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Remembering Tala



Summer 2014

Letter from the Director

Dear Supporters:

Thank you everyone for making this year's Waltz for the Wolves our best fundraiser yet! Our 10th anniversary for the gala was phenomenal. Our auction procurers: primarily Judy Collins, Becky Robinson, Sharon Sharp and Gary Buchanan, acquired exceptional items for the benefit. Debbie Dean managed to keep us organized and focused, which is no small task. Michelle Proulx was the person behind the stellar media materials and photos. Bob Proulx created the videos. Judy and Hailey Collins produced our successful premier of the Guardian Angels. Carol Mahoney, pulled into the fray only several months before the gala, garnered financial sponsors for the Waltz. Major kudos goes to Outlaw, our handsome photogenic ambassador, as well as Stacey Palm for the popular photo session. What a phenomenal team. Mark your calendars for next year's Waltz on May 30th, 2015 at the Hilton in Fort Collins.



With some fluctuations in our W.O.L.F. family we are working on shifting companions, welcoming Kaileah and sadly saying "Goodbye, for now, dear Tala." Updates on all these recent changes are discussed within the newsletter. Sasha and Pax are "legally separated" for now. They have stated that they have "irreconcilable differences" but we hope that through mediation we can reunite them. We have also separated Drake and Kasota, though for different reasons. Drake, our gentle giant, can inadvertently be a little too much for Kasota just by his sheer size so we have placed Drake with our new girl, Kaileah, a younger female more his size and energy level. We're hoping that she and Drake will be great companions for one another. Sadly we had to help Tala join her sister Meeka, who passed last year. What a beautiful girl. We all miss her, especially Tonka. With all these changes we are hoping we will be able to find companions for Tonka and Kasota soon.

With the diligent and superb work of our Facilities Manager Bob Proulx, it has been fairly calm on the home front. We have averted major flooding so far this year and the ponds have fairly well stayed within their banks with some minor overflow. Bob, Jim Englert and volunteers have worked hard in clearing the drainage pipe to the main pond. This was not an easy feat with all of the ash and sediment that has and continues to run into the pond from the fire runoff and flooding, which constantly clogs the pipe. As soon as the drain is cleared it fills back up with sediment. In the meantime, we hopefully have this issue maintainable. Bob has also buttressed up the spillway to hopefully minimize further danger of erosion undercutting the spillway and destroying this property improvement feature we added last year.

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As always, humbly and gratefully yours,

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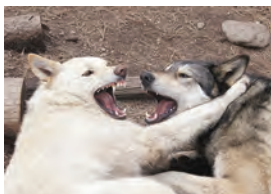
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- Rescue** - Save captive-bred wolves and wolf-dogs whose guardians are no longer able to care for them.
- Sanctuary** - Provide a lifelong home at W.O.L.F. that takes into account each animal's physical and emotional needs.
- Education** - Provide the public with information about wolves (both wild and captive) to help foster a greater understanding of them and their value.

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Introducing Kaileah

May 8, 2014, W.O.L.F. received a frantic phone call from the director of Colorado Wolf and Wildlife. There was a six-year-old female who needed immediate rescue. Since she had just had a litter of pups, and couldn't be spayed until she finished lactating, they couldn't take her. Did we have space for her or know anyone who did?

