

W.O.L.F.



SPRING & SUMMER 2023

2023 Gala Recap

In Memoriam: Spartacus & Outlaw

Meet Our Newest Resident Casey

Plus, We Are Going Green!

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ON THIS COVER: *CASEY*

Dear Supporters:

How quickly do seasons change. It feels like it was just yesterday we were reminding you all to join us at our 2023 Gala. Fret not friends, since April things at W.O.L.F. haven't seized to bloom. Its been quite eventful. The new Red Feather Lakes location is gearing up to be the next hot spot for our residents at W.O.L.F. Water is now running and security cameras are ready to capture all the latest 411 in the property. This season we had to unfortunately say goodbye to two of our lovely residents, Spartacus and Outlaw, and though their departures touched the very core of our souls and left us grieving, we were still able to open our hearts to welcome Casey, our snowy newest resident full of spunk. Simply because we are steamrolling through the warm seasons of the year doesnt mean we haven't thought ahead in to the chilly seasons. We are slowly gaining traction to groove and be smooth as we prepare for our 2024 Gala. Be sure to save the date for April 20, 2024 and stay tuned as more information develops. You can also find us at local tabling events late this Summer and Fall, details listed below:

Elk Fest

Saturday and Sunday,
Sept 30 - Oct 1, 2023
Estes Park

W.O.L.F. Fest

Saturday
Oct 7, 2023
Big Thompson Brewery

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As always, gratefully and humbly yours,

- *Shelley Coldiron*

Red Feather Lakes Update - Laura Davis

In preparation for moving our current residents to Red Feather, the 'finishing touches' are being completed. This includes:

- Installation of a water supply line from the well to the Headquarters building. Additionally, a hot water heater and three compartment stainless steel sink were installed. This will provide a place for dog bowls, etc. to be washed and sanitized.
- A new thawing refrigerator and two stainless steel NSF certified tables have been purchased to provide for food preparation.
- Deck pens have been installed in the majority of the habitats. The roofs for these deck pens have arrived and we are busily working on installing them.
- Starlink has been installed for WiFi coverage and new cameras are being installed starting in the Headquarters building and the cabin. Installation had begun for cameras in all the habitats

The goal remains to move our wolves and operations to Red Feather by early Fall! Again, we appreciate the support of our contractors, donors, staff, and volunteers.



2024 GALA

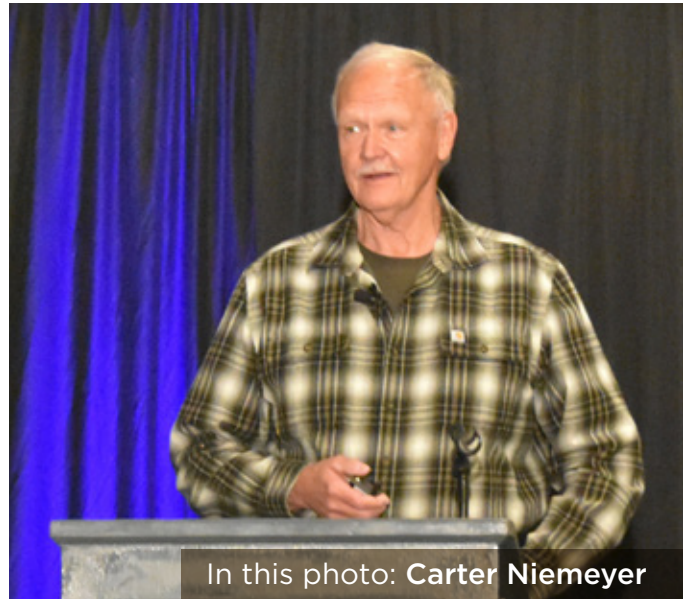


We are so excited to announce the **2024 Gala - Rock N' Howl**, taking place on April 20, 2024! Next year's theme will make you want to groove, be smooth, and bring your best moves. Keep an eye out for our monthly eNewsletters and quarterly newsletters for more information as this continues to develop.

