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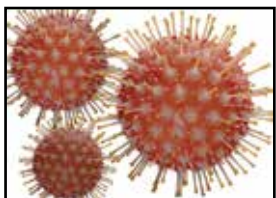
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- Sanctuary** - Provide a lifelong home at W.O.L.F. in a natural habitat that takes into account each individual's physical, medical & emotional needs;
- Education** - Provide the public with education about the plight of wolves and wolf dogs (both captive-born and wild) to help foster a greater understanding of them and their value.

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Letter from the Director



Dear W.O.L.F. Supporters

Today we are thinking about the changes we all are experiencing with life in the time of COVID-19. Here at W.O.L.F. we are doing everything we can to keep our wolves, staff, and volunteers safe and healthy. In order to do that, we have made many changes in our Sanctuary procedures and our public events.

As many of you know, we have postponed our annual gala. The Snowball Masque-Fur-Aid was scheduled for May 2. However, we cannot go forward with that date and protect our guests and supporters. In order to keep everyone safe, we have rescheduled the Gala for August 29 at the Fort Collins Hilton. We hope that we will be able to go forward and celebrate W.O.L.F. and a return to a more normal existence. We will keep our supporters and friends up to date as the days go forward. We have insti-

tuted new procedures at the Sanctuary to keep our staff and volunteers safe as they care for our wolves and wolf dogs. We have a new volunteer schedule that limits the number of people who can be at the Sanctuary on any given day. We are also practicing safe social distancing to protect all of those who work to maintain the routine care for our animals and keep their lives as normal as possible.

It is imperative that we keep our wolves healthy and well fed during this critical time. While we were prepared for local disaster relief, we never could have predicted the devastation in daily life that COVID-19 has caused. It is now necessary to consider the food supply for our animals over the long haul. We have been blessed with amazing generosity from our supporters who have donated food and other supplies for our animals. Because we do not know how long the COVID crisis will last, we welcome additional donations of food for our wolves. You can find a safe and simple way to donate through our Amazon Wish list at <https://wolfsanctuary.co/donation-wish-list/>. Additionally, we are seeing a dramatic decrease in meats donated by our local grocers who are dealing with keeping shelves stocked during this global crisis. Gift cards with local grocers and other stores would be helpful to maintain our supply of fresh meats for the animals. Suggested gifts cards from King Soopers, Safeway, Beaver's Market, Costco, and Wal-Mart to name a few, would be greatly appreciated.

Sadly, as this newsletter went to press, we had to help our beloved Skye cross the Rainbow Bridge. Please read the very moving tribute inside to our beautiful Skye. With the sorrowful losses of Skye and Denali, our hearts heal as we continue to find joy in watching our wolves and wolf dogs flourish at the Sanctuary and welcome the addition of our new W.O.L.F. pack member Kovu.

The wolves have loved the winter racing up and down the mountainside playing and rolling in the snow. Now that spring is upon us, they are happy to watch as their caregivers inspect each habitat for any snow damage and prepare for the long days of sunshine and warmer weather.

It is our great privilege to care for these beautiful animals, and we will keep them safe through the COVID crisis. We fully recognize the difficult times both financially and emotionally of our friends and supporters. We want to urge you to stay safe, practice washing your paws, and maintain the correct social distance from others. We will do the same.

As always, humbly and gratefully yours,
Shelley, Executive Director

Kovu Joins the W.O.L.F. Pack

By Susan Weidel & Michelle Proulx



Meet Kovu. He is the newest rescue animal at W.O.L.F. In mid-February, a wolf dog owner in Rifle, CO called W.O.L.F.'s Rescue Coordinator. The woman had a young wolf dog, and she needed help. The owner described Kovu as

a yearling wolf dog who her daughter got from a midwestern breeder.

Kovu was 12 weeks old when he came home to Colorado, and he had not been properly socialized by the breeder. He was always very shy with humans and as he matured, he did not want to be touched or handled. His family was unable to get him into a car to take him to a veterinarian for neutering and additional shots. The mother was the only one in the family who could work with Kovu at all. He constantly paced in his enclosure and was extremely anxious whenever any humans approached. Kovu's only solace was the other family dogs. He enjoyed being with them and felt at ease when he could play. As time went

on, he became increasingly more frightened, and he could not tolerate any human attention or contact. The owner's vet recommended medicating Kovu with an anti-anxiety medication, but it had no effect on him.