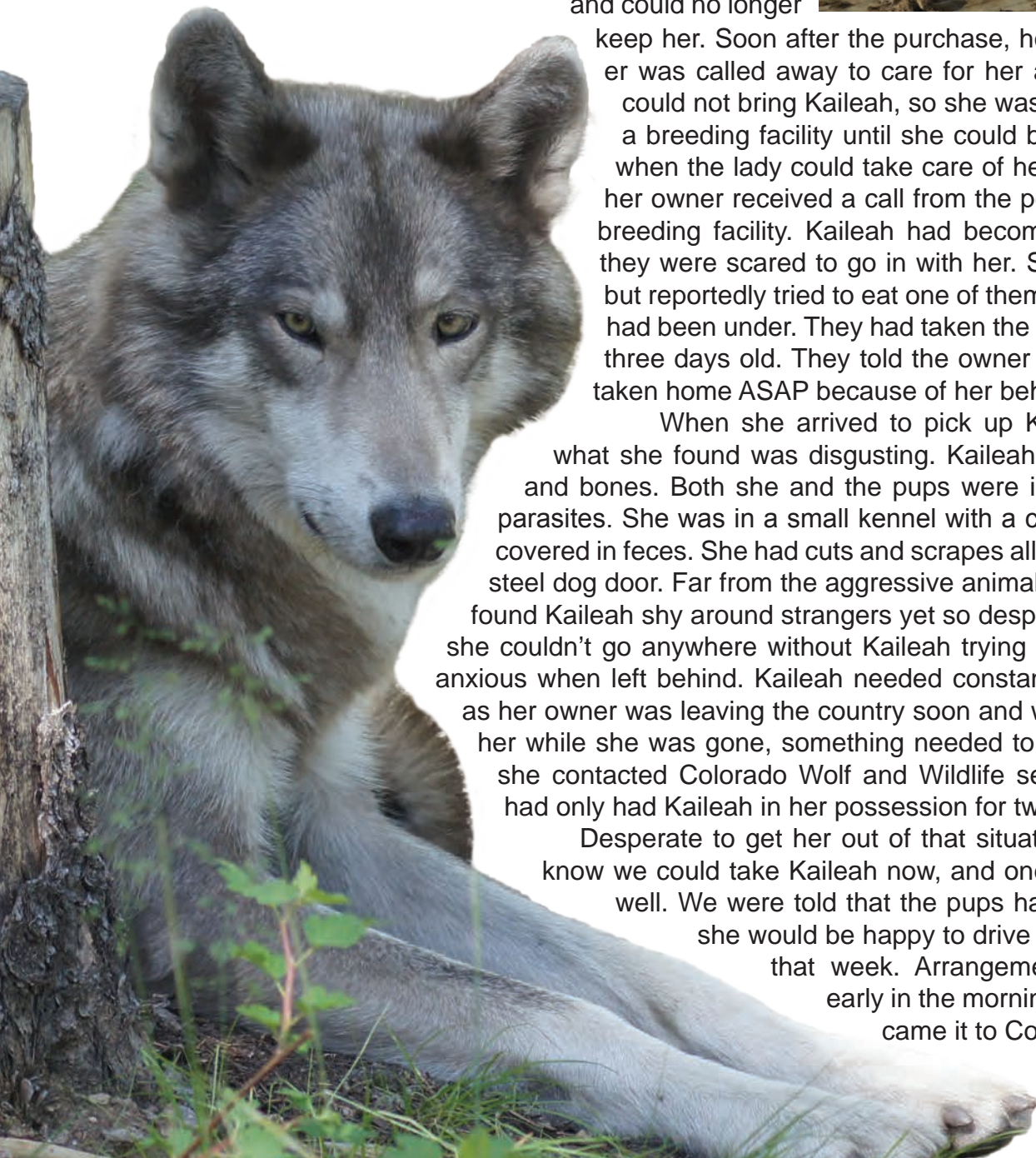
The director sounded so desperate for help that we agreed to rescue her. After forwarding us her correspondence with the woman surrendering Kaileah, we started reading her story. Kaileah had been purchased by the woman for \$1,500 from another individual who had become ill and could no longer



keep her. Soon after the purchase, however, her new owner was called away to care for her ailing grandfather and could not bring Kaileah, so she was temporarily placed at a breeding facility until she could be picked up at a time when the lady could take care of her. Three months later, her owner received a call from the person in charge of the breeding facility. Kaileah had become so aggressive that they were scared to go in with her. She recently had pups but reportedly tried to eat one of them due to the stress she had been under. They had taken the pups away from her at three days old. They told the owner Kaileah needed to be taken home ASAP because of her behavior.

When she arrived to pick up Kaileah and the pups, what she found was disgusting. Kaileah was nothing but skin and bones. Both she and the pups were infested with intestinal parasites. She was in a small kennel with a concrete floor that was covered in feces. She had cuts and scrapes all over her legs from the steel dog door. Far from the aggressive animal described, her owner found Kaileah shy around strangers yet so desperate for attention that she couldn't go anywhere without Kaileah trying to follow or becoming anxious when left behind. Kaileah needed constant companionship, but as her owner was leaving the country soon and with no one to care for her while she was gone, something needed to be done. By the time she contacted Colorado Wolf and Wildlife seeking placement she had only had Kaileah in her possession for two weeks.

Desperate to get her out of that situation, we let her owner know we could take Kaileah now, and one of the male pups as well. We were told that the pups had all been placed but she would be happy to drive Kaileah out to us later that week. Arrangements were made and early in the morning on May 16th Kaileah came it to Colorado.



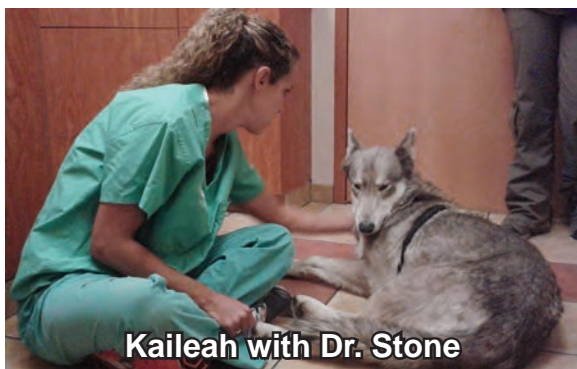
When Kaileah first got out of the car and was let into her new enclosure, she was obviously interested in exploring her new surroundings but very reluctant to leave her owner's side. So they walked the whole enclosure together. Eventually Kaileah began to feel more comfortable and confident in her surroundings and started to explore on her own. When it came time for them to say goodbye, Kaileah tried to follow her owner out of the enclosure but after she left Kaileah quickly settled into her new home at W.O.L.F.