A Recap of our 2023 Gala: Howling for Mother Earth

Our annual Gala took place on Earth Day at the Hilton in Fort Collins. The event was a magical experience. Thanks to all of your tremendous efforts and support, the Gala was a HOWLING success as we continue to work toward our goal to move in to our new Red Feather location. This was all made possible through our auction, donations, and the ticket sales. We were able to dive in to the world of Carter Niemeyer and pick his brain on how we can continue to support wolves and their slow reintroduction into many national parks around the country and especially in Colorado. We also sent off our dear Spartacus to the heavens and in to the gracious lap of Mother Earth by howling in unison and shedding a few tears and gave him a sincere 'Thank you' as we are now able to give a new home to our newcomer: Casey. As the festivities continued we watched amazing drone footage of our soon to be new home. Delicious dinner, drinks, and desserts were shared and gobbled down, may I add those were some very delicious vegetarian meat balls. These are just a few highlights of how the Gala went this year. This being said, our journey to Red Feathers is closer than ever, but we still need help. If you would like to lend a paw to our sweet pups, please go to our website or fill out the donation form enclosed in this newsletter and as always we thank you dearly for being a supported. It would be imPAWsible without you!

- From All of us at W.O.L.F.



In this photo: Carter Niemeyer



In this photo: Takoda



In this photo: Shelley Coldiron & Laura Davis

In Memory of Spartacus – Hannah Heath

In loving memory of Spartacus, a remarkable and courageous wolf dog whose indomitable spirit inspired all who crossed his path during his time at W.O.L.F. Sanctuary. Spartacus' journey began with a harrowing tale of neglect and mistreatment. Originally confined to a daycare facility, he spent his days isolated and chained up in a yard. When a scratch on a child's arm resulted in his rehoming, his situation only worsened. Placed in a dirt yard with no shelter, he suffered from malnourishment, his ears ravaged by fly strikes, and his owners' misguided attempt to repel flies with motor oil. The summer heat took its toll, and Spartacus sought solace by digging a hole to find relief from the scorching sun. With no access to proper veterinary care, he went without essential vaccinations, heartworm tests, and medical attention.

Thankfully, W.O.L.F. Sanctuary received the frantic call for help and immediately sprang into action. Recognizing the urgency, the dedicated team at the sanctuary carefully planned and executed a rescue mission, traveling from Fort Collins to Kansas to bring Spartacus to safety. Emaciated and suffering, he embarked on his journey to W.O.L.F., where he would finally experience compassion, care, and freedom from chains.

Upon his arrival at the Sanctuary, Spartacus exhibited an insatiable desire for social interaction, both with humans and fellow wolf dogs. He struggled with his initial medical quarantine, yearning for love and attention. His resonating howls, akin to a foghorn, echoed through the canyon during the night, often disrupting the caretakers'

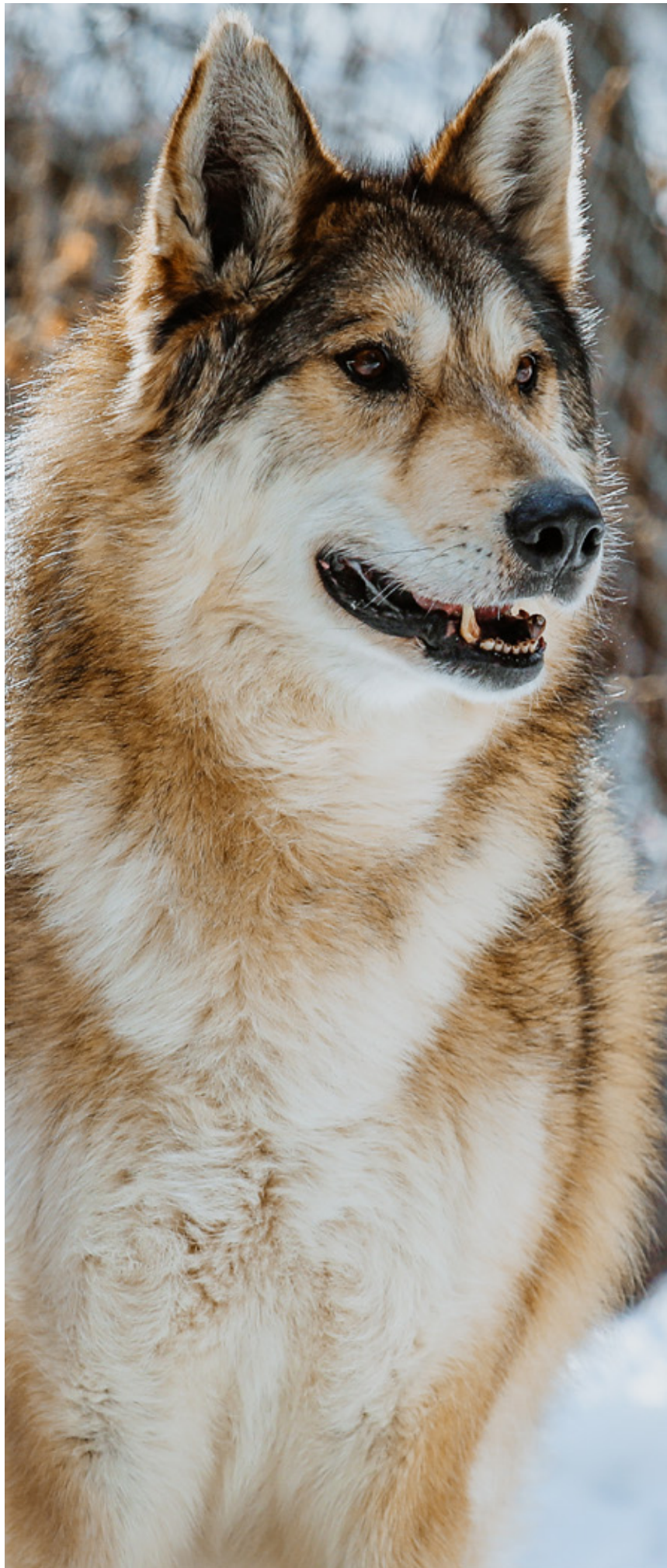
much-needed rest. His infectious spirit earned him the endearing nickname "Tugboat"