The owner was desperate and called W.O.L.F. to see if staff could provide any advice or would be willing to rescue Kovu. She loved Kovu and did not want to re-home him, but she knew that if he never grew comfortable around people, she could not give him the life he deserved. She was afraid that as he matured, he would try to escape his enclosure and he would never return.



Her worst fears were that he would be hit by a car or shot. After several phone conversations with the W.O.L.F.'s rescue team, the owner realized that her only option was to try to find sanctuary placement for Kovu.









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W.O.L.F. was looking for an appropriate companion for an older female named Cree who lost her longtime companion Denali on February 5th. Cree was lonely and increasingly more anxious and reclusive. W.O.L.F. staff felt she needed a new companion to help her with her anxiety and loneliness. They felt that Cree needed a companion who would not challenge her and would be submissive to the older female. Cree did not enjoy much human interaction, and a shy wolf would be a good fit for her.

After several discussions and a review of potential companions for Cree, W.O.L.F.'s Executive Director and Director of Animal Care made the decision to rescue Kovu and provide him with lifetime sanctuary. Though significantly younger than Cree, Kovu was shy, and he never challenged the dogs in his family. He was submissive and very respectful of the more dominant dog.



Early in the morning on February 27th, the transport team arrived at Kovu's home. His owner gave him the prescribed medication an hour prior to the team's arrival so that Kovu would more be relaxed and easier to handle. The transport team was experienced with catch-up for shy and frightened animals, and they quickly maneuvered Kovu safely into the transport crate with very little stress for him. Once Kovu was loaded into the transport vehicle, the team headed down the highway for the four-hour trip to Colorado State Veterinary Teaching Hospital where Kovu would have a complete physical before he was transported to the Sanctuary.

Wonderfully, Kovu received a clean bill of health and was able to go straight into the habitat with Cree. Kovu was released into the lower area of the habitat to allow for Cree and him to be able to meet each other safely through a fence. While there were a few brief passes along the fence by Cree, both of them were too nervous with their



Because Cree continued to display anxiety, the transport team moved quickly and made the trip to Rifle to rescue Kovu. Since Kovu could not tolerate human contact, the transport team consulted with W.O.L.F.'s veterinarian to determine an appropriate dose of medication that would help Kovu relax during the catch up and crating for his trip to the Sanctuary. The transport team arrived in Rifle the evening before the transport. They had an opportunity to meet Kovu and his owner and deliver the medication to her to administer with his breakfast the next morning. The team observed Kovu and developed a plan for his catch-up with the least amount of stress for him.



human audience to do much interaction. Staff backed off to allow them some space. Once it was determined that a conflict between the two was unlikely, the gate separating them was opened and Kovu was allowed to explore his new home for the first time.



While there were a few abbreviated greetings between Cree and Kovu, Kovu was way more intent on exploring the mountainside. He had never been able to run in an area that large before and the trees and bushes were almost foreign to him. In fact, his attempts to navigate the mountainside made him look like a puppy tripping over his too-large feet as he tried to be everywhere at once. He even started digging a hole, something he was unable to do at his previous home because of the concrete floor of his kennel. Watching Kovu explore was like observing a kid at Christmas discovering Santa left an entire room full of presents.



While Kovu readily adjusted to his new surroundings he was still extremely nervous around his caretakers and Cree became his security blanket. Wherever she was, Kovu wasn't too far behind. Kovu wouldn't even come down to eat when his caretakers put out food unless Cree came down and investigated the bowls first. To make sure Kovu was eating, caretakers would have to hide so he couldn't see them observing him.

