pup who needed to find a permanent sanctuary placement. The pup, named Kai, was born in April 2018 to a private breeder. A person contacted the breeder about buying the pup but unlike most buyers, who usually pick up a wolf pup before its eyes have opened, this one asked the breeder to hold onto him until he was around 8 weeks old. Eventually, the sale fell through, and the breeder, knowing there would be less interest in a wolf pup already that old, began dropping the sale price as Kai grew older.



The young woman heard about him and went to see the pup. He was being kept isolated in a small room because the breeder did not want him to bond with anyone unless they would agree to buy him. The breeder was not interacting with him and he was totally alone. The pup was very frightened when she arrived, and the woman could not leave him. She immediately bought him and took him home.



Through constant love, dedication and tireless work, she and the little pup, whom she named Kai, formed a very strong bond in just a few weeks though he continued to remain wary with strangers. However, the young woman's living situation changed, and she quickly realized that she did not have adequate space to keep the young wolf dog happy. She reached out to W.O.L.F. to see if placement at the Sanctuary was an option.

W.O.L.F.'s Executive Director and the Director of Animal Care discussed the pup and decided to accept him as a possible companion for Bella, the wolf dog who recently lost her beloved companion Rajan.

Two days later, the young woman, her mother and the pup made the journey to W.O.L.F. The young woman introduced the shy pup to the staff. She and her mother stayed to watch the pup meet potential companions. Bella was introduced first, and she made it very clear that she did not want to have anything to do with the little wolf.



She was still grieving for her long-time companion Rajan.

Tenali was next. At first, she was overwhelmed by the pup's enthusiasm. However, she soon began to play and wrestled and roughhoused with Kai for hours before they both fell into a

state of exhaustion. It looked like things were going to work splendidly between the two of them.



The human Mom, who took such good care of the pup said her goodbyes and promised to come back to visit him. She loved him very much, but she unselfishly turned him over to Tenali. The young woman recognized that Kai needed a life with other animals of his own kind and a surrogate wolf Mom who would teach him how to behave.

Tenali has taken on the role of a teacher for the pup. Her confidence and patience are helping him overcome his fear of humans. With Tenali as a security blanket, he will now approach his caretakers and do what puppies do best, explore his environment

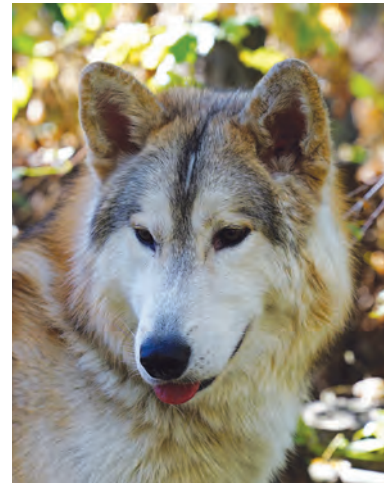


and see just what he might be able to run off with. Tenali is also extremely tolerant of his antics and is more than willing to help him burn off some of his youthful energy by playing with him. They have become an inseparable duo who are perfectly

matched.

Since W.O.L.F. already had an animal named Kai we asked his human Mom if we could change his name. She was agreeable, and he received the new name of Zakai, which means "innocent" in Hebrew. The name fits the little wolf perfectly.

Takoda



With the loss of Tonka, W.O.L.F. needed to find a companion for JJ who lived with Tonka for the last year of his life. Rescue staff scoured the country to look for a suitable companion for JJ and to find an animal who was in desperate need of rescue.

The search came to a successful conclusion when W.O.L.F. received a call from a rescue colleague at Wolf Haven International in Tenino, Washington. The call was a plea for help for a young male wolf dog named Dakota.

Dakota had been seized as part of a criminal case and was placed in a shelter in Olympia, Washington in January 2018. By August, the young wolf dog was still sitting in the same small kennel with limited human contact and no outside time or animal companionship. (continued on page 9)





Tenali & Zakai



He desperately needed to find a placement that would suit a young wolf dog who required exercise, a proper raw diet and the companionship of another animal. When W.O.L.F.'s staff heard about Dakota, they were very concerned about his physical and mental health because of his long confinement. W.O.L.F. made the decision to rescue Dakota who could be an ideal companion for JJ, who was shy and lonely.

The rescue team was assembled and included the Director of Animal Care, the Director of W.O.L.F. Facilities and a W.O.L.F. Board member who had a great deal of animal experience. In mid-September, the team took a late flight to Seattle, rented a transport van and made the drive to Olympia, Washington. After a brief night's rest, the team went to the shelter in Olympia and met with Dakota. He was a friendly boy who really wanted to make friends and begin his new life. His human friends at the Shelter gathered to say goodbye and wished him Godspeed on his long journey.