When it was determined he was healthy, Spartacus found companionship and solace with Trigger, another young wolf dog in need of a friend. Their bond grew stronger by the day, playing and romping around their enclosure. They spent all their time together, often sleeping in the same dog house. It was truly wonderful to see them forming such a strong bond.

Drawn to the neighboring wolves Tundra and Sigmund, the intrepid duo found a way to scale the fence, uniting as a spirited foursome. Tundra, overjoyed by the presence of her energetic companions, reveled in their youthful exuberance. Recognizing Sigmund's need for a calmer environment, W.O.L.F. made the compassionate decision to relocate him to an enclosure where he could find peace alongside Pride after the loss of her companion, Lance.

Spartacus, Trigger, and Tundra became inseparable, spending their days immersed in play, exploring the vast mountain enclosure, and finding solace in each other's company when the sun set. Spartacus's endearing nature and lively personality made him a cherished ambassador, and he often ventured beyond the enclosure to attend educational programs. His presence was an instant source of joy for those he encountered, captivating audiences with his charm and resilience.

However, as Trigger began to mature, he was sometimes reluctant to allow Spartacus to return to the enclosure after a program



program without challenging him. The sanctuary staff diligently monitored these interactions to ensure the safety and well-being of all involved.

Fate had more in store for Spartacus, as a vivacious wolf pup named Ashima joined the sanctuary. In need of a mature companion who could guide her and match her energy, Ashima found her perfect mentor in Spartacus. Slow and careful introductions paved the way for a deep and special bond between them. Spartacus took on the role of teacher, imparting wolf manners to the spirited “wild child” and tempering her boundless enthusiasm. Together, they attended educational programs, with Ashima closely following Spartacus’ lead, learning and growing under his watchful eye. Their partnership became a testament to the power of resilience and the enduring capacity for love.

Unfortunately, Spartacus passed away this March after a brief and painless battle with hemangiosarcoma. He has left many at the Sanctuary with fond memories of his bold personality and puppy-like antics. He could often be found playing in his water trough in the summer, going from water to mud and back to water. Spartacus often entertained himself by chasing his tail in the most animated fashion. His lively howls and booming barks still echo through the minds and hearts of those he left behind. We will forever cherish our dear Spartacus’ warm and friendly demeanor. Although his cheerful face will no longer be there to greet us, W.O.L.F. Sanctuary knows that our beloved boy is chasing rabbits across the Rainbow Bridge and getting into as much mischief as he can smile his way out of.

In Memory of Outlaw – Keith Laposh

Originally from Utah, Outlaw was picked up as a stray in 2013 and the animal shelter staff mistakenly listed him as a one-and-a-half year old Siberian Husky/Shepherd mix. This worked in his favor because a very kind, loving woman adopted him and did everything in her power to provide for his every need. She named him “Outlaw Spirit,” a.k.a. Outlaw.

Outlaw lived with his new guardian and her family for a little over three months and became increasingly more destructive and difficult to handle. He was overly protective of his guardian and would not allow other dogs and even some people near her. He pinned her and other family members against walls and was very “mouthy.” He also hated being confined and began digging under the backyard fence or trying to go through windows while inside the house.