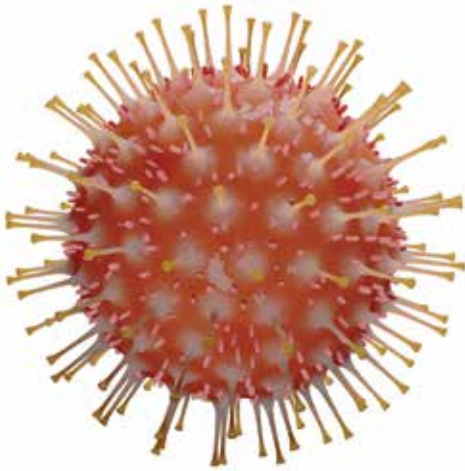
Kovu has been at W.O.L.F. for a little over two and a half months and he is slowly becoming more relaxed and confident. He is getting along



well with Cree, but is starting to be a little more independent. He no longer needs Cree to investigate the food first and has also stopped waiting for Cree to drop food on the ground or stealing it directly from her mouth as he is now comfortable eating out of the bowls. He has even started to show a little more confidence around his caretakers, on occasion coming close enough to allow them to toss him a treat.

We know that Kovu has a long road still ahead of him to become truly comfortable with his new home. It is a joy to see him slowly inch his way out of his shell and we celebrate every baby step he takes. We look forward to getting to know Kovu for years to come.

W.O.L.F.'s Navigation Though COVID-19



tional funding, but regarding our partnerships with distribution centers providing us with essential necessities for the rescued animals in our care. Nonprofits are experiencing a decline in support as we know this pandemic has greatly impacted the entire human race worldwide, making this an arduous time for everyone.

First and foremost, we wanted to thank all of our supporters who have donated to us over the years, shared our rescue stories, and have demonstrated passion for the animals at W.O.L.F. Without your support, we could not continue to do what we love—rescuing wolves and wolf dogs who truly need a second chance at life. To those of you who continue to donate during this critical time, we cannot express enough how grateful we are for your contributions.

As many of you know, W.O.L.F. Sanctuary is a nonprofit that rescues captive born wolves and wolf dogs with a focus on our Mission of Rescue, Sanctuary and Education. We do not receive government funding and rely heavily on donations in order to ensure the future of the wolves and wolf dogs within our care, as well as assist in animal rescue coordination efforts nationwide. Grants

are minimal within our world of animal welfare due to the fact we cannot release the animals in our care into the wild and we cannot adopt our animals into public homes, nor would we ever recommend that approach.

Our operating costs continue to grow, and we are still proactively moving forward with the construction and infrastructure build out at Red Feather Lakes. This of course takes not only dedication by the staff and volunteers within our organization, but consistent funding as well.

Our second largest annual fundraiser of the year, our spring gala, has been postponed to late August, 2020 to ensure the health and safety of our supporters as this is of paramount importance to us. While we are incredibly excited in continuing to plan our 2020 Snow Ball Masque-Fur-Aid, there has been an evident lapse in funding until our event takes place.

If you are interested in continuing to help support W.O.L.F. Sanctuary during this ambiguous and challenging time, please find a list of examples on the following page.



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- Join us at our August 29, 2020 Snow Ball Masque-Fur-Aid at The Hilton, Fort Collins. Register for tickets, bid on exclusive auction items, meet our furry animal ambassadors and more.
<https://wolfsanctuary.co/tickets/>
- Know of a licensed general contractor who would love to help build the wolves' future forever home in Red Feather Lakes, Colorado? Please direct all referrals to JKole@wolfsanctuary.net.

Again, we want to share our heartfelt comfort to our supporters and animal advocates across the globe. Without you, we could not exist and your love for animals is what inspires us every day to continue rescuing more wolves and wolf dogs in need. We look to the future for when we can open our doors at Red Feather Lakes and welcome you with a smile and a story that we hope will forever impact your heart.





Kovu & Cree



Netflix Series *Tiger King* is not Something to Roar About

By Jessica Kole

On March 20th, Netflix released a docuseries titled *Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem and Madness* sharing the story of Joe Exotic, an eccentric zoo owner formally based in Wynnewood, Oklahoma. The series connects viewers with a behind-the-scenes glimpse into his world filled with financial turmoil, a murder plot, his personal relationships—all at the expense of the animals within his care.



In 2019, Joe was convicted of murder for hire and animal abuse, inclusive of charges specific to killing tigers at his Wynnewood zoo. In January 2020, he was officially sentenced to 22 years imprisonment, and he is now seeking \$94 million in damages

for false imprisonment and loss of his business. The outlandish series has acquired over 34 million viewers within its initial release and has caused a major controversy on the topic of sanctuary and zoo life across the nation.

