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Sanctuary Update

Interviews: Pax and Sage

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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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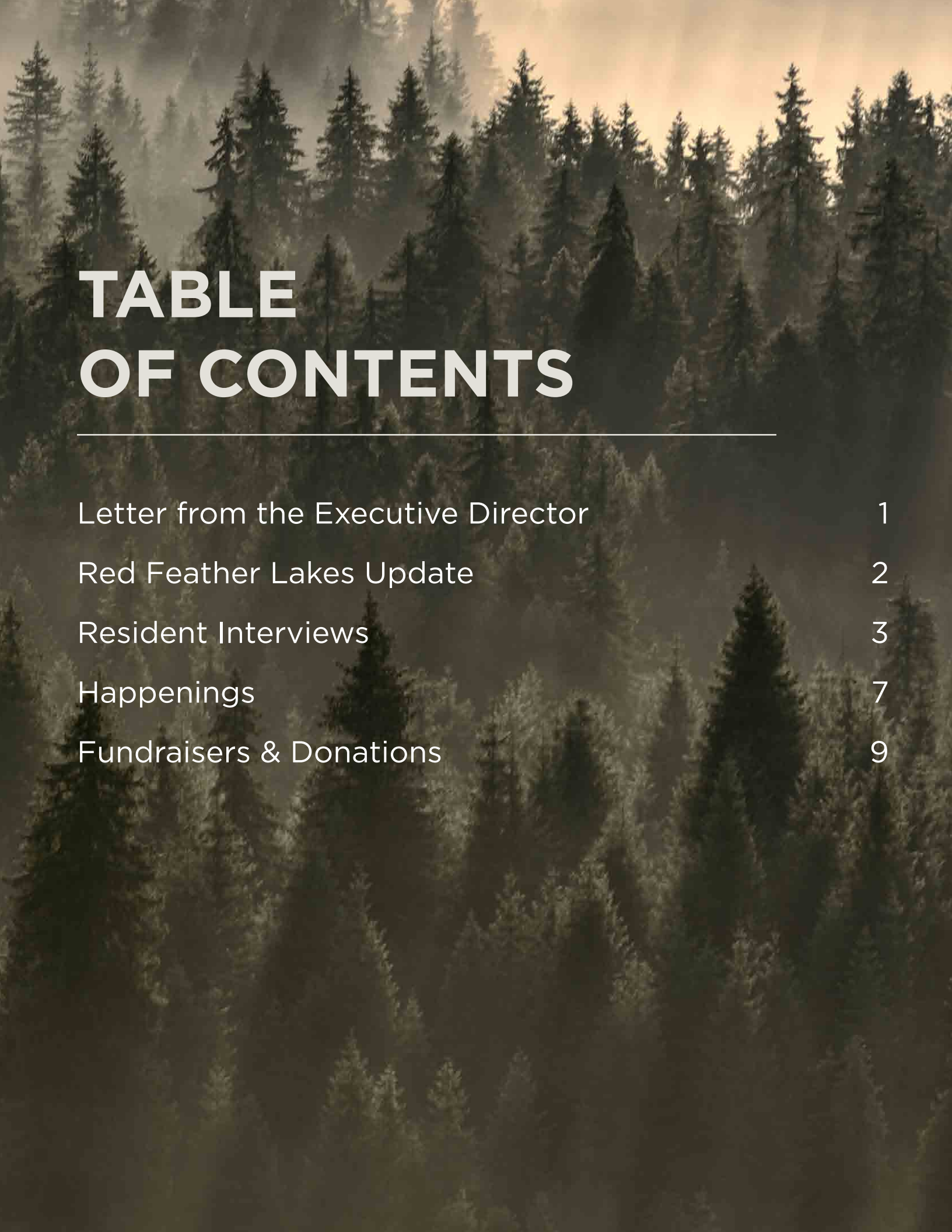


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Letter From The Executive Director

Dear Friends of W.O.L.F.,

What a wonderful summer it has been at W.O.L.F. Sanctuary! Our wolf dogs are loving every minute of this season, splashing in water troughs, basking in the sunshine, and breathing in the fresh mountain air.