Outlaw’s guardian was not aware that he was a wolfdog when she adopted him. She hired professional trainers but Outlaw did not respond to the degree that would manage his behavior. Euthanasia was recommended but Outlaw’s guardian refused. Eventually one trainer, who had previously worked with wolfdogs, recognized what Outlaw was and recommended sanctuary placement.

Although Outlaw’s owner loved him very much, she made the difficult decision to rehome him where he would be safe and well cared for the rest of his life. On July 14, 2013, Outlaw arrived at W.O.L.F. and was eventually paired with Reese.

Outlaw was a favorite of both volunteers and visitors alike. His optimistic, mischievous personality combined with his striking appearance made him absolutely irresistible. Everything from his big grin to his toothy kisses and his “temper tantrums” when he didn’t get his way on a walk stole the hearts of everyone who knew him.





Outlaw's gentle, optimistic personality made him a perfect candidate for ambassador programs. He reveled in the human attention and was always a huge hit.

In December of 2016, Outlaw injured himself, tearing his ACL. Upon examination, it was revealed that he had a birth defect in the way his joints were formed, which eventually led to both ACLs needing surgery. Outlaw recovered from this unfortunate ordeal nicely but was a lot less rambunctious afterward.

As Outlaw aged, he slowed down physically but his love for affection never waned. He loved his human friends, as well as his life-long companion, Reese. Never one to disappoint, Outlaw touched the hearts of everyone who had the good fortune of meeting him.

Sadly, during the month of May, 2023, Outlaw just wasn't acting like himself. He lost his appetite and wasn't as interested in human attention as he always had been throughout his life, so it was decided that he would be taken to the vet to see if something was wrong. Unfortunately, something was very wrong. Outlaw's exam revealed that he had a mass in his abdomen and he was suffering from hemangiosarcoma, an aggressive form of cancer that once symptoms present themselves, it is too far along.

On Friday, May 19th, 2023, the heartbreaking decision to help Outlaw to cross over was made. He was surrounded by his beloved human caretakers as he received tearful goodbyes while he was alleviated of the pain and suffering he would have endured if his condition had not been diagnosed and he went on without intervention.

Outlaw was a shining star at W.O.L.F. He had many, many friends and fans. His departure has impacted us all but his spirit will forever remain.

Introducing Casey - Keith Laposh



W.O.L.F. receives approximately 400 rescue requests every year from people all over the country and sometimes internationally. Since we are only allowed to have 30 animals at any given time, W.O.L.F. networks with other sanctuaries, rescues and individuals across the country to try and find placement for as many animals as we can.

In February of 2023, W.O.L.F. received a request from a rescue volunteer in Arkansas. She had been fostering a dog named “Diablo” for over a year. There was a bite incident and a DNA test was done. Diablo’s test results came back as having gray wolf content, which made him unadoptable and euthanasia was his only option.

W.O.L.F.’s Rescue Coordinator tried their best to find somewhere for Diablo to go where he would be safe and happy but sanctuaries were full and rescues would not accept him because of his wolf content.

After weeks of trying, our Rescue Coordinator had exhausted all of their leads and contacts, basically hitting a wall with nowhere for Diablo to go. Meanwhile, the shelter told Diablo’s foster family that he had 10 more days or they would have to euthanize him.

In late March, our dear Spartacus passed away unexpectedly. W.O.L.F.’s Executive Director and Rescue Coordinator had a conversation about whether there were any animals needing rescue that would be an appropriate fit. After considering a few candidates, they remembered Diablo. Was he still needing to be rescued? Was he still alive? Our Executive Director asked our Rescue Coordinator to check on him.

Even though it was well past the 10 days Diablo was given to find placement or be euthanized, our Rescue Coordinator called Diablo’s foster mom. She stated that she did not know if he was still alive. She said she had put Diablo in a boarding facility and that she would check on his status. When she called back, she excitedly said that although Diablo’s time was up, when the shelter staff went to the boarding facility to euthanize him, the person in charge of the boarding facility did not let them in and Diablo was still alive!

Plans were immediately put into place for Diablo to come live out his life at W.O.L.F. Diablo went to the vet, had a full examination and received a clean bill of health! Next, the paperwork to transfer custody was completed. The final piece of the process was transport. Diablo needed to travel from Little Rock, Arkansas to the foothills of Northern Colorado.