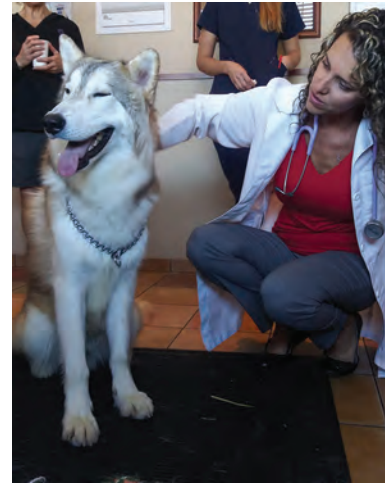
The transport team easily loaded Dakota into a crate and then into the transport van. They were off on a 19-hour drive from Olympia, Washington to Wellington, CO where Dakota would have a full veterinary examination and his neuter surgery.



He was a great traveler. He slept, ate snacks and was curious about his surroundings.

Oftentimes, part of getting a new home at W.O.L.F. may also include getting a new name to celebrate a new life. After receiving numerous suggestions

from W.O.L.F.'s social media followers, the young wolf dog was renamed Takoda. It means "friend to everyone" which is so fitting for the new boy. He is very social and friendly, and he enjoys meeting new people and getting lots of attention.



After Takoda had a full veterinarian examination and neuter surgery, he was ready for the final leg of his journey. He made the short drive to the Sanctuary and was placed in his new home with his new companion JJ. The two had a slow introduction. Ta-

koda spent his first night in his new habitat separated from JJ by an internal fence. Once the two were formally introduced, they quickly began to bond despite the fact that Takoda is 18 months old and JJ is 14 years old.

They have a perfect May/December romance. JJ has a new lease on life. She has been very reclusive and introverted since she lost her original companion Odin. Her relationship with Tonka, her most recent companion, was similar to roommates without a strong connection. Since Tonka's death, JJ retreated even further into solitude. Staff and volunteers rarely saw her except at the very top of her enclosure. She was never an animal who enjoyed much human contact, but she became more isolated after Tonka's death.

T a k o d a changed all of that. He is young, handsome and very energetic. He loves to be adored by JJ and by his new human family. Takoda and JJ are together most of the time. JJ now comes to the bottom of the enclosure to spend time with Takoda.



They walk together and play together every day. JJ is much more involved in life, and she is totally smitten with Takoda. She follows him and stays close by his side. For his part, Takoda who spent nine months alone in a shelter kennel with very little human contact and no animal contact, his new life is pure joy. Takoda has stolen little JJ's heart as she has stolen his. It is remarkable to watch the bond develop and grow. The relationship has given JJ a great renaissance of the spirit. Takoda now has the companionship and a strong emotional bond that was absent from his life in a shelter. Seeing these two animals blossom is what makes W.O.L.F. such a very special place.



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But why 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 \$1 million 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 4th.**

Even if you don't live in Colorado, you can still donate! But remember, in order for your contribution to be counted toward the incentive fund **all donations must be given online through the Colorado Gives Day website on the 4th or you can pre-schedule starting now to ensure your donation is secured for the big day.** To pre-schedule, simply click the "[CO Gives Day](#)" option under the "[Donation Frequency](#)" button to guarantee your contribution gets credited to December 4th. If you choose to wait until the 4th, you will have a full 24 hours, starting at 12 a.m., to make your donation.

Pre-schedule in November or mark your calendars and Donate at www.coloradogives.org/WOLF Tuesday December 4th, 2018 starting at midnight.



In Loving Memory of Tonka

By Michelle Proulx

Tonka's life started in 2002 at a breeding operation in Arkansas. When the breeder suddenly abandoned the wolves with his girlfriend with no explanation or funds to care for the 15 animals, she turned to the local humane society for help. Unfortunately, as is the case with many shelters, they couldn't take the wolves because wolves are considered un-adoptable and therefore generally euthanized shortly after arrival. Not wanting the animals to be killed, a volunteer from the shelter agreed to help try to locate placement for the wolves elsewhere. When that volunteer was unsuccessful finding homes for the animals, the girlfriend turned to the local sheriff for assistance. Appallingly, the sheriff's solution was to come in and shoot all the wolves. By the time he was done, only Tonka and two other pups remained alive.

