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Celebrating W.O.L.F.'s 25th Anniversary
In Loving Memory of Ahote
Welcoming Kieran and Yuki



Summer 2020

Letter from the Director

Dear W.O.L.F. Supporters,

Even in this time of uncertainty and much anxiety about the Covid-19 virus, at W.O.L.F. we have much for which we are thankful. We are celebrating W.O.L.F.'s 25th anniversary! In this issue, we look back at all the animals we have rescued and provided with lifetime sanctuary. We have been so privileged to know these remarkable wolves and wolf dogs, to care for them, and love them unconditionally. They are the reason we exist, and we never forget those who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge where we know they have been restored to full health in spirit.

Many of our staff and volunteers have shared their memories of some of these animals. We are pleased to share their stories in this newsletter. Their antics often make us laugh, and we marvel at the many beautiful beings who have crossed our path.

We are celebrating this milestone with a 25th Anniversary photo book that provides portraits of every animal we have rescued and tells the history of the Sanctuary. We have highlighted some of the animals who have touched our hearts, and we believe will touch yours as well. You can read about how to order this beautiful keepsake book inside this issue.

We not only look back; we also look to our present and future. We want to introduce you to W.O.L.F.'s two new residents. We rescued Kieran at nine weeks old when his owner realized he was in over his head when he adopted a tiny, high content wolf dog pup. We also rescued Yuki who is a young female who suffered from extreme neglect when her owner lost her job and was no longer able to provide for Yuki. We are nursing Yuki back to health and it is a joy to see her begin to flourish in her new life at the Sanctuary.

In other news, our annual Gala was scheduled for August 29th at the Ft. Collins Hilton. We will now transition to an online virtual event. With the recent resurgence of COVID cases and the county's regulations, we feel it is important to keep our supporters safe and healthy during this time. We will be LIVE streaming on the evening of August 29th where you can join in the fun for a Zoom style party to bid on Live Auction Items and participate in our virtual Paddle Raiser! We are excited about this event, and we invite you to read the details in the article in this Issue.

As we move toward fall and into W.O.L.F.'s 26th year of operation, we will continue to rescue animals in great need of help, provide lifetime sanctuary and educate the general public about the plight of captive born wolves and wolf dogs and wolves in the wild. We hope you will travel with us on W.O.L.F.'s journey into the future.

As always, gratefully and humbly yours,

Shelley



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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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We have “pawsitive” news! The “pawrty” is still on, and you can celebrate with us virtually! And, anyone from anywhere can join us! Our annual gala, traditionally held at the Hilton Fort Collins, Colorado, on August 29th, will now be transitioned into an online virtual event. With the recent resurgence of COVID cases and the county’s regulations, we feel it is important to keep our supporters safe and healthy during this challenging time.

New Virtual Event Details:

Mobile Bidding Opens August 26th at 12:00 PM MT
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The great news is that you can still bid online from the comfort of your home on your mobile device or computer by registering through our online bidding system! And we promise, bidding is as simple as wagging your tail!

We will be streaming LIVE from a secret (and safe) location on the evening of August 29th where you can join in the fun for a Zoom style party to bid on Live Auction Items and participate in our virtual Paddle Raiser!

Virtual ticket prices are available at \$25.00 to join, which includes access to the live streamed event, an opportunity to hear from our guest speaker and world renowned wolf biologist Rick McIntyre on his new book — *The Rise of Wolf 8*, and meet one of our W.O.L.F. animal ambassadors!