A special thank you to everyone who supported Kira's recent fundraiser. Thanks to your generosity, she has begun her treatment, and we're happy to share an update in this newsletter. Your kindness made her care possible and reminded us once again how lucky we are to have such a compassionate and dedicated pack of supporters.

As we look ahead, our team is already preparing for the changing seasons to ensure a safe and comfortable transition into fall and winter. The well-being of our animals is always our top priority, and our staff continues to go above and beyond in providing excellent daily care and enrichment. Shelter builds are also progressing steadily, bringing us closer to our goal of providing secure, weatherproof homes for every member of our pack. You'll find a full update on that later in this newsletter as well.

From all of us at W.O.L.F. Sanctuary, we hope you and yours have had a great summer. Enjoy this newsletter, and thank you for being part of our pack.

Humbly and Gratefully Yours,

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

Sanctuary Updates



If you've been following us on social media, you've seen how much our wolf dogs are loving the summer, from splashing in their water troughs to basking in the sunshine and enjoying the Rocky Mountain air.

Behind the scenes, our team has been hard at work preparing for the colder months ahead. One of our top priorities is building durable, weather-resistant dog shelters in each of the habitats at W.O.L.F. Sanctuary. These shelters will ensure our residents stay warm, dry, and safe throughout the winter.

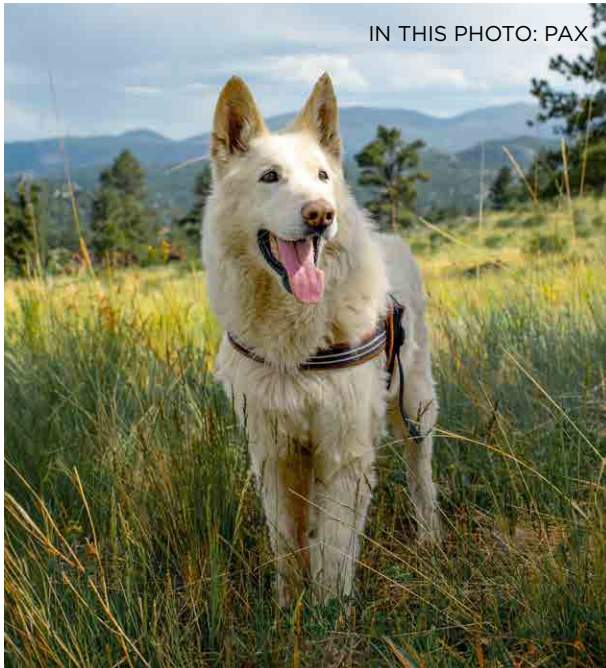
This progress wouldn't be possible without the incredible support of our volunteer workgroups. We're especially grateful to our friends at Otterbox and Validity for lending their time, energy, and talent to help bring these shelters to life. Thanks to their efforts—and yours—our animals will be well-protected when the snow begins to fall.

Your support helps make this possible.

Please consider making a donation to help us continue building these shelters and meeting the seasonal needs of our animals. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference for the wolf dogs who rely on us every day.



Pax - Male



Birthday:	February 14, 2010
Given Sanctuary:	September 1, 2010
Companion:	None
Guardian Angel:	Bob Grove
Lifetime Defender:	Kelly Owen



- Likes:** Pax is an absolute joy to be around and has become the unofficial “mascot” of W.O.L.F. Sanctuary. He’s the first friendly face visitors, staff, and volunteers see when they arrive at our headquarters, and he soaks up every bit of the treats, pets, and love that come his way. But as much as Pax enjoys attention, his true favorite thing is patrolling the Sanctuary! He loves keeping a close eye on the projects happening around the property. Whether he’s greeting guests or supervising, Pax always finds a way to make our days brighter.
- Dislikes:** Pax knows what he likes—and what he doesn’t! One of his dislikes is eating the same meal twice in a day. This has turned our staff and volunteers into “short order cooks,” happily whipping up a variety of meals to keep him satisfied. Every now and then, Pax even gets treated to a special boiled steak to meet his very high culinary standards. What can we say? He’s got a refined palate!
- Fun Fact:** Pax is the only wolf dog at W.O.L.F. Sanctuary with his very own indoor/outdoor deck pen, giving him the freedom to spend his time exactly how he pleases. He can relax indoors with his favorite people or head outside to watch deer, elk, and other wildlife wander by. Just recently, his outdoor deck pen was tripled in size, giving him even more space to soak up the sunshine or lounge in the shade. Pax certainly knows how to enjoy the best of both worlds!
- Personality:** Pax is truly loved by everyone who meets him. With his sweet, gentle personality and his signature loud AWOOO to greet his favorite people, he has a way of making every trip to the Sanctuary feel special. At 15 years old, Pax still loves going for walks and being part of whatever is happening at headquarters. He’s more than just a beloved wolf dog—Pax is the heart and soul of W.O.L.F. Sanctuary.

