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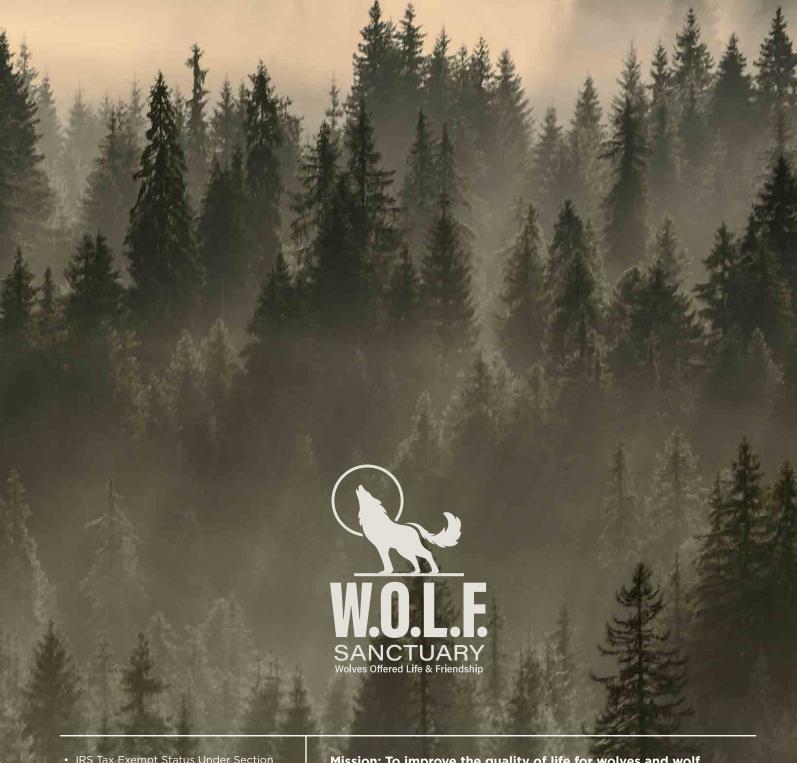
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- **Rescue -** Save captive-born wolves and wolf dogs in need and find them appropriate placement at a Sanctuary or other qualified site;
- **Sanctuary -** Provide a lifelong home at W.O.L.F. in a natural habitat that takes into account each individual's 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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Letter From The Executive Director

Hello W.O.L.F. Pack!

I'm excited to share some updates with you as we move into fall and the final few months of 2024. At W.O.L.F. Sanctuary, we've seen a season of growth and productivity. Last month, we welcomed our new board members, each bringing fresh energy and ideas to our mission. We met at the Sanctuary and charted an exciting course for the future, ensuring the longevity of our organization to provide the best care for our beloved wolf dogs.

We also hosted our Art, Wine, and Wolves event, and it was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who attended and supported us. Your participation made the event a memorable afternoon, and it's because of your commitment that we are able to continue our important work at the Sanctuary.

On the animal care front, we've been busy catching up on veterinary appointments to make sure everyone in the pack is in excellent health, and I'm happy to report that all of our animals are thriving!

As we enter the year's final months, we want to remind you that Colorado Gives Day is just around the corner on December 10, 2024, and early giving begins on November 1, 2024. This is a critical time for W.O.L.F. Sanctuary. Your donations, whether large or small, help us provide essential care for our rescued wolf dogs while allowing us to respond to urgent rescue situations nationwide.

The need is constant, and your support truly makes a difference. Every dollar brings us closer to our goals of rescuing more animals and giving them the life they deserve. We cannot do this without you.

Please consider making a donation this Colorado Gives Day. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on the lives of these incredible animals.

Thank you for being a vital part of W.O.L.F. Sanctuary's journey!