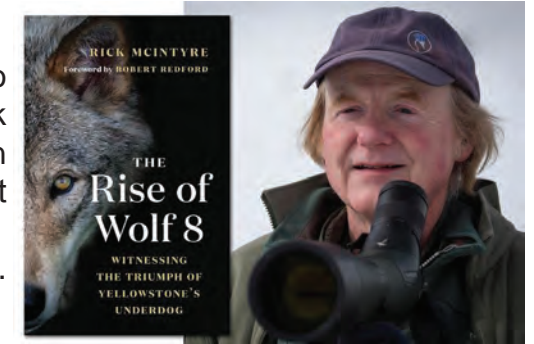
If you purchase a virtual ticket prior to August 15th, you will receive a pre-party packet in the mail, inclusive of a wolf themed cocktail recipe so you can offer cheers with us virtually as we celebrate our 25th anniversary as a nonprofit!

You can purchase your online virtual tickets at www.wolf2020.givesmart.com. Anyone from anywhere can join in on the fun! A great opportunity for our USA and International supporters!

Something to Howl About:

Our supporters have the once in a lifetime opportunity to ask world-renowned wolf researcher, biologist and author, Rick McIntyre, a question regarding his new book release or his life in the field! Purchase a ticket to tune in to the Live Streaming event to see if your question is answered!

All questions may be submitted to gala@wolfsanctuary.net.



About Guest Speaker Rick McIntyre:

Rick McIntyre has worked with the National Park Service for more than fifty years and has recorded more sightings of wild wolves than any other person. During one fifteen-year period, he rose before dawn every day to observe the Yellowstone wolves. Now retired, he has spoken about the Yellowstone Wolves with news outlets such as 60 Minutes and NPR’s Snap Judgement and is profiled extensively in *American Wolf* by Nate Blakeslee.

Purchase a copy of *The Rise of Wolf 8* at <https://www.oldfirehousebooks.com/book/9781771645218>.

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Sneak Peak of Just a Few of our Live Auction Items:

- A morning in Yellowstone with legendary wolf researcher Rick McIntyre for professional wolf tracking, followed by an evening stay at a local accommodation in Gardiner, MT, and a venture with Our Nature Guiding Services, and a gift certificate for a scrumptious bite to eat at a local restaurant.
- A three-night bed and breakfast experience in Whitefish, Montana, with W.O.L.F. Sanctuary’s very own Executive Director, Dr. Shelley Coldiron. Spend the afternoon with local specialists Glacier Guides, a premiere tour company in the area with expertise in whitewater rafting escapades and scenic nature hikes.



- Bronze wolf sculpture on honeycomb calcite stone with a granite base, titled Alpha Moon, in honor of artist Monty Taylor (1940 – 2019). Artist Monty Taylor had a very close and positive encounter with a wolf in his Alaska years which defined his love for these creatures and began his years of research to defend them. Preparing pieces for the gala after becoming involved with W.O.L.F. Sanctuary further increased his respect, love and determination for further understanding of a misrepresented critter.

Celebrating W.O.L.F.'s 25th Anniversary

By Staff and Volunteers

July 5th, 2020 marked W.O.L.F.'s 25th Anniversary rescuing and caring for captive born wolves and wolf dogs. It has been an exciting quarter century, with learning by trial and error how to care for wolves and wolf dogs, large scale animal rescues, devastating natural disasters, challenges running a successful nonprofit and plans to move to a bigger and better location. But through it all the wolves have been a constant. A constant reminder of why we do what we do. A constant source of both joy and sorrow. A constant reflection of the best and worst mankind has to offer. To acknowledge our 25th anniversary and mark the beginning of a new era, we have looked back and remembered the animals who have made us what we are today, and we wanted to share some of those stories with you, our wonderful and dedicated supporters who have traveled this journey with us.



"It's too difficult in picking one memorable story to tell as there are so many. It's been a beautiful enlightening journey with these incredible spirits. Such as all the wolves howling when Arkte passed. They knew her spirit had left this world. Watching little Mucqua's personality and attitude bubble through the last 13 months of his life while his adoring fans lovingly cared for him. Renata teaching Webster that going for a walk was wonderful. Webster at age 13 had never been on a leash and he loved it! Asking Orion to stay with us for 1 year so he could know love and freedom, which he did. Michelle, Susan and I looking at one another upon seeing Hachi at the shelter, knowing he wasn't a wolf dog but we wanted to give him the best life possible. Izzy letting me know who's the boss, HER! Seeing downtrodden, dispirited, sick animals flourish and blossom into free, happy and healthy spirits has been the best journey of my life. I LOVE THESE WOLVES!" -Shelley C.

