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Letter From The Director

Dear Supporters,

As we embrace the beauty of our first winter at Red Feather Lakes, I am thrilled to share the joy that our wolf dog family is experiencing in this snowy haven. The kids revel in the winter wonderland, delighting in the pristine landscape, mulch piles, and snug straw-filled deck pens that keep them warm and content.

Our hearts are warmed not only by the snow but also by the incredible generosity shown during Colorado Gives Day in December. Your support has been pivotal in sustaining our sanctuary, and we extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to ensuring the well-being of our wolf dog residents.

I want to extend a special thanks for your invaluable assistance with fundraisers for the trackbarrow and solar generators. These contributions have proven instrumental in helping us navigate the challenges of winter, allowing us to provide the best care possible for our magnificent residents.

This spring, we're looking forward to Valentine's Day at W.O.L.F. Sanctuary (the kiddos love their meat heart Valentines) and our "Rock n' Howl" Gala on April 20, 2024. This isn't just any gala – it's a milestone celebration for W.O.L.F. Sanctuary, commemorating our move to Red Feather Lakes. Dance the night away with line dancing lessons, enjoy live entertainment from the Jukebox Boys, snap photos in our photo booth, treat yourself to something sweet at our candy store, or walk on the wild side and get a wolf tattoo! 50s/60s-style attire is encouraged, and the best dressed wins a ticket duo for our 2025 Gala! Tickets are on sale now, and sponsorships are available.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support. Together, we are making a significant impact on the lives of our wolf dog residents.

As always, gratefully and humbly yours,

- Shelley Coldiron







Red Feather Update

Our Journey at Red Feather Lakes



Since completing the move to Red Feather Lakes, W.O.L.F. Sanctuary staff and volunteers continue to marvel at how happy the animals are with their new surroundings. It is rewarding to see them continue exploring their new habitats and all the natural features, like rock outcroppings, that the habitats offer. Ashima has even constructed her own den!

They have room to run, and many enjoy new relationships with neighbors they didn't know at the Rist Canyon location. W.O.L.F. management and staff are beginning to provide new enrichment opportunities, and the wolves are loving it!

Even with the move completed, there is still a lot of work to be done. We are grateful for our work group partners, like Otterbox, the Larimer County Department of Natural Resources, and the Northern Colorado Sawyers, for their continued support and willingness to help with just about anything we bring their way.

Thanks to generous donations, we were able to complete the purchase of the generators needed to heat each wolf's water bucket to prevent freezing in the cold conditions.

We are in the process of installing the necessary infrastructure to operate these generators.

Additionally, thanks to a generous donation, we were able to purchase a powered track barrow that allows us to move heavy materials and sometimes food in the rough terrain at W.O.L.F. This piece of equipment will be invaluable with the tasks planned for spring.



Larimer County Department of Natural Resources Volunteers carving pumpkins



New Yardmax TrackBarrow



Otterbox Volunteers and W.O.L.F. Staff making Valentine's hearts



"Rock n' Howl" isn't just any gala – it's a milestone celebration for W.O.L.F. Sanctuary, commemorating our move to Red Feather Lakes. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 20, 2024, and join us at the Hilton Fort Collins.

Dance the night away with line dancing lessons featuring the rocking tunes of the Jukebox Boys, capture memorable moments in our photo booth, indulge your sweet tooth at our candy store, or even commemorate the evening with a wolf tattoo. We've also secured an array of exciting silent and live auction items, including exclusive experiences in Vail, Cabo, and Yellowstone.

Remember to dress in your best 50s/60s-style attire to rock the night! The best dressed wins two tickets to our 2025 Gala!

Tickets are selling fast, so secure yours today! We also offer private tables and sponsorship for those who want to take their support to the next level. Join us in making this celebration a roaring success!



Event Details

April 20th, 2024, at Hilton Fort Collins

5-8 PM Gala and Dinner and 8-10 PM After Party

425 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins, CO 80528

970-494-2943



Join us for an unforgettable night! Reserve your stay at the Hilton Fort Collins for just \$145 plus tax per night using **booking** code M10.

If you're thinking of bringing friends, why not consider becoming a sponsor or reserving a table? Your support will make a difference for our beloved animals!

Please scan the QR code to purchase tickets, tables, or sponsorships.











Amaris - Female

Birthday: July 14, 2008
Given Sanctuary: July 14, 2016

Companion: Indigo (her sister)
Guardian Angel: Becky Robertson

Lifetime Defender: Available





Likes: Amaris enjoys chasing after the UTV along the fence line when Pax is

out overseeing chores — and hanging out with her sister, Indigo!