Originally, since we could not spay her immediately, we decided it would be best to let Kaileah stay by herself to allow her hormones to settle and gain some weight. Shortly after her arrival, however, Sasha and Pax decided that they were no longer interested in being companions and had to be split up. While we were wondering what to do with Sasha this seemed like a perfect solution for finding companionship for Kaileah. It was decided that we would try to put Pax in with her.



Clear this pairing was not going to work. It was time to back off, regroup and come up with another strategy for Kaileah.

Later that month, while Kaileah was out for a walk, we noticed Drake behaving strangely when she passed by. Instead of his normal territorial displays, Drake appeared extremely interested but shy, watching Kaileah for a few moments before ducking out of sight only to reappear and repeat the process. Curious, we decided to let them meet at the fence and the two immediately began play-bow to one another. Since we couldn't put Kaileah in with Drake while he was in with Kasota, we wanted to make sure that what we were seeing was genuine interest between the two of them.



Over the next few weeks we allowed them to interact at the fence and they became progressively more playful and flirty. Drake would even howl mournfully when it was time for Kaileah to go back to her enclosure. With this evidence, we finally made the decision to put Drake and Kaileah together and hopefully find a new, less rambunctious companion for Kasota (though they got along well, Drake's size and energy were simply too much for her to handle).

Before we could do that though, it was finally time for Kaileah be spayed. We made an appointment with Dr.





Stone at the Wellington Veterinary Hospital and on July 16th we took her in. Getting Kaileah into the car was quite a challenge but once she arrived at the clinic she was a dream. Calm and collected, she allowed the vets to examine her and take blood. While in the exam room she was observed straining to pee so Dr. Stone collected the urine and ran a test. She found a lot of red blood cells in the sample so we decided to do more tests while Kaileah was under anesthesia. X-rays did not show any stones, but the urine test showed the presence of crystals. Kaileah will be on a special diet to help dissolve these crystals.

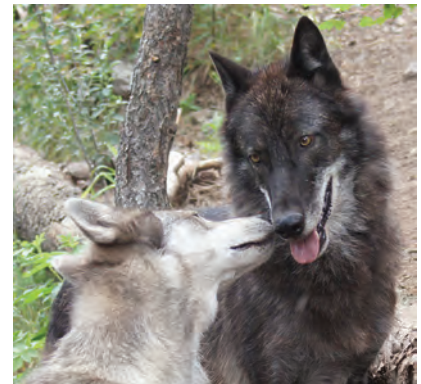
Then came the time for surgery. Initially, because her blood work was so good, Dr. Stone was only going to remove Kaileah's ovaries but when she looked at Kaileah's uterus, Dr. Stone found two cysts. One was the size of a pea and the other the size of a marble. It would be safer for Kaileah to have both the uterus and ovaries removed. The rest of her organs looked perfect. Kaileah came out of anesthesia well, and we were able to take her back up to the Sanctuary for her to recover.

Kaileah was the perfect outpatient. She kept her no bite collar on, took all of her medications without issue and didn't try mess with her incision at all. Within a few days the fur on her belly was already a quarter inch long and her incision looked fantastic. Even after we took her no bite collar off she left her incision alone. One week after the surgery, her incision looked healed and she was off of her pain medication. We decided it was time to introduce her to Drake's enclosure.



As we had done before, we harnessed her up and walked her over to his enclosure. Once in the anteroom we let her off the leash to let Kaileah and Drake greet each other through the fence. Immediately their tails were wagging and they were play-bowing, showing signs of friendly intentions. It was clear that the door between them needed to be opened. They met nose to nose, Kaileah's tail up, Drake's tail down. He delicately sniffed her while she began to jump around and play with him. They ran around and played together for hours before they became exhausted and curled up to sleep together.

Though they haven't had much time together yet, it is easy to see their bond growing stronger each day. They are almost always seen together and are still playing more often than not. Though Kaileah is definitely the alpha, she is willing to share attention and treats with Drake, as long as she gets her fair share of course. We have even noticed that her sociability with her caretakers is helping Drake to overcome his fears about us. We are excited to see what the future holds for these two.





Thank You WalMart Work Groups

Once again we want to say "Thank You!" to the WalMart Distribution Center in Loveland, CO! For seven days in June, WalMart employees donated their time and energy to help W.O.L.F. with a number of different maintenance projects around the Sanctuary. Some helped us find downed branches, haul them to the chipper and turn them into mulch while others had the wonderfully athletic chore of putting the mulch into trash bins and hiking them up into the enclosures to cover the dig guard exposed by the spring run-off. Others collected rocks and boulders to backfill our pond's spillway that washed out in last year's flooding. And many of them did this after just getting off working the night shift! They accomplished so much in such a short amount of time. You guys ROCK!!