Merlin - "Merlin greatly enjoyed his life as a thief at W.O.L.F. He enjoyed stealing just about anything he could from his human caretakers, which included anything from hair ties and shoelaces to pieces of clothing. He despised sleeves and was well-known for tearing the sleeves off of his humans' sweatshirts. However, one day, when two long-time volunteers entered his enclosure, Merlin spied a prize he desperately wanted: the sweatshirt one of the volunteers was wearing. Being a large and strong animal with a juxtaposed gentleness in his nature, Merlin simply grabbed the neck of the sweatshirt and began to drag the sweatshirt up his mountain habitat with the volunteer still inside. While the two volunteers kept repeating, "Not yours," it was futile. It was such a hilarious moment for both of them that they could not muster any conviction into their reprimands and could only try not to laugh aloud at Merlin's behavior." - Sharon S.



Isabeau - "Isabeau and I have a love/hate relationship. I love her, but she hates me. From the first day I started volunteering 11 years ago, she gave me the evil eye. We used to bring the animals up on the deck to have bonding time. We would sit in a circle and they would come up to us. When it was Isabeau's time, she would go person to person and love on them, but then when she came to me, she would by-pass me and just give me that look. One day, I saw her throwing a snake up and down in the air. I do not know what happened to it, but can well guess. When it came time for bonding that day, what day did she decide to like me and give me a kiss – that day of course! She is an amazing and beautiful animal with one unique personality!" – Debbie D.

Bear - "Bear was a magnificent and massive being. He enjoyed attention from those who took the time to get to know him, but he often pretended that he wasn't interested. After a while, one volunteer determined that the best way to get Bear to approach for attention was to make him jealous. Once inside Bear's habitat, she approached a fence that Bear shared with Kenai, Samantha, and Lakota Boy, who were always ready to receive any attention they could get, and would pet them through the fence. Inevitably, before long, she would feel a massive paw on the back. Bear had become so jealous that the other animals were getting attention that he was now willing to admit that he wanted his fair share. While he was never as social and outgoing as many of the other residents, he nonetheless enjoyed his moments of interaction with those who knew how to entice him." - Donna N.



Orion - "In May of 2015, W.O.L.F. received a call from Holbrook, Arizona Animal Control. They had caught an animal harassing livestock on a Navajo Indian reservation in western New Mexico and wanted to know if we could help.

On May 21st, 2015, the rescue team began driving to pick up what was described as a 4 or 5 year old wolf. The entire round trip took over 24 hours. Upon arriving at Wellington Veterinary Hospital, the frightened animal was given a full examination and ultrasound. It was (continued on page 15)







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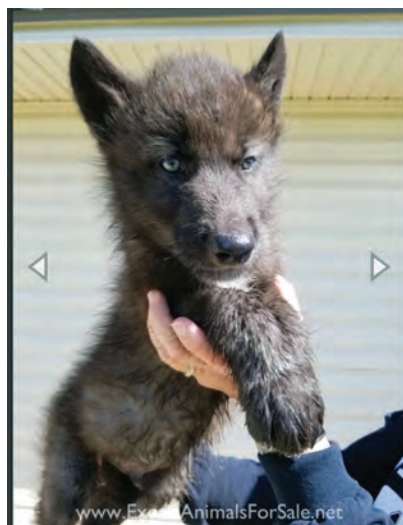


