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FALL 2025

Sanctuary Update

Colorado Gives Day

Howlin' Blues Gala

Interviews: Akela and Nala

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Wolves Offered Life & Friendship

- IRS Tax Exempt Status Under Section 501(c)(3)
- Colorado Nonprofit & Tax Exempt Corporation
- United States Department of Agriculture, Licensed
- Pet Animal Care Facilities Act, Licensed
- American Sanctuary Association
- Community Shares of Colorado, Member
- Candid Gold



Mission: To improve the quality of life for wolves and wolf dogs through:

- 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

Hey, W.O.L.F. Pack!

We hope this newsletter finds each of you well! W.O.L.F. Sanctuary is bustling with preparations for winter and enjoying the cooler air that's rolling in. Most of all, our wolf dogs are enjoying the changing seasons. Watching their excitement reminds us how important your support is in keeping their lives full of joy and enrichment year-round.

Our team continues to work tirelessly to provide exceptional care, no matter the temperature outside! New shelters are being built ahead of the cold weather to ensure every member of our pack has a warm, secure home this winter. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a shelter so far! We have more that are available and would love your support.

The end of the year brings exciting opportunities to support the Sanctuary. **Colorado Gives Day** is right around the corner — a special day when your generosity can make an even greater impact for our wolf dogs. It's by far our biggest fundraiser of the year, and I hope we can count on your support. And other exciting news, we've released the date for our 2026 **Howlin' Blues Gala**, a night of howlin' fun in Fort Collins, CO.

From everyone at W.O.L.F. Sanctuary, thank you for being part of our pack and for helping us provide the care, safety, and love our wolves deserve.

We wish you a wonderful holiday season ahead.

Humbly and Gratefully Yours,

Shelley J. Coldiron, PhD

Executive Director, W.O.L.F. Sanctuary

Sanctuary Updates

Our team has been hard at work ensuring every member of the pack at W.O.L.F. Sanctuary is healthy, comfortable, and ready for the colder months ahead.

Annual Health Exams Completed

This year's wellness exams are officially wrapped up, with our last round of exams closing in September. Exams were conducted by Dr. Teva Stone, DVM, Medical Director at Berthoud Animal Hospital and a longtime veterinarian to the residents at W.O.L.F. Sanctuary. She was often assisted by her veterinary technician Stephen Wilson. We are grateful to them both.

Preparing for Winter at Red Feather Lakes

As temperatures drop, our staff has begun preparing for winter across the property. Fresh straw bedding is being placed in habitats to provide insulation and comfort. Solar panels are being utilized to keep water buckets from freezing, while troughs have been emptied, sanitized, and turned over for the season. Equipment is being inspected and adjusted to ensure safe and efficient operation through the winter months.

The Wolf Dogs Welcome the Cold

True to their nature, the wolf dogs are thriving in the cooler weather. Following a light dusting of early snow, many were seen romping, howling, and stretching out in the frosty air—clearly content with the seasonal change!

Kira's Upcoming Stem Cell Therapy

Looking ahead, Kira is scheduled to receive stem cell therapy by mid-November. This treatment is expected to support her mobility and overall comfort, and our team is hopeful as we prepare for this important step in her care journey! *Once again, thank you to everyone who donated to support her treatments!*



Akela - Male



Birthday: February 1, 2016
Given Sanctuary: July 16, 2017
Companion: Nala
Guardian Angel: Tomi Hanson
Lifetime Defender: Lio Blackwell



Likes: Akela is an expert magpie hunter. He has set a record of 3 magpies in a row just after breakfast. Akela loves to run by his sister, Nala's, side when their neighbor, Sage, is at the fence to play. Although he is usually kept pretty busy patrolling his habitat, Akela always enjoys cuddling up and taking long naps in his straw bed when the weather begins to get chilly.

Dislikes: Akela is not a fan of Nala's "boyfriend" Pax. Anytime Pax is out for a walk and visits Nala outside the fence, Akela is sure to let him know he needs to back off. A loud bark and pushing himself between Nala and Pax is all he needs to do to get the point across. In Akela's world, no wolf is good enough for his sister.

Fun Fact: As a puppy, Akela was the more social wolf between him and his sister. Now in his middle age, Akela has decided to let his sister Nala get some much-needed time under the spotlight and stay hidden in the shadows.

Personality: Akela is all bark and no bite. Behind the fence, he acts tough, barks, and charges at staff and volunteers passing by. If someone tries to take his picture, he is sure to let them know he hates paparazzi. Once anyone enters his habitat, Akela avoids them and stays as far as possible on the opposite side of his habitat. He may look like a big bad wolf, but he is a scaredy cat at heart.