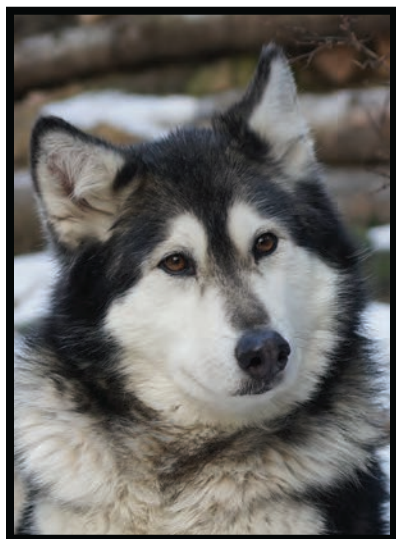
Wolf? Dog? Or Something In Between?



One of the major issues in the wolf and wolf dog rescue world is to correctly identify the make-up of the animals who are in need of placement to determine if they are suitable for a home or in need of a sanctuary setting. There are far more animals in need of rescue than there are available sanctuary placements. In order to make the best use of sanctuary care, it is often necessary to make a determination on the wolf content of an animal in need of help. The options for each animal may include transfer to a specialized breed rescue, placement in a private home, or sanctuary placement. These decisions may depend on the wolf content of an animal, socialization with humans and behavioral traits that may indicate where an animal may live most successfully.

The tools that rescue organizations use to determine the content of an animal include genotyping (DNA) and phenotyping. Genotyping is the genetic testing of an animal's inheritable DNA traits. In order to accurately genotype an animal, it is necessary to test the mitochondrial DNA (maternally inherited traits), nuclear DNA (an assortment of markers), and Y chromosomal tests (paternally inherited traits). The tests are very expensive and are not always available in a timely way to the general public and rescue organizations.

Phenotyping is a method of determining the breed or type of a canine through observation and assessment of behavioral and physical characteristics. W.O.L.F. and many of our rescue partners primarily use phenotyping when making decisions about the appropriate placement for a particular animal in need of rescue. W.O.L.F. rescues animals that are captive bred and are in need of sanctuary placement, often regardless of the wolf content (high, medium or low). When phenotyping an animal, no one characteristic is determinative. W.O.L.F. staff who perform the analysis look at the pertinent characteristics and behaviors as a whole in order to make an informed decision about the appropriate placement for each animal.



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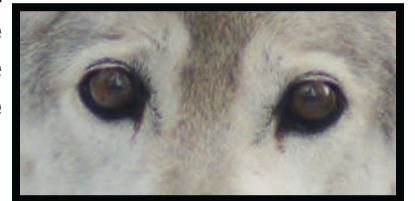
The head of a wolf is generally large relative to the body and it has a wedge shape, literally like a slice of pie. Dogs have any number of head shapes (depending on the breed) ranging from long and narrow to short and wide. In general though, dogs have broader faces and shorter, fuller muzzles than a wolf or wolf dog. Compare Drake, a high content wolf dog (right) and Bella, a low content wolf dog (left). A view of Drake's head provides an excellent example of the wedge shape and long slender muzzle that is typical of wolves and wolf dogs.





2. Eyes

Wolves have almond shaped eyes that are ringed in black. The pupils are distinguished from the iris. They are close set and form a 45 degree angle on the face. The eye color is yellow, amber, green or brown (not dark brown or black). Again, dogs can have these eye colors and many more, including multiple colors together, though brown eyes are common and blue eyes are generally associated with a husky dog. On the left are the eyes of some of the Sanctuary's high content wolf dogs while on the right we have some of our low content wolf dogs. Notice how the ones on the left are set at a 45 degree angle and are almond shaped, and ringed in black. The iris and pupil of each eye are distinct.



3. Ears

Wolves have ears that are slightly rounded at the tips and usually heavily furred on the inside. Long ears set higher on the head are the sign of a German shepherd dog. Short pointy ears are very common in sled dogs and floppy ears are indicative of many other breeds. Frackette's ears (right) are slightly rounded and well-furred which indicates wolf while Matoskah's ears (left) are more dog.



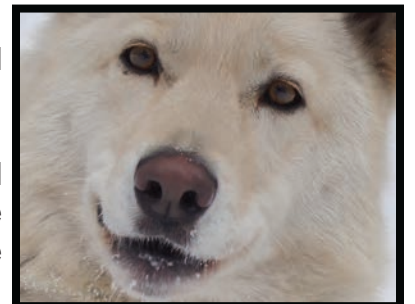
4. Teeth

All canines have 42 teeth. However wolves have longer canines than most dogs. In addition, wolves and wolf dogs (by virtue of their longer muzzles) often have less crowded teeth than their dog counterparts. Their teeth also curve slightly toward the inside of the mouth. Loki shows off his teeth and the long canines and inward slant are clearly visible.