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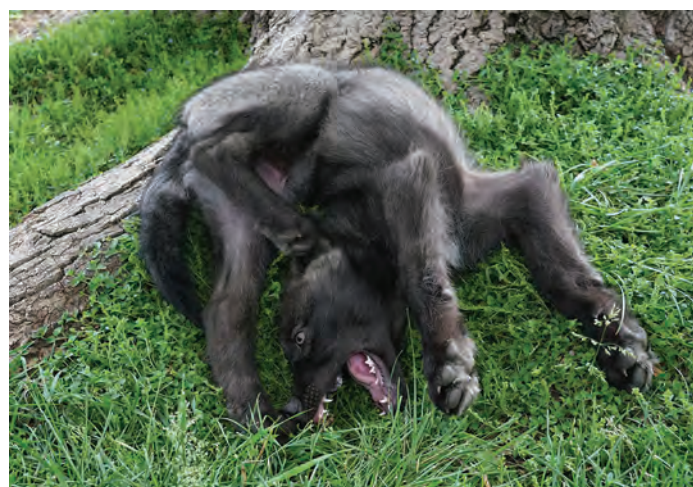
W.O.L.F.'S Rescue Coordinator received an urgent plea for help from a young man who had recently purchased a higher content wolf dog puppy. The puppy was only ten weeks old, and his owner did not feel equipped to handle him. The young man purchased the pup for \$2,500 from a breeder in Kansas, making a twenty-two hour round trip journey to pick up the pup and bring him to his forever home.

It was not to be however. The young man was not prepared for the antics of a high content wolf dog. The pup was very mouthy and nippy (as is normal with baby wolf dogs,) possessive of food and toys, and he was not house trained. The pup often spent an hour or more outside without going to the bathroom only to urinate as soon as he was allowed back into the house. He was also very fearful of other dogs, and he reacted with growling, snarling and a show of teeth whenever he met a new animal.



The young man realized he was in over his head in only a few days. He immediately began looking for an appropriate place to re-home the pup. He tried to place the pup with his friends, but they also were not prepared for or experienced with wolf dogs and were not able to provide a safe home. The young man even tried to get his pup placed at a local zoo but was unsuccessful. He then recalled that as a teenager, he lived near W.O.L.F. Sanctuary in Colorado. He immediately made the call to W.O.L.F. and asked for help.

With the recent losses of both Skye and Ahote, W.O.L.F. had space to rescue another animal, and the Director of Animal Care and the Executive Director decided to help the young man and his pup. On May 29, 2020 the young man brought the little wolf to W.O.L.F.'s Director of Animal Care who was going to foster the pup until he was examined by W.O.L.F.'s veterinarian, and was old enough to be moved to the Sanctuary.



The little pup was goofy and adorable. He was black with puffs of white in his coat and was all clumsy legs and feet. His birthday was March 17, 2020, and a W.O.L.F. supporter suggested the Irish name Kieran which means little dark one. It was a perfect fit for the little wolf dog pup. Kieran quickly settled into his foster home and enjoyed the companionship of his foster family. He was happy to snuggle with his humans and to PLAY. However, he remained very frightened of oth-

er dogs, and whenever he saw a dog or heard barking, he would run away and hide. If there was nowhere to run Kieran growled and became alert and ready to respond with a tough guy attitude.



W.O.L.F.'s Director of Animal Care quickly realized Kieran needed some extra training and counter-conditioning while being fostered to be happy and successful living among the wolf dogs at the Sanctuary. With the help of some older, calm dogs, Kieran slowly grew more comfortable being around other canines. Eventually he was confident enough to engage in play, and became fast friends with the Executive Director's golden retriever and a young husky mix. He gained confidence in other areas as well and is slowly beginning to feel comfortable exploring the world outside his foster home, going for walks and short car rides to acclimate him to the bigger world. By late June, Kieran was improving by leaps and bounds and the Director of Animal Care felt it was time to introduce Kieran to the Sanctuary.



It started out with short day visits where Kieran was placed into an isolation run far enough away from the other wolf dogs to feel safe but close enough that he could still watch them. Soon he wanted to go up to fences and greet them in person and by July Kieran was confident enough to become a full time resident at the Sanctuary.