As some may argue, the series sheds light on individuals within the industry who do not practice ethical animal care. But there is a big gap when it comes to acknowledging organizations that do exist solely for the protection of exotic wildlife. In fact, the series portrays the notion of “sanctuary life” as a hoax, offending animal advocates who spend their lives ensuring the health and safety of captive-born animals who cannot be released into the wild due to human interference. It should be publicly acknowledged that ethical organizations do exist, and must exist, due to the negligence and brutality of humans.



A prime example of unscrupulous human interference is the appalling story of Terri Petter, owner and operator of Fur-Ever Wild, a “petting zoo” where the public would gather to pet wolf pups amongst other exotic young animals. However, once the animals reached maturity, they were brutally killed and pelted by Petter and her team, and the furs were sold on-site at her facility gift shop. In late 2017, LARC (Lockwood Animal Rescue Center) worked tirelessly to rescue the animals at Petter’s fur farm. When the county Sheriff finally permitted LARC to enter Petter’s property pursuant to a valid court order, all the exotic animals—wolves, big cats, foxes, coyotes and more -- had mysteriously disappeared.

In 2018, LARC located 26 of the wolves who had been secretly transported to, you guessed it, the Oklahoma zoo operated by the Tiger King himself, Joe Maldonado “Exotic”. Prior to Exotic’s legal indictments, he agreed to surrender to LARC



the wolves that came from Petter's Fur-Ever Wild fur farm. One of the animals who was rescued from Exotic's "zoo," was W.O.L.F. Sanctuary's very own Ember, given sanctuary in Colorado in 2019 with the help of the LARC team. Without ethical rescue, coordination, and proper sanctuary involvement, the fate of Ember would be unknown, and it is possible she would still be on display at Exotic's so called "zoo".



We want to remind our supporters and the public that ethical sanctuaries need to and do exist. Until strict laws are put in place specifically to discourage exotic animal breeding, fur farming, and immoral tourism, the fate of these animals will almost always be threatened. A true sanctuary does not breed animals or sell animals for profit. They will not encourage engagement of direct, unwanted human interaction with their animals for profit and will put the wellness and safety of the



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animal first, always. When considering making a donation to a so-called sanctuary, we urge supporters to visit Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org) to learn more about the organization's history and view their annual report online in detail. Non-profits such as W.O.L.F. do not receive government funding and rely heavily on donations from the public.

We hope this article will bring light to organizations who share a sincere mission for animal wellness and conservation. It is imperative that unethical organizations can one day be shut down and forced to stop exploiting animals for personal gain. I can assure you, not all sanctuaries and rescues are operated by egomaniacs or aspiring flower children.

Netflix may have tried to uncover the secret underbelly of the exploitation of captive born exotic animals, but instead they glorified a world of bizarre characters and criminals. The public would have been better served if the series instead focused on the criminality of people like Joe Exotic and showed the organizations who ethically put every dollop of their souls into caring for exotic animals who are so often subjected to extreme abuse and neglect.

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Skye's Story

By Michelle Proulx

Rescued in August 2019 from West Virginia, Skye arrived at W.O.L.F. in critical condition. Likely several months prior to being picked up as a stray by a local animal shelter, she had suffered severe abdominal trauma which ultimately resulted in a herniated diaphragm. Because Skye didn't outwardly present the physical signs of a traumatic injury, her condition went undiagnosed until arriving at W.O.L.F.'s veterinarian's office for a routine exam prior to being brought to the Sanctuary. X-rays showed that most of her digestive tract had moved up into her chest cavity and was compromising her lung function. Immediate surgery was necessary to save her life.

Skye pulled through the surgery well and everyone hoped that would be the end of her medical issues, but that was not to be the case. Soon after, she began having seizures as a result of a condition known as hepatic encephalopathy. Essentially the trauma done to her abdomen damaged her liver and as a result toxins that were normally filtered out by the liver were building up in her system. She was placed on medications to help remove the toxins and she quickly showed marked improvement.

Unfortunately, that was not the end of Skye's medical drama and a month after her first seizure, she had another grand mal and her temperature spiked dangerously high. Upon arriving at the vet hospital it was determined that her hepatic encephalopathy had resolved sufficiently and could be ruled out as the cause of her latest bout of seizures. Brain imaging led neurologists to conclude that Skye had developed idiopathic epilepsy as a result of her previous seizure episode. She was placed on additional medications to manage her epilepsy.