5. Nose

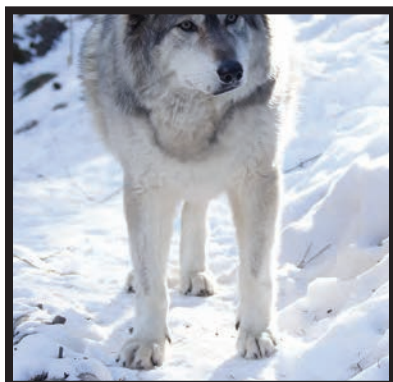
A wolf's nose is generally black and has a longer and wider snout than most dogs. Dogs, on the other hand, can have black, pink, liver colored or even splotchy colored noses. Pax (right) has a partially pink nose which indicates he is crossed with a dog while Kaileah's nose (left) is black like a wolf's.







Drake & Kaileah



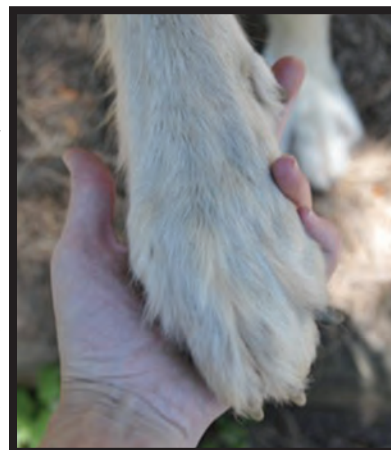
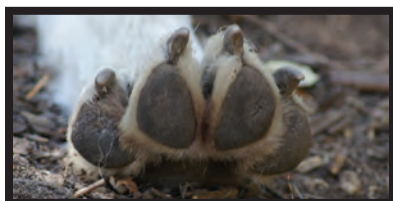
6. Chest & Legs

The chest of a wolf is generally very narrow and shaped like the keel of a ship. Because the chest is so narrow, the shoulders and front legs are very close together with the elbows angled slightly into the chest (right). The front legs are long and generally $\frac{2}{3}$ of the length of the body. Northern breed dogs have much broader chests and sled dogs often have shorter, stockier legs (left).



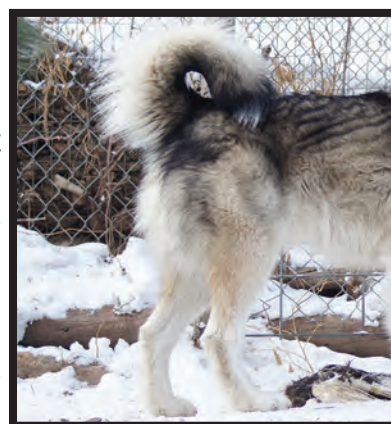
7. Feet

Wolf feet are very unique. As these examples show they are typically very large when compared to a dog of equal size. They are also long and turned slightly outward with the wrist. The feet have webbing that extends at least $\frac{1}{2}$ the length of each toe. The toe nails are black or dark colored. The dew claws are only on the front feet. Other dogs may have webbed feet, dark nails or very large feet. However they generally do not have all of the characteristics of wolf feet.



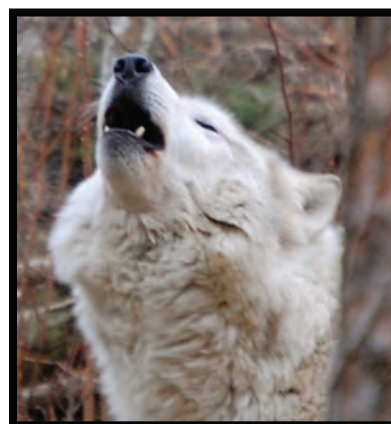
8. Tail

The tail of a wolf is bushy and shaped like a log. It is also typically very long, between 13 to 20 inches. It is generally low set, straight and falls to the top of the hock joint. A wolf tail never curls above the back (right). Wolf tails (left) also have a precaudal scent gland that is about 3 inches below the start of the tail and is surrounded by stiff, coarse hairs that are tipped in black, even if the wolf is white. Dogs also have the precaudal scent glands.



9. Vocalization

Wolves do not just howl. They can make a wide variety of sounds ranging from a cough-like "chuff" to whining and growling. Wolves can also bark, however it is unusual for a wolf to engage in incessant barking like many dogs do and usually wolves will only bark when they are extremely stressed. Wolves use vocal sounds to communicate and they may howl for a number of reasons -- just like dogs at sirens, fireworks, etc.