In late June W.O.L.F. rescued another young wolf dog named Yuki as a companion for Kieran. Unfortunately, she was in poor physical health when she arrived so she and Kieran have not yet been able to become a pair. They have been getting regular visits with each other through the fence, and their interest in each other has grown each time. Staff is excited by his progress and hopeful that he and Yuki will soon be able to become full time companions.



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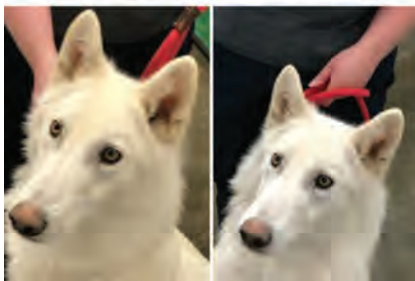
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From Rags to Riches

By Susan Weidel & Michelle Proulx

Utah Shelter and R...
New Activity
The Tooele city animal shelter is seeking rescue help with Shadow. Shadow is a yr old female Wolf dog. She is going to need someone familiar with the breed. She is very shy and nervous but approachable when she has confidence in you which does not take long. She has not bitten or attacked anything or anyone. We feel to give her a better chance rescue would be that. Please call if you can help this girl or you know a rescue that can.



first, but she warmed up very quickly in the shelter. Because she was a wolf dog, the shelter asked W.O.L.F. for help in finding her a placement.

W.O.L.F. worked with a rescue group to find placement for Yuki with a woman who runs a small wolf dog sanctuary in the Southeast. W.O.L.F. raised the funds for Yuki's transport and the woman placed her as a foster with her sister who was very excited to provide the wolf dog with a home.

W.O.L.F. planned to have Yuki spayed and brought up to date on shots before she left Utah. She was in heat, so she was not able to be spayed prior to her journey. She did receive all her shots and was in excellent health when she arrived at her new home on December 23, 2019 just in time for Christmas. W.O.L.F.



W.O.L.F. first heard about Yuki (her name was Shadow) in December 2019. She came into a shelter in Utah as a stray. She was a beautiful snow-white wolf dog with an elegant, long muzzle. The shelter determined that Yuki was a very young animal, and her age was estimated at about a year old. She was very shy with people at

received periodic positive updates about Yuki but no pictures were ever provided.

Fast forward to June 2020. W.O.L.F. received a call from a rescue colleague that Yuki was in trouble. Animal Control was contacted about an abuse/neglect situation involving Yuki. When they visited the home, they saw that Yuki was in very bad shape and demanded that she be examined by a veterinarian within 48 hours or they would seize her. The owner took Yuki to a veterinarian who placed her on multiple medications for a horrific skin condition.

According to Animal Control, Yuki's owner lost her job and was on disability. She was unable to properly care for Yuki and kept her in a small kennel in a filthy room most of the time. It is believed that Yuki was extremely stressed and anxious because of her living conditions, and her immune system may have been compromised. She was extremely thin, had sores all over her body, and had lost most of her beautiful white coat.



As soon as W.O.L.F. saw the pictures of Yuki, Executive Director Shelley Coldiron was determined to do whatever it took to get Yuki to safety at W.O.L.F. Animal Control agreed that it would be best if Yuki could be removed from the home and transported to a sanctuary. The owner agreed to surrender Yuki, and W.O.L.F. made the arrangements to bring her to W.O.L.F. where she would receive on-going medical care and could be nursed back to health.

Yuki arrived in Colorado on June 24 and was immediately taken to Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital where she was examined and treated. She spent the night at the



hospital so she could receive IV fluids and medications. Yuki arrived at W.O.L.F. the next morning. She was introduced to her new home in a beautiful, grassy habitat with many trees and plenty of shade. Yuki immediately started to look up at the blue Colorado sky and sniff the fresh mountain air. Little by little she started to explore her new home. W.O.L.F. gave Yuki a new name to start her new life. Yuki is a Japanese name that means snow and lucky.