One of W.O.L.F.’s long-time supporters lives in Oklahoma, so our Rescue Coordinator contacted him and asked if he would be willing to assist with transporting Diablo if someone could get Diablo to Oklahoma. He agreed and the transport was set in motion. A rescue volunteer in Arkansas offered to take the first leg of the transport.



W.O.L.F.'s Executive Director wanted Diablo to have a new name to go along with his new life, so she asked our supporter completing the transport if he would like to rename him. Once Diablo arrived in Oklahoma, he had a brief break and then was back on the road, traveling through the night toward his new home.

At about 1:00 a.m., W.O.L.F.'s Rescue Coordinator was contacted by Diablo's transporter. Their vehicle had broken down in Ellis, Kansas, so our Rescue Coordinator got into his vehicle and began driving to rendezvous with them.

Six hours later, they arrived, loaded Diablo into their vehicle and made the 7+ hour drive back to W.O.L.F. During that time, our supporter who had brought Diablo from Oklahoma decided on a name. He decided to rename Diablo "Casey," after the first dog he had when he got out of the military. It is a fitting way to honor both his former companion and our new rescue!

Casey is a handsome, young wolfdog with a goofy, playful personality. He has adjusted well since his arrival. He still has a lot of puppy energy and enjoys running around his mountainside habitat. Because of the love and dedication of a handful of people, Casey avoided euthanasia and found his forever home, where he will live out a long, happy, healthy life!



In this photo: **Wayaho & Nysa**



Meet Tony Kear! - Hannah Heath



In this photo:
Tony Kear and Tenali

Tony Kear was born in Kansas and moved to Colorado at a young age with his family. He started working young, performing mainly farmhand tasks. Throughout his life, Tony has held jobs as a farmhand, a ranch hand, and a tractorhand, doing pasture fence installation and maintenance. Eventually opening his own Handyman and Landscaping business where he serviced Northern Larimer county for seven years. There, he worked in fence installation and repair, stable repairs, painting, and general property upkeep.

Tony's always been an avid lover of wolves. He's been a fan since age thirteen when he had his own wolf dog mix, Lucan. Sadly, Lucan's story didn't end well, since there were no sanctuary options for him back then. Ever since Lucan, however, Tony has been invested in wolves. So you can imagine how he felt when he saw W.O.L.F. Sanctuary on the side of a truck one day during his Landfill work. This sparked his interest and Tony sought someone to talk to about W.O.L.F. He found someone who worked at the Sanctuary 15 years ago, and realized working at a wolf sanctuary sounded like something he'd want to be involved in. One day, Tony received a phone call from our Senior Director of Operations, who had found his resume on Indeed. She felt his qualifications

were a close fit to what W.O.L.F. was looking for, and offered him a job as Maintenance. Tony thought, "Here's my chance!" He promptly finished up his fall yard work jobs and began as Maintenance in November of 2021, excited to start his new role. When asked about his new Maintenance job, Tony replied, "I was not disappointed, these wolves are awesome." Tony's role at the Sanctuary is Maintenance and property upkeep. He gathers the meat donations we use to feed the animals, and assists with chores when necessary. His motivation to work lies within the animals themselves.

He stated, "It is the wolves, pretty much. I love all of them, not just one. I know it's strange, but that's how it is. In a way, I think I can really relate to them and their nature, being that I like lots of room and nature as well. I'm... a lot like they are, for the most part, so I see similarities." Although Tony loves all the animals, he did admit to having favorites. His favorites are Yuki and Topaz, thanks to their lively personalities. In fact, Topaz is his favorite thing about working at W.O.L.F.

Tony believes people should know that here at W.O.L.F. Sanctuary, we do not release our animals into the wild. He feels that's the most commonly asked question he gets, and usually replies "These are captive born wolf dogs. This is their sanctuary." Tony also realized W.O.L.F. is a sanctuary for humans, too. W.O.L.F. has taught Tony even more how much we need nature; he touched on the interdependency of creatures for survival mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Tony is an artist at heart. He realized early on in his childhood that no matter what career he ends up in, he'll still be creating, whether through drawing and painting, woodwork, metallurgy, knife making, or leathercraft. He's even written a song about the wolf reintroduction into Colorado, with the opening line being "Bring back the American wolf to the Rockies, miss his voice on the mountainside". Tony's biggest support in life is his amazing wife, Anita. He often speaks of her at the Sanctuary, and many of the staff have met her on one of Tony and Anita's overnights. Tony's work at W.O.L.F. has helped him realize that "I can do this, I can work here and make a difference."



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