

W.O.L.F. SANCTUARY
Wolves Offered Life & Friendship



2024 Annual Report

Our Mission

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for captive-born wolves and wolf dogs through Sanctuary, Rescue, and Education.

This year W.O.L.F., with the help of our rescue network, **assisted in saving 168 wolf dogs** either with placement, helping their owners to keep them or having the wolf dog label removed so they could be adopted out to the general public.

These rescues happened in AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, IN, MD, MI, MO, MT, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, SC, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY and Canada.



As we celebrate our **30th Anniversary** this year, we want to share more about our lifesaving work to rescue and care for wolf dogs in need, advocate for their protection and the consequences of the exotic pet trade industry, and educate the public about these incredible but often forgotten animals.

Hundreds of students across NoCo's local elementary schools served throughout our educational programs in 2024!

Wolf Reintroduction Program

Bred as pets, wolf dogs often fall through the cracks—neither wild enough to thrive in nature nor domesticated enough to be traditional pets. At W.O.L.F. Sanctuary, we specialize in providing these incredible animals with the care, love, and protection they need.

Ember's Story: Rescued from Joe Exotic

Rescued from Fur-Ever Wild—a facility masquerading as a petting zoo while secretly pelting wolves for profit—Ember's story is one of survival against the odds. She was eventually transported to Joe Exotic's private zoo in Oklahoma before being saved by Lockwood Animal Rescue Center (LARC). Ember's journey led her to W.O.L.F. in 2019, where she found sanctuary and companionship. Today, Ember thrives in her forever home alongside her companion, Jacob.



Our 2024 Fundraising Highlights

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, this year has been a remarkable success!



Colorado Gives Day

We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming generosity of our supporters! Thanks to **620 donations**—587 from first-time donors—we raised nearly **\$117,000**, our best result since pre-COVID.

This support helped us finish the year strong, but our work is far from over. Every gift makes a difference, no matter what time of year!



Rock n' Howl Gala

We raised an incredible **\$110,000** at this unforgettable 50s and 60s-themed event, attended by nearly **200 supporters!**

Guests enjoyed a lively evening featuring a fabulous live and silent auction, an old-school penny candy store, a temporary tattoo parlor, a photo booth, and a special meet-and-greet with our ambassador wolf-dog, Tenali. Dressed in their best vintage attire, attendees danced the night away to music by The Jukebox Boys.



Rist Canyon Close Out

Together, we raised an incredible **\$36,000** through this emergency appeal, allowing us to remove the fencing at our former sanctuary in Rist Canyon, complete the demolition of the old site, and officially close out our lease. These critical funds not only helped us leave our previous location but also ensured we could be fully present at our new home in Red Feather Lakes.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our supporters, we've taken a major step forward, reducing expenses and focusing entirely on the future of W.O.L.F. Sanctuary.

W.O.L.F. Sanctuary is a small, grassroots organization dedicated to rescuing wolf dogs—animals caught in a forgotten cross-section, neither fully domestic nor truly wild. Because of this, we often don't qualify for traditional grants, making donor support essential. Every dollar raised goes directly to the care of our animals, providing food, medical care, and safe habitats.

We rely on your generosity to keep our mission alive.



2024 Milestones



Completed solar panel installation to charge generators that provide **heated water buckets** for the animals during winter months.

Purchased equipment and provided training necessary to assist with catching animals for veterinary exams to be completed or if evacuation is necessary.

Purchased Icon golf cart and received donated track barrow to provide additional **onsite transportation for staff and volunteers** and to move heavy materials into animal habitats.

Volunteers

22 work groups completed

110 hours of volunteering & assisting with maintenance, fire mitigation, and construction projects.

- 72 volunteers
- 25 new volunteers
- 1230 sign-ups
- 8780 hours

Financial Profile

W.O.L.F. finished 2024 in a strong financial position thanks to our supporters locally and throughout the globe. Financial Breakdown:

- Program — 10%
- Management — 25%
- Fundraising — 8%
- Income — \$552,224
- Net Assets — \$2,243,098

Community Engagement

Established a partnership with the **Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed** and **The Ember Alliance** to perform fire mitigation in the Red Feather Lakes area.

Worked with several entities associated with fire mitigation and recovery to collect pine cones at W.O.L.F.

Enough seeds were collected to replant around 250 acres of burn scar.

Partnered with the **Northern Colorado Sawyers** to remove hazard trees at W.O.L.F.

Management Staff & Veterinary Care

Shelley J. Coldiron, PhD
Executive Director

Laura Davis
Sr. Director of Operations

Teva Stone, DVM
Contract Veterinarian

Dr. Jess Rychel, DVM
Holistic Health Veterinarian