After her first day at W.O.L.F. Yuki started to eat and follow staff around her enclosure. She loves to take treats from a spoon and has a healthy appetite. Her confidence is growing as well around her caretakers, and she can be extremely enthusiastic when greeting caretakers she is most comfortable with. She will often crawl in their laps to give vigorous scent rubs or jump up and wrap her legs around their waist or shoulders

in a tight hug while licking their faces. She enjoys a good butt scratch and loves to try to engage her caretakers in a game of chase around her habitat.

Because of her rough physical condition, Yuki is currently being kept by herself until she heals enough to be able to go in with a companion. We are hoping to put her and Kieran together and have been allowing the two to meet through the fence. Though their first interaction left much to be desired, subsequent fence line visits have showed steady improvement and interest between the two. Hopefully they both will be ready to meet face to face soon.





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In Loving Memory of Ahote

By Susan Weidel & Michelle Proulx

Ahote was born on May 19, 2009. Initially he was adopted by a military couple in Texas and when they moved to Washington State, they only had a small apartment. The couple knew it was totally inadequate for a wolf dog. They were desperate to find Ahote a new home, so they advertised him on Craig's List. An experienced wolf dog owner saw the ad and knew that it was incredibly dangerous to advertise a wolf dog on Craig's List. She adopted Ahote and kept him safe for five years. Eventually the property where Ahote lived was sold, and his owner started to search for a Sanctuary that could help. W.O.L.F. made the arrangements to rescue him from Washington, and he arrived at W.O.L.F. on July 18, 2015.

Ahote was very terrified of being touched and his first encounter with W.O.L.F.'s vet was a challenge. He was literally climbing the walls to get away from the humans. After his vet appointment, he arrived at the Sanctuary, and he did not want any human contact or much food. After a few days, staff started the introduction with Kaileah. The next day he was following staff around his habitat and staying with Kaileah! Kaileah was an amazing calming presence for Ahote and gave him much needed confidence. He fell desperately in love with her and was always flirting and trying to get her to play with him. He would also get jealous when Kaileah, who was extremely social with her caretakers, spent what he felt was too much time socializing with humans and would often try to come up to push Kaileah out of the way or nip at his caretakers to get them to stop petting her. It was wonderful to watch the two together.

Unfortunately Kaileah passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in late 2018. Ahote was deeply affected by her death. W.O.L.F. rescued Ember, a shy female who was rescued from the Tiger King's property, to be a new companion for Ahote. At first Ahote didn't want to be anything more than roommates with Ember, but after a few months they started to form a bond and could often be seen playing with each other, running the fence line with their neighbors or even "sledding" down the snowy slopes of their habitat together.

In the summer of 2019, Ahote's caretakers noticed that he had persistent diarrhea. When all of the non-invasive tests to try to diagnose why this was occurring came back with no answers, Staff took him to get an ultrasound and a full diagnostic workup. Tragically, the ultrasound revealed that Ahote had a massive malignant tumor on his pancreas. He was taken to CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital to have an MRI done to see if the tumor could be removed. The surgeons believed there was a good chance it could be but when they started the surgery, Ahote's veterinarians determined that the tumor was inoperable. The tumor was so large and involved with the pancreas that they expected he would pass within a few weeks. Since, aside from the diarrhea, Ahote was still a happy, active individual it was decided that he would be returned to the Sanctuary to live out whatever remained of his life while he was happy and comfortable enough to do so.