Sage - Female

Birthday: February 14, 2019
Given Sanctuary: May 1, 2024
Companion: None
Guardian Angel: Lindsay Nazarenius
Lifetime Defender: Laura Davis



- Likes:** Sage is one of the most social wolf dogs at the Sanctuary and loves visits from staff and volunteers. When she sees a familiar face, she often gets the zoomies, becoming playful and full of energy. Sage especially enjoys her walks around the Sanctuary, where she can explore every corner and interact with her neighbors—Castiel and Trigger, as well as Nala and Akela. And if the UTV happens to drive by? You can bet Sage will be running along the fence line to race!
- Dislikes:** Sage isn't a fan of dining alone, so staff and volunteers often sit with her during meals to keep her company. She clearly enjoys the extra attention, and it makes mealtime one of her happiest moments of the day.
- Fun Fact:** Sage was renamed when she arrived at the Sanctuary—she was originally called Luna and later Snow. Her new name suits her perfectly, as she is wise, bright, engaged, playful, and deeply loving. Strikingly beautiful, Sage has quickly stolen the hearts of everyone who meets her.
- Personality:** Sage loves people. When she first arrived at the Sanctuary, she often spent her evenings in the Headquarters building, soaking up attention from staff and volunteers. Her sweet personality is matched by her impeccable manners—she can sit, give her paw, and lay down on command, much to everyone's delight. We are so grateful to have this beautiful soul as part of our W.O.L.F. pack.

IN THIS PHOTO: SAGE





Kira's Fundraiser



Kira has always been one of our most spirited wolf dogs. Her favorite pastime? Digging enormous holes in her habitat! This playful behavior isn't just entertaining—it's a sign of a happy, engaged animal expressing her wild instincts. As many of you know, Kira was born with severe hip dysplasia, and we recently did a fundraiser for her care.

Thanks to your tremendous generosity and love for our girl, Kira, we hit our goal! Kira will now receive the advanced treatments she needs to manage her hip dysplasia, including osteo-cushioning joint injections and stem cell therapy.

Kira went to Red Sage Integrative Veterinary Partners for her stem cell harvest, and she did absolutely amazing! In addition to collecting bone marrow to create her own stem cell supply, the team at Red Sage was able to inject an osteo cushion into both hips, combined with platelet-rich plasma.

These treatments will help prepare her hips for future stem cell injections, giving her the best possible chance to maintain good mobility and stay strong for years to come. While we know Kira's hip dysplasia and secondary arthritis are very advanced, these procedures represent the most promising path forward for her long-term health and comfort.

But she's not the only one in need. Tenali, Jacob, and Pax are also facing challenges that will require specialized care. Your continued support ensures we can provide the same level of comfort and healing for them as we've done for Kira.

Every gift makes a lasting impact. Together, we can give every member of our pack the chance to live fully and freely.

Thank you for standing by Kira and for helping us care for all the wild hearts who call W.O.L.F. Sanctuary home!



IN THIS PHOTO: KIRA



Dog Shelters

Help Build Safe, Sustainable Shelters for Our Pack

At W.O.L.F. Sanctuary, we strive to provide more than just refuge—we offer our rescued wolf dogs a life that honors their wild spirit. Each of our habitats is designed to mimic nature with trees, meadows, boulders, and plenty of space to roam. But as our pack grows and weather becomes more extreme, we're launching a critical project to enhance the safety and comfort of our animals year-round.