10. Behaviors

In general, dogs and wolves have many similar behaviors. They both may be friendly, aggressive, playful, fearful or shy. Each behavior may be present in both wolves and dogs depending on their socialization or lack thereof. Not all wolves are shy and fearful of people. On the other hand not all wolves enjoy human companionship. Each captive bred animal is unique and is the product of breeding, early socialization and human treatment. Both wolves and dogs may be destructive, diggers, jumpers, escape artists and easily bored if not provided with adequate socialization, stimulation and exercise.



When phenotyping an animal, it is critical to know that there are no physical wolf characteristics that cannot also be found in some dogs. Dogs are descendants of wolves and still share many of the physical and behavioral traits of wolves even though domesticated dogs are now many centuries removed from their wolf ancestors. The identification of a wolf or high/mid/low content wolf dog is something of an art, and not anything like an exact science!

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As always it is because of your continued generosity that W.O.L.F. is able to do the good work we do. If you are a regular donor to the Sanctuary, thank you! If you are not please consider becoming one. Your contributions don't have to be large to make a difference and there are easy ways for you to help.

- **Become an Automatic Monthly Donor!**
Automatic donations make up a huge part of our monthly budget and are a convenient, hassle-free way for you to help the animals in our care. Even a small donation every month can add up to a significant tax deductible contribution by the end of the year. To become a monthly donor: call the Sanctuary (970-416-9531), check the "Automatic Monthly Donation" box in the remittance envelope, or set up a recurring donation on our website through PayPal.
- **Contribute through Payroll Deductions!**
Payroll deductions are also a convenient way to give! Organizations such as Community Shares provide workplace giving campaigns that allow employees to donate a percentage of their paychecks to non-profits such as W.O.L.F. To participate contact Community Shares of Colorado: cshares@cshares.org, 303-861-7507 or toll-free 800-808-4038.
- **Don't forget to become a W.O.L.F. Sanctuary Member!**
Annual memberships start at just \$40 and with it you receive our quarterly newsletter, a member window decal and a complimentary copy of our 2015 W.O.L.F. calendar (coming in December).

Tala's story at W.O.L.F. is one of our more unique experiences. In July of 2000 we received a call from a gentleman in Washington state claiming to have several wolves he needed to find placement for ASAP. As he lived in a jurisdiction where animal control could confiscate and kill any animal if they were called out to a disturbance, the animals' lives were constantly at risk. At the time we did not have space for Tala and her two siblings so we couldn't take them. Unfortunately, this heartbreaking scenario is one we are all too familiar with at the Sanctuary so we gave him as much information as we could about other facilities that might be able to help and wished him luck. We didn't expect to hear from him again.

A couple weeks later, we were shocked when he arrived unannounced at the Sanctuary with three 4-month-old wolf dogs, adamant that they needed placement. What were we going to do now? We still didn't have room for the three of them but there was no way we could turn them away now that they were here. In the end we agreed to take all three and planned to place Tala and Meeka together at a temporary foster location until space opened up at the Sanctuary. Little did we know at the time it would take 10 years for that transition to happen.

Despite the length of time she spent fostered, Tala lived a very good life. She shared a large habitat in the mountains with her sister and W.O.L.F. made sure that the foster location was well supplied with dog food, meat, and medical care. They were regularly checked on by Sanctuary staff as well. Tala never became comfortable with humans at the foster location and would often spend most of her time barking at them from a safe distance.

Though the girls got along well, their relationship was not always peaceful and there were numerous instances of sibling rivalry and competitions for dominance. While she was young, Tala was the alpha. Eventually that pack dynamic changed and Meeka took over. Unfortunately for Tala that particular disagreement cost her most of her left ear, but gave her a wonderfully distinctive appearance.

In early 2010, space had opened up for both girls to come to W.O.L.F. so they were caught and brought to the Sanctuary. Tala was originally placed with an older male named Lakota Boy, while Meeka went with Tonka, but it soon became very clear that Tala was not okay with being separated from her sister. So despite our reservations about putting two females together with one male, we let her in with them. The group of three got along famously from then on and we never had any issues with them. Tala was obviously the "middle child" in their group. Neither as bold as Meeka nor as timid as Tonka, Tala walked the middle road, sometimes joining her sister in barking at people, sometimes hiding from them with Tonka and other times simply staying on the other side of the enclosure from them.

As Tala got older she started to develop arthritis but with the help of pain meds she was still able to get around her enclosure. Unfortunately, on the morning of July 10th staff discovered Tala laying in her enclosure unable to get up. It appeared that she had fallen during the night so she was rushed to Four Seasons Veterinary Specialists in Loveland. An exam was done and x-rays were taken. What we discovered broke our hearts.