Every day staff expected to check up on Ahote and find that day was the day he would be helped to pass, and everyday he surprised them. Ahote's caretakers gave him special meals with pancreatic enzymes, and he ate his meals with gusto. His attitude was good, and he was active and enjoying life. To the amazement of Staff and his veterinarians fall turned to winter, and winter gave way to spring. Ahote thrived. But as the weather began to turn warm, Ahote started to lose weight and had increasing difficulty getting to his feet. He was no longer as interested in eating. His caretakers knew that his time had come. Eight months after his diagnosis and just three days short of his eleventh birthday, Ahote was helped to pass on May 16th.

It was devastating to lose Ahote, but we were blessed that we had an additional eight months with the stunning wolf dog. His will to live astounded everyone, and we take great comfort in knowing that Ahote is back with Kaileah, the love of his life.



(continued from page 6) discovered that he was not a young animal. To the contrary, he was very old, had lived a very difficult life, and had a heart condition.

It wasn't clear if this old fellow would even make it to the Sanctuary due to the change in elevation and, if he did, his passing away within a week or two was likely. But Orion, as he was named by the team, had other ideas. Not only did he survive, he thrived at W.O.L.F.

Although Orion was not a social animal, he wasn't exactly shy, either. He could often be observed running along the fence line when other animals walked by or he was seen lounging on his favorite perch, next to a ponderosa pine sapling with his favorite stuffed toy by his side.

Orion passed away on June 8, 2016, surrounded by his caretakers. It was a tearful event but Orion beat the odds. He lived and thrived for over a year before leaving us. If there is one thing he taught us is that no matter how tough life is, with perseverance we can achieve happiness." - Keith L.

Skye - "My first rescue mission was to document Skye's journey from West Virginia to Colorado. At the Loveland airport, I will never forget the moment when the small plane touched the ground and Skye was carried to the Executive Director's vehicle to be transported to the veterinary hospital. Once in the car as she rested on her comfortable dog bed, her big brown eyes met mine. At that very second, it was evident she was meant to spend her new life at the Sanctuary surrounded by caretakers who would love on her always. Her story inspired supporters around the globe, and she melted the hearts of thousands." – Jessica K.



Reese - "While Reese has never shown interest in directly interacting with her caretakers, she can summon her bravery when it comes to food, which is Reese's greatest joy. She becomes even more courageous when Outlaw returns from his ambassador work at W.O.L.F.'s educational programs. A cheeseburger is always part of the deal for the ambassador animals after they return from programs, and Reese always waits close to the gate when Outlaw is brought back. Not only does she rush to Outlaw as soon as the humans are a safe distance away, but she also wants in on the cheeseburger. She will wait impatiently as her caretakers often tear off a piece of Outlaw's burger for her. Knowing how possessive Outlaw can be, she gobbles this up with gusto before he can try to steal it from her. Though she will never be completely at ease with humans, her caretakers adore that Reese is comfortable enough in her sanctuary home to enjoy her life with Outlaw and devour everything placed in front of her." – Jillian D.

Ashley and Jasmine - "Jasmine and Ashley were biological sisters that had spent their entire lives with one another. Because of this, they remained together at W.O.L.F. However, from the time of their arrival, it was clear that Ashley was in charge. She had a commanding personality, particularly compared to Jasmine's more submissive presence. It seemed that Ashley was constantly nipping Jasmine on



her rear, regardless of the various tactics that caretakers tried to alter Ashley's behaviors. Typically, caretakers would shout, "Ashley, stop biting your sister!" This had only a temporary effect. Nothing worked to deter Ashley, but this just seemed to be the way that the two sisters interacted with one another. Despite the constant nipping by Ashley, the two were deeply bonded and remained together until Ashley's passing at over eighteen years of age. Jasmine was soon to follow and passed just a month after her sister. "The Ancient Ones," as they were fondly known, were reunited once more." – Sharon S.

Rajan - "From the beginning, Rajan was my guy. He was so handsome with such a personality. The minute you walked into his enclosure, he would roll over for belly rubs, or back up into you so you could give him a butt rub. He was our ambassador when I first started volunteering. He did not love that role, but he would still represent W.O.L.F. with pride. He really became W.O.L.F. to so many people, and they would always ask about him at events. Letting him go was the hardest day for me, but his soul lives on in my heart and all of those at W.O.L.F." – Debbie D.