As always, gratefully and humbly yours,

- Shelley J. Coldiron, PhD Executive Director, W.O.L.F. Sanctuary

Sanctuary Updates

From Laura Davis, Senior Director of Operations





One of the major activities conducted in the summer and fall at W.O.L.F. is completing annual exams for each of our residents. This involves catching up with the animals and performing a basic wellness check, trimming nails, and providing any necessary vaccinations. We are fortunate to work with a talented veterinarian, Dr. Teva Stone, in completing these exams.

Dr. Stone has worked with W.O.L.F. for many years and has been there for many significant milestones. The most recent being the move from Rist Canyon to Red Feather Lakes. The move involved sedating each animal, placing them in a transport crate, driving them to Red Feather Lakes, and releasing them into their new forever homes. This could not have been accomplished without Dr. Stone's historical knowledge of the animals and her excellent skills in prescribing the individual sedation protocols needed for each animal and keeping them comfortable and safe during transport.

Teva has been integral to providing our residents with the best veterinary care. This includes examining them when they first arrive and, in some cases, putting them on the path to better health from the beginning. She also works closely with staff on nutrition, prescribing medications for chronic conditions like osteoarthritis to make them comfortable as they age and helping them to pass when their quality of life dictates that it is time for them to leave us.

We are so grateful to Dr. Stone for all she has done and continues to do to provide our residents with the best care. She is an integral part of W.O.L.F. and an essential partner in caring for the beautiful souls at our Sanctuary.

W.O.L.F. recently hosted a meeting for our Board of Directors, including several new Board members. We were also honored to have Bill Nguyen from Jitasa, W.O.L.F.'s accounting firm, visit the Sanctuary. Everyone had a great time meeting our residents and interacting with them.

We recently had a site visit from Red Sage Integrative Veterinary Partners to provide treatment for two of our residents diagnosed with osteoarthritis. Takoda and Tenali received shockwave treatment administered by Meaghan Monahan and Lindsay Voves with Red Sage.

Shockwave therapy is a non-invasive treatment that utilizes high-energy sound waves to treat patients with pain and/or lameness. It is beneficial for treating some of our residents with osteoarthritis, joint injuries, chronic pain, etc.

Takoda was groomed by Craig Radice, who operates a mobile grooming service. Kira, Takoda's companion, kept a close eye on him while he was being groomed.





Both of our residents really enjoyed their "spa" treatments!

We appreciate our close partnerships with organizations like Red Sage and Craig that assist us in providing the best care available for the beautiful souls in our care.





Tenali relaxed during her shockwave treatment and felt AMAZING afterward—she even had the energy to run with her companion, Zakai!





Takoda enjoyed his "spa treatment" from Craig. Safe to say that Takoda's companion, Kira, was very impressed with the grooming results!

Kira - Female

Birthday: Sep 23, 2017 Given Sanctuary: Feb 23, 2019

Companion: Takoda
Guardian Angel: Lisa Sauer

Lifetime Defenders: Scott & Pam Sheeler

Laura Davis





Likes: Kira is very social and loves getting attention from staff and volunteers.

She adores her companion, Takoda, and they are always in close proximity to each other. Kira also likes her dogloo and can be seen exiting it on a frequent basis while Takoda stands vigil just outside. She loves exploring her habitat and the one next door when she and Takoda

are given the opportunity.

Dislikes: Being separated from Takoda for any period of time!

Fun Fact: Kira is the "master digger" at W.O.L.F. She is very proficient at digging

holes, small and large, in and around her habitat!

Personality: Kira is a happy-go-lucky girl, and her tail is always wagging. She is alert,

curious, and playful and wants to be involved in everything. She loves the attention she receives from staff and volunteers, and they love her right back! She is a joy to be around and is beautiful inside and out.

Takoda - Male



Birthday: March 13, 2017
Given Sanctuary: Sep 13, 2018
Companion: Kira
Guardian Angel: Chris Johnston
Lifetime Defender: Fred Johnston



Likes:

Takoda loves his companion, Kira, and they are the perfect duo and partners in crime. Takoda is always close to Kira and watches over her when she is in her dogloo, regardless of the weather. He loves interaction with his caregivers and is well known for trying to steal hair ties and sunglasses.