While conducting these tests they also discovered her immune system was severely compromised; no platelets or white blood cells were showing up in her lab work. Additional tests were done while she was under supportive care at the vet hospital to determine the cause. Ultimately they concluded that she might have another condition called myelodysplastic syndrome, which inhibited her body's ability to produce white blood cells. Unexpectedly, with only antibiotics and supportive care, Skye's white blood cell counts spontaneously improved and she was once again released back to the Sanctuary.

After that event, there were four, long glorious months where Skye suffered from no major medical issues and overall appeared to be slowly but steadily improving. She was a moderately social troublemaker who delighted as much as frustrated her caretakers with her antics. Unfortunately it was not to last and in late January Skye once again began having cluster grand mal seizures. Though dosages were adjusted and additional medications were added to control her seizures, Skye never regained the same vigor or zest for life as in previous months. The medications left her feeling sedated and still did not fully control her seizures. There were still many good days where Skye seemed like herself but they slowly became fewer as staff monitored her quality of life from day-to-day. On April 26, the heartbreaking decision was made to help Skye pass.

Skye was a beautiful, soulful and engaging wolf dog who captured people's hearts all across the globe. Her medical challenges and triumphs were as heartbreaking as they were inspirational and showed that strength comes in many shapes and sizes. Her strong will and trouble-making tendencies were tempered by her calm tolerance and sweet nature. Though it breaks our hearts to know that she is gone from this world, we are blessed to have been able to love her for the last nine months and know that her spirit will remain forever in our hearts.



In Loving Memory of Skye

By Her Caretakers



"Skye was, in every sense, Little Big Wolf. Her diminutive size was amply offset by her courageous spirit. I'm sure the Sanctuary has seen its fair share of hardship cases, but in my nearly eight years here I don't recall encountering such an example of perseverance under fire as I have with Skye.

Her arrival at W.O.L.F. was not celebratory but cautious. She was carried up to the deck of the cabin, which would be her long-term home under the care of the staff. Still drugged from her initial vet visit, she ambled about the deck, Zach and I watching her every move. Actually, she had only one move:

clockwise, always turning clockwise, even if it meant a turn for the worse. Round and round she went. Was she exploring or just aimlessly wandering? Was it the drugs or just disinterest? She didn't respond to her name or seek attention; it was canine zen in motion. And then, she walked a straight line toward me as I was sitting on the deck; stopped when we were nose to nose; gave me a couple of gentle licks, and continued her sojourn "Around the Deck In Eighty Laps".

She was not particularly affectionate in the ways we expect most dogs to be; indeed, her past would justify having no reason to be. Through the fall and early winter she became more animated, more accepting of our overtures of affection, shaking a leg now and then with a good scratch or stretching out for a belly rub. At night when we shared the floor of the office, during her frequent midnight rounds, she would sidle up to me, bite my hair and paw at my face. Affection? Attention? Do you need to go potty? The answer was cryptic more often than not, but for one clear truth: there were no kisses bestowed—except for that one time. I didn't read too much into it; I certainly didn't deserve it. Looking back, toady I feel honored to be one who got in the way of a Skye kiss. Thank you, Sweetie—right back atcha!" - **Bob**



"From the very beginning, we knew that Skye had spunk and a zest for life. This was evident just a few days after she had come to the Sanctuary - a few days after she had major, organ-shifting surgery. She was attempting to enjoy a meal on the deck of the cabin when yellow jackets started buzzing around wanting her food. This would not be tolerated! She snapped at those pesky bugs and chased them all around the deck. Soon her hunger brought her back to her bowl for a couple bites but the yellow jackets were back! Off she went again to deal with the critters. Finally, her hunger and love of food won out. She decided to endure the yellow jackets while she ate with a few snaps at them when they got too close. It was very clear that not only was Skye not blind like originally thought, but her recent surgery and weakness from malnourishment were not going to stop her from getting what she really wanted. Skye was fiercely independent and opinionated and her spirit will be greatly missed." - **Kendra**