We are raising funds to construct 17 custom-designed shelters across the Sanctuary. These shelters are more than dog houses—they're durable, eco-friendly structures built to withstand Northern Colorado's harshest elements, including snow, wind, and temperature extremes.

Unlike traditional shelters that can be chewed, damaged, or fail to meet USDA standards, our new prototype shelters are designed specifically for the needs of our wolf dogs. They are made with long-lasting materials that minimize maintenance, maximize safety, and provide cozy, compliant refuge for animals in all seasons.

Sponsor a Shelter – Leave a Lasting Legacy



Naming rights are available for a donation of \$1,500 per shelter. Your generous gift will not only help provide critical shelter but also serve as a lasting tribute, recognized on the shelter itself. With your support, we can build these essential shelters and continue providing the highest standard of care for every member of our pack.

Help W.O.L.F. Sanctuary Stay Mobile and Mission-Ready



At W.O.L.F. Sanctuary, our ability to provide care, nourishment, and safety for our animals depends on more than just passion and dedication—it depends on the right tools. And right now, some of our most essential equipment is in short supply. We've spotlighted these critical needs at our recent galas and raised a portion of the funds, but we haven't yet reached our goal. To stay mobile and mission-ready, especially through Colorado's rugged terrain and harsh winters, we urgently need to purchase reliable vehicles, utility trailers, and other essential gear that keeps our operations running smoothly.

We urgently need your help to secure the following

- A Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV)
- A trailer
- A pickup truck

Here's how you can make a difference

Do you or someone you know have a UTV, trailer, or pickup truck you would be willing to donate? If so, please contact us directly—your gift could immediately transform our daily operations.

Make a gift to help us purchase these essential items. Your donation helps us become more self-reliant and ensures we can continue to provide top-tier care to our animals without disruption.

Why These Vehicles Matter

The UTV: Our 2014 Honda Pioneer 1000 is the backbone of our daily operations—used to deliver food, haul water, transport materials, and reach habitats spread across our rugged terrain. But after years of constant use, it's becoming increasingly unreliable. A recent repair sidelined us for over a month and required us to rent a replacement. Having a second UTV would improve our efficiency and ensure we're never stuck without a way to care for the animals. It eliminates a single critical failure point in an environment where reliability is critical.

What we're looking for

- Four-wheel drive
- Roll cage for safety
- Off-road tires for traction
- Automatic transmission
- Gasoline-fueled engine
- Suspension travel and ground clearance are appropriate for rough terrain
- 4-person seating is preferred, but a two-seater is acceptable
- Must have a cargo bed
- Hitch with a towing capacity of a minimum of 2,000 pounds

The Trailer: Routine maintenance for our UTV requires transporting it several times per year. Right now, we must rent a trailer, hire a transport service, or rely on volunteers to help. Owning a trailer would save time and money while helping us operate more independently.

Trailer Specifications

- 6' x 12'
- Ramp gate for easy loading

The Pickup Truck: A truck is vital for large donation pickups, transporting equipment, and handling logistics. Our previous truck was permanently damaged, leaving staff to use personal vehicles or rent trucks for pickups. A truck would reduce wear and tear on personal vehicles, save the Sanctuary from recurring rental costs, and give us a dependable way to handle day-to-day transport needs.

Pick-Up Truck Specifications

- Gasoline fueled
- Four-wheel drive
- Extended cab able to seat four people
- $\frac{3}{4}$ ton with a payload capacity within a range of 3,500-4,500 pounds
- Hitch with towing capacity within a range of 2,000-20,000 pounds

Whether you're able to donate a vehicle or make a financial gift toward one, your support helps power the Sanctuary forward.

If you or someone you know might be interested in helping us secure one of these vehicles, please email Shelley J. Coldiron, PhD, Executive Director at scoldiron@wolfsanctuary.net.





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.



You can make a difference even while you shop for groceries at King Soopers! Create a digital account that is attached to your King Soopers card or Alt ID, go to the Community Rewards tab and search "W.O.L.F. Sanctuary" or use our organization number "UU724," then enroll! It is that easy! Every time you use your King Soopers card or Alt ID, you will be helping us!





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