Dislikes:

Being separated from Kira. The pair are walked together by staff and volunteers because Kira and Takoda have a fit when they are separated.

Fun Fact:

Takoda was given his name when he came to WOLF. His name means "friend to everyone," which is so fitting for him.

Personality:

Takoda is very gregarious and loves people and, of course, his companion Kira. He is a big, happy boy who loves life. He enjoys exploring his habitat and all that it offers. He can be seen lounging in the shade of the trees at times and at others, patrolling the fence line and keeping an eye on his neighbors, Kyah and Kieran. He is very friendly with people and loves the attention he receives from his caregivers.





Art, Wine, and Wolves Recap

What an incredible afternoon we had at this year's Art, Wine, and Wolves event! Set against the backdrop of beautiful fall Colorado weather, we sipped wine, enjoyed live music from the talented Lucas Wolf, and relaxed with fun lawn games. Every piece of art found a new home, and it was amazing to see such support for our cause.

A special highlight was Sage's debut—she was the star of the show and captured everyone's hearts!

Thanks to all of you, together we raised nearly \$5,000! Your generosity makes a huge difference for our wolves, and we couldn't be more grateful.







Board Retreat

We had a highly productive board retreat, welcoming our newest board members and setting a strong course for the months ahead. Seeing our team come together with fresh ideas and energy to further our mission was inspiring! Meet our newest board members:

Cynthia Wright

Cynthia Wright is an accomplished HR professional with over 20 years of experience managing and strategizing HR functions, primarily in the manufacturing sector. Based in Marietta, GA, she has redesigned key programs such as succession planning, mentoring, and talent management. Cynthia has a strong technical background in HRIS systems and extensive experience in RFPs, evaluations, and implementations. She excels in deep-dive analysis, process improvement, and strategy development, serving as both an HR generalist and specialist.



Cynthia is dedicated to relationship-building and professional development, having served as a Board Member/Secretary for the Southeast Benefits Education Network and a Steering Committee Member of Worldwide Employee Benefits. She is an active member of SHRM National and SHRM-Atlanta, holding SHRM-SCP, SPHR, and CEBS certifications.

Outside of work, Cynthia is passionate about animal welfare. She volunteers at Good Mews Animal Foundation, a cage-free cat shelter in Marietta, GA, where she serves on several committees and is the current Treasurer. With over 16 years of volunteer experience, she has also participated in rescue operations with the ASPCA and is deeply committed to animal rights advocacy. Cynthia's interest in W.O.L.F. Sanctuary stems from her desire to support animals in need and contribute her nonprofit expertise to further the organization's mission.

Don Reynolds

Don Reynolds is a Seattle-based executive with a distinguished career in sales and business development. Throughout his career, Don has built a reputation for developing innovative business strategies, launching new business models, and building



companies from the ground up. His passion for change management along with teamwork will help with the evolution and growth of W.O.L.F.

His academic background includes an EMBA from the Quantic School of Business and Technology, Executive Education in Strategy from Harvard Business School, an MBA from East Carolina University, and a BS in Finance from Virginia Tech. Don is dedicated to giving back to the community. Over the last 30 years he

has volunteered for numerous organizations including hospitals, autism awareness programs, school fundraising, homeless shelters and men's rehabilitation programs. He currently serves as an Advisory Board Member for M Genio, is a mentor at Pavilion University and now has the honor to represent the current and future residents of W.O.L.F. Sanctuary by serving on the Board of Directors. When outside of the office, Don enjoys spending time with his family (and loyal companion) skiing, flying fishing and traveling for new life experiences.

Jessi Russell

Jessi began her career in the sports media department at the University of Alabama. Her previous work experience includes time at Weber Shandwick, Momentum Worldwide, and VMLY&R Commerce, where she gained vast exposure to working with large brands in the DOD, oil, and spirits industries. Since 2021, Jessi has worked as a Senior Producer at Bowstring, a creative production studio outside Philadelphia. Her role includes everything from strategy and pre-production through post.