Jazzy - "Beautiful Jazzy was one of W.O.L.F.'s beloved ambassador animals. She attended many educational programs, serving an integral role in helping teach the public about wolf dogs like herself. To this day, W.O.L.F. still has notes from kids thanking Jazzy for coming to their schools and teaching them about wolves. She had an enormous impact on so many in the community. In addition to her work at schools, Jazzy also attended public tabling events such as New West Fest, a well-known event in Fort Collins that attracts thousands of visitors each year. Jazzy dutifully remained at W.O.L.F.'s booth, though when the temperature warmed beyond her comfort level, she contented herself by laying in the tote full of ice that her caretakers brought to keep their drinks cool. She was quite a sight to behold as she sprawled out in her ice bath, prompting her caretakers to call her "Jazzy on Ice," which stuck with her for the remainder of her time at W.O.L.F." - Donna N.

Jacob - "The second I visited W.O.L.F. Sanctuary to learn more about the organization to help assist with marketing support, I saw Jacob for the first time. This handsome, lanky legged, giant, white wolf stared back at me with his golden eyes, resembling an angel's halo. From that moment on, I was smitten with not only his beautiful looks, but his impish demeanor. I was fortunate to have been offered a position with the organization, and got to personally meet him up close. During our first encounter, my heart stopped for a few seconds as I received a colossal toothy kiss, and I knew he would forever have a place in my heart." – Jessica K.





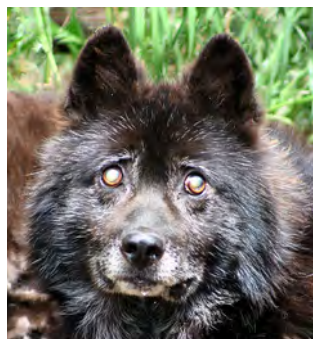
"I have been a volunteer at W.O.L.F. since January 2017. I have learned so much – from animal behavior to putting shingles on a roof. Every day brings a new experience.

I have learned that the animals are opportunists. If they can take it, they will. Outlaw is a great example. He managed to take one of my work gloves one day – tossing his head side-to-side like he had the best "prize" ever (or to antagonize his neighbors). You can't chase him – it's a game.

He chews on it, and then buries it. When he became distracted, I dug it up (it had a plastic piece on it that I didn't want him to get). He had chewed off the ends of ALL fingers except the thumb. He later goes back to his "prize", discovers it gone, looks up directly at ME and gives me the "stink eye". He knew I had it. All I could do was laugh.

I have learned to overcome fear. The BIG BAD WOLF is a fairy tale. That is TRUE. I always knew that. One day when I went in with Sasha and Jacob, just as I closed the gate, Jacob came up and placed his paws on my shoulders. He stood 6 feet tall, and I knew he was looking at me. I looked up at his beautiful face, amber eyes (for just a moment) and I felt NO fear. I felt love, happiness. Then Jacob licked my face and glasses to the point that I could not see clearly. He likes his bootie scratched as well as his chest. He is truly magnificent.

I have seen, heard and been a part of so many amazing things – I am looking forward what we can do in the future." - Stephanie M.



Mucqua - "Mucq was totally blind but he knew every inch of his habitat. Each morning he and Hammer would play a silent and stealthy game. Both animals preferred one doghouse. If Hammer was in the house overnight, Mucq patiently waited each morning until Hammer left to begin his day. Mucq quickly moved in and the claimed the house. Then Hammer waited for his opportunity. As soon as Mucq left the house, Hammer moved back in. And so it went. The two wolf dogs executed a bloodless coup every day over their favorite house. Yet they never had an aggressive encounter or even growled. They simple waited patiently and took the opportunity for occupancy whenever it came." - Susan W.

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