Luckily for Tonka and the other pups, the humane society volunteer stepped in again and was able to save their lives. Though she had rescued the pups from execution, they still needed a place to go immediately. When she contacted W.O.L.F. and we heard their story, we knew we had to do something and urgently began looking for a way to help. At the time, W.O.L.F. didn't have room at the Sanctuary to house them but as luck would have it, one of W.O.L.F.'s volunteers did have the ability to care for the pups and agreed to hold them until space opened up at the Sanctuary.

Tonka remained at the volunteer's home with the two others, Ozzie and Noel, until 2010. Both Ozzie and Noel had unexpectedly passed away by then and Tonka was all alone. As luck would have it, the Sanctuary finally had space for him on site and he was introduced to two sisters, Meeka and Tala. Though we rarely like to put two females together and almost never try to introduce a male into an established group of females, Tonka was amazing at navigating the tricky social situation and the three wolves developed a strong bond. Though none of them wanted to be around people, they seemed to boost each other's confidence and the three of them would often come running down the hill to bounce and chuff at their caretakers through the fence at feeding times.

Unfortunately, by 2014 Meeka and Tala had both passed and Tonka was again alone. W.O.L.F. tried him with a few other individuals but nobody seemed to click until he was placed with an older female named Makoce in 2015. By this point, Tonka was arthritic and slowing down which suited Makoce just fine and the two fell into a quiet routine, each content to have the other as company but not needing much else. They would spend their days watching their caretakers from the top of their habitat and lived quite happily together until Makoce passed away in 2017.

Once again Tonka had outlived his companion. W.O.L.F. was worried that he might start to give up to grief so he was soon placed with a slightly younger female named JJ. Like with Makoce, they fell into a routine of lazy days spent basking in the sun at the top of their habitat. With Tonka's mobility decreasing as he continued to age, JJ took on the role of caretaker and would often stay close to Tonka. While it was sweet, it did make giving Tonka his pain medications challenging as JJ would often try to sneak in and grab them before Tonka even knew that a treat had been offered.

Over the years as Tonka's arthritis had worsened. He had been receiving stem cell treatments in addition to the medication to make him comfortable. In August 2018, the treatments didn't seem to be helping anymore and Tonka had begun to struggle getting around his habitat. On August 10, 2018 the heartbreaking decision was made to help him pass. We are honored to have been able to help care for Tonka for most of his almost 17 years and we will miss him forever.

Wolf Facts & Tracks

By Michelle Proulx

DENALI - Male

Birthday: May 4, 2004

Given Sanctuary: January 24, 2015

Companion: Cree

Guardian Angel: Liz Gordon

Likes: Rolling in interesting smells.

Dislikes: Being left out when Cree gets treats.

Favorite Food: Meat, with no pills in it please!

Fun Fact: Denali will usually poop just after his caretakers have finished cleaning the area.

Personality: Denali is an inquisitive individual who will usually come down to see what his caretakers are doing when they are in his habitat. Although he has never shown any interest in directly interacting with humans, he seems to enjoy being close by when they are around, checking out everything that they have done. However, Denali often feels the need to let his caretakers know exactly whose home they are in and will regularly remark his territory as he follows them around.



INDIGO - Female

Birthday: July 14, 2008

Given Sanctuary: July 14, 2016

Companion: Amaris

Guardian Angel: Cythnia Lewis

Likes: Making silly faces.

Dislikes: Not being fed promptly.

Favorite Food: Everything.

Fun Fact: Indigo will "bunny hop" in excitement whenever she gets treats.

Personality: Indigo is a standoffish female who is aware of everything that goes on around her and usually keeps a good distance away from her caretakers, trying to predict where they are planning to go next. She is not always on the run, however, and will often follow close behind her caretakers as they move to leave the habitat, as long as she thinks they don't know she is there. If she is seen, she will often stop and start sniffing at the ground as if to say, "I wasn't following you, see?"



The care we provide for our wolves is only possible because of your support. Thank you for helping us thrive over the years. Your compassion is an inspiration to all of us here at W.O.L.F.

Wishing You Joyous Howlidays and a Peaceful New Year



Out with the Old & In with the New!

W.O.L.F. is happy to announce that its newly redesigned apparel is just in time to make gift giving easy this Howliday season. With new designs and a greater variety, you are sure to find something for everyone on your list! Go to www.wolfsanctuary.net/store to view all of our wonderful new items.

And for those in your family who don't want material things, consider gifting them an annual membership to W.O.L.F.! It is a great way to help the Sanctuary while also giving a meaningful gift that lasts the entire year.

And don't forget to order a beautiful 2019 calendar for all your friends so no one misses an important event. Calendars are on sale for only \$12. Supply is limited, so make sure to order today!

Orders must be placed by December 10th to assure that they will be received in time for Christmas!





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