Though her internal organs were all healthy, her spine was riddled with severe arthritis and that had caused extreme muscle atrophy in her rear legs, making them very weak. Because of that it was likely her fall might have injured her spine. The recommended treatment just to see if she might regain the use of her back legs (which the vets felt unlikely) was a minimum of seven days kept completely immobile at the hospital, with urinary catheters and diapers. With Tala being so unsocial that kind of treatment would have been intolerable for her so the decision was made to end her suffering and she was helped to pass peacefully. Her spirit and voice are greatly missed.



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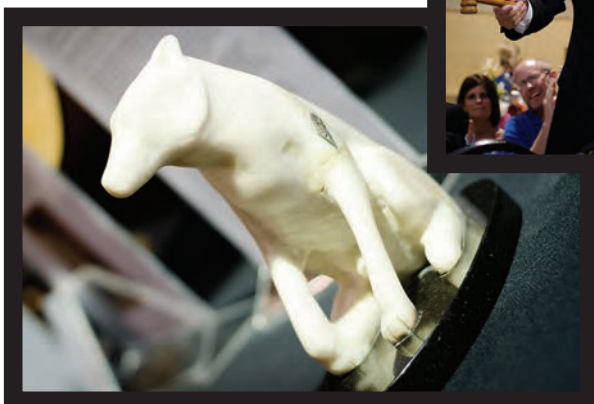
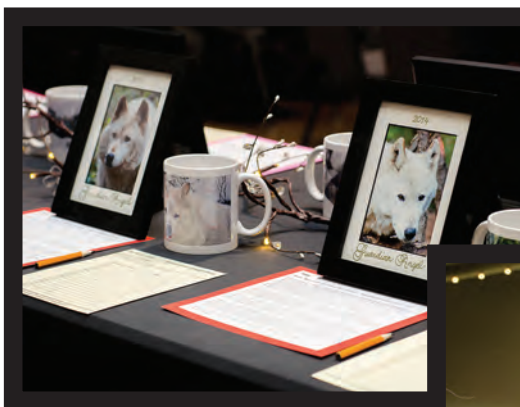
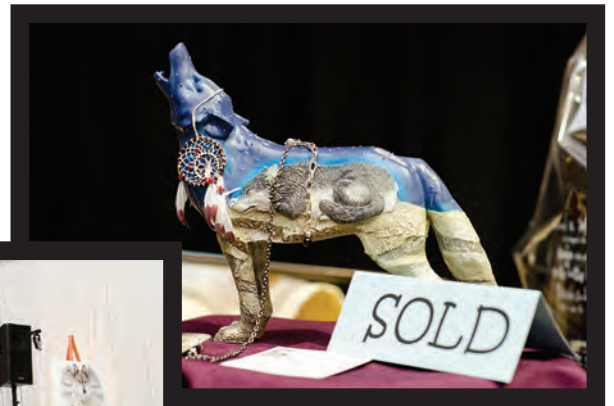
Thank you! Thank you! Thank You! We don't know how else to say it. With your support and dedication, this year's Waltz for the Wolves was an outstanding success. Over 220 people joined us on June 14th to enjoy a delicious meal, great music, fantastic auction items and of course, the wonderful company of this year's ambassador wolf dog, Outlaw. All told, we netted \$35,000 from the evenings festivities. That is a \$15,000 jump from last year's event!

With all the fun we had we can't wait for next year's event and in fact we have already selected a venue! We also want to thank all of you who participated in our online auction. We hope to be able to do this again next year. Keep your eyes peeled for updates about next year's event (happening May 30th, 2015) in our newsletters, on facebook and our website.

Once again thank you to **EVERYONE** who helped to make the 2014 Waltz for the Wolves a success. It is a great way to give back to the animals who have touched so many of us with precious memories.

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Sasha and Pax Break Up



It is said that companions come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. At the end of that relationship, whether friendship or otherwise, we must reflect on what we have learned from it. This is the case with Sasha and Pax.

Pax came into Sasha's life when he was a six month old puppy. Sasha made a fantastic maternal figure and friend for Pax. As the years have gone by, we have seen some contention between the two, as Pax liked to push Sasha's buttons (i.e. stealing attention from people, jumping on her, and barking loudly) and Sasha would respond with an authoritative snarl and bark. For nearly four years this worked and kept the relationship stable. Despite the occasional correction, life was good. They would play and run together, and made excellent ambassadors.

This spring, however, their disagreements began to escalate. Pax wasn't backing down from Sasha's warnings and in fact seemed excited by them. One fateful day, a loud raucous fight broke out between the two. Staff and volunteers were able to distract the fractious couple and end the fight but Pax recieved a good-sized puncture wound on his chest, and Sasha had a cut on her nose and leg.



We decided it would be best to try a trial separation. We gave them a few days apart, hoping that giving them some space would help relieve whatever tension had built up between them. Unfortunately, when we put them back together, though they were not interested in fighting, they also were not interested in each other. It was clear that their relationship was over.