Dislikes: When her caregivers take too long to feed her!

Fun Fact: Amaris and Indigo are the only sisters at W.O.L.F.

Personality: Our Amaris, with a watchful eye and tons of curiosity, loves roaming

her spacious sanctuary and visiting with her neighbors, Wayaho and Nysa. Amaris is constantly observing our staff's daily hustle and bustle or eagerly anticipating the arrival of the UTV to see Pax. Amaris loves

to greet him at the fence when he is out walking.

Indigo - Female



Birthday: July 14, 2008
Given Sanctuary: July 14, 2016
Companion: Amaris (her sister)

Guardian Angel: Jim Fritts **Lifetime Defender:** Available



Likes: Indigo enjoys roaming her enclosure and observing the goings on at

the Sanctuary.

Dislikes: Having the same food every day. She has a discriminating palate.

Fun Fact: Indigo and her sister Amaris are originally from Canada, and when they

first arrived at W.O.L.F., they had to be closely watched because they

were potential escape artists!

Personality: Indigo, the cautious beauty of our sanctuary, navigates her world with

careful consideration. Indigo's heart skips a beat for special treats like Halloween pumpkins filled with savory meat and her Valentine's Day surprise, a ground beef heart. She has embraced her new habitat, exploring every nook and cranny, ensuring nothing goes unnoticed.

Please consider becoming the Lifetime Defender(s) of our beloved duo, Amaris and Indigo.

Tribute to Tundra

My sweet, precious Tundra! You had me hooked from the moment I first met you on March 3, 2019. Your beautiful brown eyes looked right into my soul, even from the beginning. Your amazing, powerful scent rubs on a very frequent basis let me know that you loved me and claimed me as your own, just as I loved you. Being able to sit quietly with you at the end of my volunteer shift was truly the highlight of my day.

When the opportunity presented itself to become your Lifetime Defender, we accepted and treasured that honor. In your honor, Michelle and I will choose to support another one of the pups at the sanctuary who doesn't have a forever defender to support them for the rest of their life.



Michelle and I both loved getting to see you adjust to your new home in Red Feather Lakes and treasured the times getting to see you enjoy the sun in your favorite spots under the trees in your enclosure. We cherished the times you came to the fence to greet us and to smell our hands. We will never forget watching you and Trigger interact in your beautiful new home. We know you will never forget your sweet boy Trigger who has remained faithfully by your side!

Sweet girl, our hearts are broken right now. We will continue to care for and love the other pups at the Sanctuary in your honor. Just know that we love you and you will remain in our hearts forever! Run and play in perfect health and happiness with all of your pack who have gone on before you.

You will never be forgotten, sweet girl!

Your forever guardian angels and lifetime defenders,

Brenda and Michelle



From the first time I met Tundra, I marveled at how beautiful she was, inside and out. Tundra had 'smart eyes' and was an old soul, full of wisdom, strength, independence, that was all balanced with a zest for life and a deep love for those she let into her world. She had a presence that could not be ignored and a quiet strength about her. She endured all the obstacles that life threw at her with dignity, grace, and a will to live. Her scent rubs were unparalleled, and she could knock you over! Through it all, Trigger was her steadfast companion, and his loyalty and protective nature were so touching.

I was lucky to have been able to experience getting Tundra and Trigger's new home ready for them at the Red Feather Lakes facility. It was so rewarding to stand shoulder to shoulder with Shelley Coldiron and Keith Laposh and release them into there new habitat and watch her walk around and around exploring every inch of her new home with Trigger walking alongside her, watching over her. I was almost moved to tears in seeing her be able to walk and move more freely and how much she loved it. I miss her dearly and still can't help but look for her lying in her favorite spots either soaking up the sun or enjoying the shade of the ponderosa pine trees. She will remain in my heart forever and I feel honored and privileged to have been part of her life for the time I was able to have with her.

Tundra was a beautiful girl with a sweet, gentle spirit. She was the first resident I met at W.O.L.F. as a new volunteer. Tundra approached with cautious curiosity and proceeded to give me a scent rub. Never having experienced one before, it was an amazing welcome gift into her world. Tundra's scent rubs were fervent and vigorous, often akin to a massage.

As Tundra aged and battled various maladies, her tenderness never waned. Even as her mobility became compromised, she trusted her caretakers and always seemed to understand that they were her friends and were there to help.

Tundra will be missed by all who knew her. Very deeply loved, she was a very special soul and a good friend to many. May Tundra rest in peace and may her spirit run free once again with the grace and agility of youth.

Keith Laposh





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