"Skye was an excellent roommate. Amid the occasional counter surfing, attempts to eat my food, and her potato farts she had her moments of innocence and affection. She would openly accept belly rubs and ear scratches from anyone who happened to be laying nearby then immediately demand more by placing her paw on their lap. Exploring the basement where breakfast was made and helping out by keeping the floor clean was, in her own way, a contribution to housekeeping. Skye was a very sweet girl with attitude and character to boot. Although she never paid rent and destroyed my toothbrush... and phone charger... and backpack strap... her company was considered a reward by everyone. She will be missed." - **Duncan**

"What can I say. I love that girl. Skye stole my heart the first day I met her. When Skye first came to us, she was in terrible shape. As we nursed her back to health, her strong personality emerged. She began pulling out Tupperware from the cabinet and scattering them across the cabin, jumping up on the counters to "help" with dishes and cooking, and barking at her reflection in the oven. She was full of surprises. It was a privilege to care for and get to know her. We treated her like a princess, and no one deserved it more.

I will miss taking breaks from work to lay with her on the cabin floor and give her belly rubs and pet her soft ears. She had the softest ears I've ever felt. Waking up to make her food at midnight was never easy, but seeing her do her "happy dance" for her meal made it all worth it. I loved her goofy run up to the cabin for eggs and the way she would perk up her ears and brighten her eyes when she heard the "kissy noise". I will miss her doing yoga with me on my overnights, laying down right beside my mat, scratching at my hands, sniffing my face and rolling over for belly rubs whenever I turned to face her. I never thought I would miss cooking potatoes and eggs for her for hours on end, constantly coming up with new ways to "Skye proof" the office, or waking up at all hours of the night in the dead of winter to clean up "Skye pies" in her habitat, but here we are. I would give anything to have it back. Losing animals is a part of working at a Sanctuary, but this one hurts especially. She was our princess, and now she is our angel. Love you, Skye" - **Olivia**



"I was downstairs in the basement with a few other volunteers when there was a loud thud and crash upstairs. I went up to check on Skye and there she was, with all of Bob's office supplies, inbox and binders that she had managed to pull off his desk all around her. The expression on her face was priceless. She was so pleased with herself! When I began gathering the items to put back up on the desk, she laid down on top of them to prevent me from taking them from her. When Bob walked in and saw what Skye had done, he was not pleased. It was very cute.

However, my favorite experience with Skye is the day I was on potato duty in the kitchen. Skye was determined to help herself to the potatoes on the counter as I skinned and sliced them. She was constantly jumping up on the counter and trying to steal them. It was like playing goalie in a potato soccer game. She was so cute and mischievous. I loved her dearly and miss her.” - **Keith**



“During her multiple hospitalizations at CSU, I had the privilege of sitting in the waiting room at CSU with our Director of Animal Care to receive any updates from the medical team. Occasionally, they would allow us to go back into the Critical Care Unit where she was kept to spend a few minutes with her and feed her. One day during her hospitalization at the beginning of February, I spent the day in the waiting room alone. When the medical team took me back to see Skye midday, they had me feed Skye her mashed potatoes. At one point during her meal, she raised her head and looked at me with

those deep, soulful brown eyes. That alone would have been enough to melt my heart, but she began licking my face, particularly my eyes. Skye had never been one to give me kisses, but now she emphatically washed my face over and over again as I laughed in contentment. I had dried mashed potatoes in my eyelashes for the remainder of the day. The affection from beautiful Skye that day affected me deeply. I will forever miss the gentle, sweet spirit that left my face crusted in potatoes.” - **Jillian**

Wolf Facts & Tracks

By Michelle Proulx

SPARTACUS - Male

Birthday: December 25, 2011

Given Sanctuary: September 27, 2014

Companion: Ashima

Guardian Angel: Jeffrey Mullins

Likes: Chasing Ashima.

Dislikes: Being jumped on by Ashima.

Favorite Food: Bones.

Fun Fact: When Spartacus was an ambassador he loved going to programs with children.

Personality: Spartacus is a middle aged, mid-content wolf dog who never grew up. He has boundless amounts of energy with an overly social, yet ADHD, personality. Spartacus loves to interact with his caretakers but he is easily distracted by his companion, Ashima, his neighbors, squirrels and just about everything that might move in or around his habitat. He is also almost constantly in motion as if trying to be everywhere at once and loves to play chase with Ashima.



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