At first we were devastated by this change in their relationship. They were so cute together! But when we took a step back and looked at it from the point of view of a wolf, this split began to make sense. In the wild a wolf is considered an adult around 2.5 to 3.5 years of age. At this age the young adult wolves are typically observed "leaving home," striking out to find their own territory and mate. Sasha has been more of a mother to Pax than a mate and Pax, at 4.5 years old, is certainly of an age to start "life on his own". If they had been in the wild he most likely would have left before now. Being in captivity, however, he didn't have the option to leave so Sasha and Pax had to make it clear to the caretakers that it was time for him to move on.

Sasha and Pax are still neighbors, and seem happy to quietly share a fence line as long as there is no competition for attention from their favorite people. We are in the process of finding new companions for both Sasha and Pax. This will be a slow and careful process, as we would like their next pairings to last a lifetime.



Volunteers Spotlight



Bob Buderman is a retired teacher, 33 years, all in New Jersey. In retirement he enjoys easy hikes, bicycling, motorcycling (2 vintage British bikes) photography, and his pets.

Bob started volunteering last August when he saw an article in the Den-

ver Post that described the flood damage at the Sanctuary and made a plea for volunteers. "I've always been an animal lover and had done some construction work so it seemed like a good fit", Bob says. His first trip up to volunteer was also Dean's first and it couldn't have worked out better. "We've been coming up together ever since and we always manage to talk a little, laugh a lot and try and get something done."

Bob says his favorite chore is preparing the meat. "I don't know, it just seems that preparing what the animals actually need to survive forms a bond that is almost mystical. There aren't many opportunities but everyone should experience it for themselves," explains Bob.

A close second favorite for him is anything he gets to do in the enclosures, especially if he gets the opportunity to be quiet and just observe the animals. Bob is an avid photographer and takes amazing photos of all of our wolves. He has set up two art shows to benefit the Sanctuary, we look forward to more!



Bob feels his favorite wolf is Loki. "Loki is always interesting. Maybe it's that you don't really interact with him, he just is. I'm always trying to get a better picture of him."

When asked to mention anything else, he said "Comet at the bar is my first

choice." I don't know what that means, but I figured I'd add it in case someone else does!



drill or saw and let him get to work.

He is always the first to sign up to pick up meat when it is offered to us. No matter how many hundreds of pounds of meat, Dean will haul it up in his truck with a smile on his face. We are so grateful for all the help and humor Bob and Dean provide and we are happy that they have found friendship through W.O.L.F.!



Loki Photo taken by Bob





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Upcoming Events

Rist Canyon Mountain Festival

Sunday August 31, 2014
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Rist Canyon (CR 52E), 8 miles west of Bellvue

NoCo Nature Festival

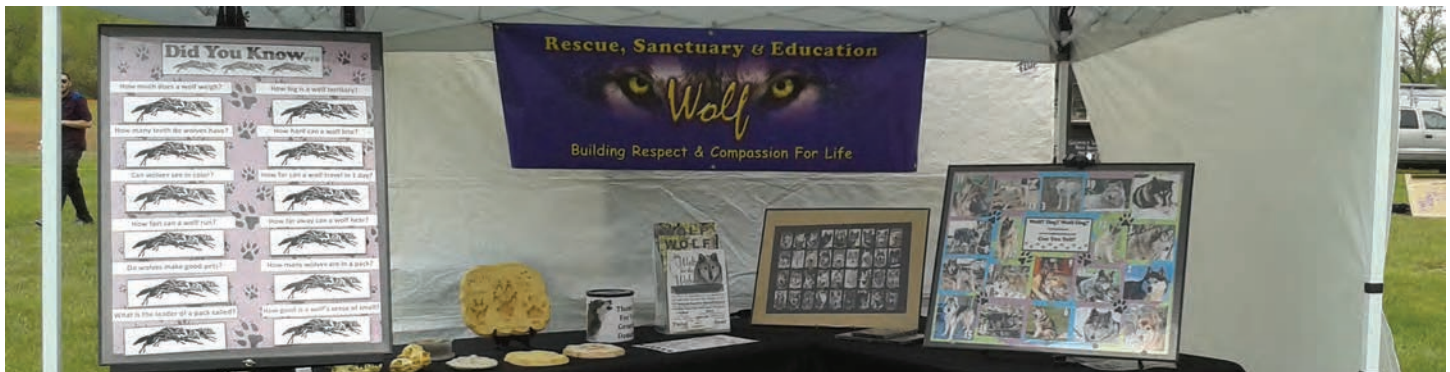
Saturday September 27, 2014
7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Nix Farm Natural Area, Fort Collins, CO

Sustainable Living Fair

Saturday & Sunday September 20 & 21, 2014
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Legacy Park, Fort Collins, CO

Estes Park Elk Fest

Saturday & Sunday October 4 & 5, 2014
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Bond Park, Estes Park, CO



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