Growing up in an Air Force family, Jessi appreciates travel and has lived in Wyoming, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, South Carolina, and Illinois. Jessi has also recently added "Director" to her resume. With a Bachelor's in Telecommunications and Film and a Master's in Advertising/Public Relations from the University of Alabama, Jessi is currently a part-time Master's student at the University of Florida in Sports Management with a concentration in Sports Law. Jessi hosts a podcast, Pigskin & Pageantry, dedicated to all things SEC football and enjoys taking the stage in

community theater productions when her schedule allows.

Jessi has always felt an innate connection to wolves. As a child, her bedroom was decorated with a wolf theme, while others her age gravitated toward Disney characters and flowers. As an adult, she felt forever changed after visiting a wolf and wildlife sanctuary and experiencing these majestic creatures up close and personal. Though she has continually used her social platforms, finances, and voice to support conversation, protection, and rescue efforts for wolves, the atrocities that occurred in Daniel, WY, in early 2024 left her feeling lost and defeated. It was then that she decided to look for more ways to use her professional skills to help those without a voice of their own. She soon found W.O.L.F. Sanctuary. She is humbled by the opportunity to serve on the board and looks forward to making an impact alongside this incredible team.

Jim Searle

Jim Searle joined the W.O.L.F. Board of Directors in 2024. An accomplished business executive with over two decades in the medical device industry, he holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and Economics from Hartwick College. Jim has a proven track record of driving sales, revenue, and profitability growth. He has played vital roles in startups, including Area Vice President West for Regeneration at Enovis, General Manager at Legion Electric Vehicles, Managing Director and Co-Founder of CoreLogix Medical, and Vice President at Theragen Inc. He is currently a co-



owner of 303 Cart Barn, showcasing his continued entrepreneurial expertise.

Jim's commitment to wildlife conservation aligns perfectly with W.O.L.F. Sanctuary's mission. His strategic planning, fundraising, and community outreach skills and dedication to service and leadership make him a valuable addition to the board. His volunteer work as a paramedic and fireman underscores his desire to positively impact his community.

In his spare time, Jim enjoys outdoor activities with his wife, Jennifer, their two sons, Cameron and Graham, and their golden retriever, Marley. He looks forward to contributing to W.O.L.F.'s growth and success as a board member.

Colorado Gives Day



Mark Your Calendars! Colorado Gives Day is coming up, and this is one of the largest fundraisers of the year for W.O.L.F. Sanctuary.

From November 1 through Colorado Gives Day on December 10, every donation you make will be boosted with a \$1M+ Incentive Fund, made possible by Colorado Gives Foundation and FirstBank.

Each nonprofit will receive a share of the fund based on their percentage of the total raised. Plus, if you set up a new monthly donation, Colorado Gives

Foundation will match your first monthly donation up to \$100 and up to \$250,000 across all organizations! This is a fantastic opportunity to double your impact and support our mission of Sanctuary, Rescue, and Education.

How to Get Started:

- 1. Scan the QR Code.
- 2. Choose the option for monthly giving.
- 3. Your donation will be matched automatically.

Thank you for your support and for making this Colorado Gives Day the most successful yet.





Save the Date!

W.O.L.F. Sanctuary is thrilled to announce our 2025 Gala—an unforgettable event with our first-ever casino night, themed 007 License to Howl on **Saturday, April 5, 2025 at the Marriott Fort Collins.** We invite you to be a part of this exciting event through sponsorship, donation of an auction item, gift card, or by simply attending and celebrating with us.

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We could really use your help stocking our shelves. Weruva canned food is a huge part of our animals' daily diet, and right now, our supplies are running low, especially on chicken and steak-flavored meals (the kiddo's favorite).

If you'd like to support them, the easiest way is to shop our Chewy wish list. Every donation ensures our pack stays healthy and happy with high-quality food! Thank you for helping us care for these incredible animals. Scan the QR Code to visit our Chewy page.











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