Nala - Female

Birthday: February 1, 2016
Given Sanctuary: July 16, 2017
Companion: Akela
Guardian Angel: Shelley J. Coldiron
Lifetime Defender: Shelley J. Coldiron



Likes: Nala loves playing along the fence with her best friend Sage, lounging in the sun, and hunting magpies with her brother Akela. Nala is often seen with her tongue out and a smile on her face. She is always ready to give a sweet awooo to anyone passing by her habitat.

Dislikes: Nala can be a picky eater. If her breakfast is made with Funky Chunky Chicken Soup Weruva, she refuses to eat any of it because it has peas in it. Like a child at the dinner table, she will turn her head and walk away.

Fun Fact: When Nala was a puppy, she was completely black, like her brother Akela. As she has grown up, she has become lighter in color and has hints of silvery gray throughout her entire coat.

Personality: Nala is shy, but curious. She will often follow close behind her caretakers anytime they have a task to do in her habitat. When she gets comfortable, she will show her affection by giving staff and volunteers a sniff on the shoulder and a small lick on their hand.



IN THIS PHOTO: CREE AND KOVU





For 30 years, W.O.L.F. Sanctuary has answered the call for captive-born wolves and wolf dogs with nowhere else to go. Too tame for the wild, yet too wild for life as traditional pets, they find safety, care, and belonging through our core pillars of Rescue, Sanctuary, and Education.

Your support means more than ever. Your gift helps fund daily care, property improvements, and future rescues—ensuring every wolf dog has the chance to thrive.

**Early giving opens
November 1. Make your
Colorado Gives Day gift
by December 9, 2025.**

The more we raise, the more lives we can save—and the greater the impact we can make for wolves and wolf dogs everywhere.



IN THIS PHOTO: JACOB



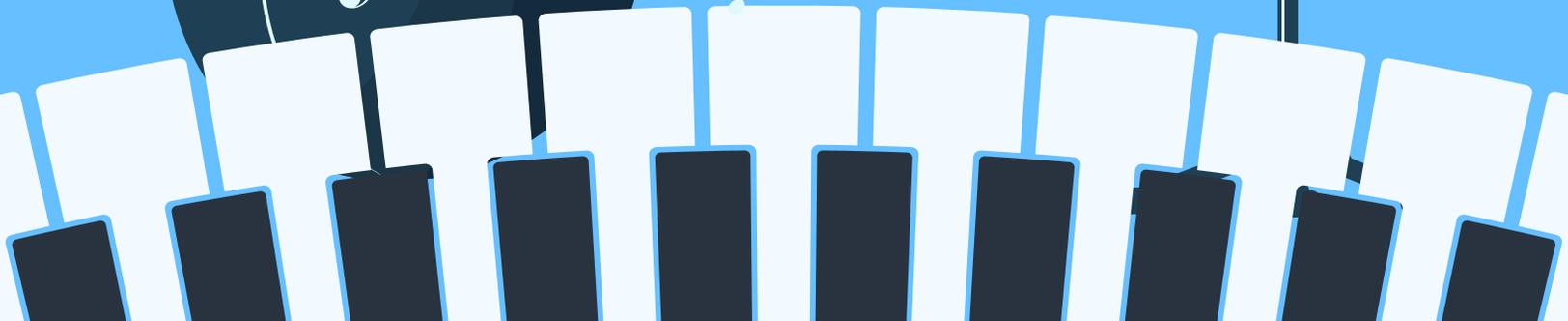
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Wear your heart on your sleeve (literally!) for W.O.L.F. Sanctuary.

Shop our latest apparel, accessories, and gifts that show your love for the pack. Every purchase helps provide food, shelter, and care for our rescued wolf dogs. These make the perfect holiday gifts — featuring items from brands you love like OtterBox and more!



Dog Shelters

Help Build Safe, Sustainable Shelters for Our Pack

At W.O.L.F. Sanctuary, we do more than provide refuge—we give our rescued wolf dogs a life that truly honors their wild spirit. Our habitats are designed to feel like nature itself, with trees, meadows, boulders, and plenty of room for our wolf dogs to roam (and get out their zoomies).

But as our pack continues to grow and weather becomes more unpredictable, we need your help with an important project: building safe, sustainable shelters that keep our wolf dogs comfortable all year long.



We're raising funds to build 17 custom-designed shelters throughout the Sanctuary's habitats. These aren't your average dog houses—they're durable, eco-friendly, and built to withstand Northern Colorado's harshest weather, from heavy snow and wind to extreme temperatures. They're built with long-lasting materials to keep maintenance low, ensure safety, and provide a warm, secure retreat in every season.

Sponsor a Shelter - Leave a Lasting Legacy

Each shelter costs approximately \$1,500 to build, and we need 17 in total. If you'd like to fully sponsor a shelter, we would be honored to recognize your generosity with a special sponsorship and a commemorative name displayed on the shelter itself. Please contact Olivia Giamanco for available shelters or more details at ogiamanco@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!



Donating your car, truck, van, SUV, boat, motorcycle, ATV, RV, trailer or airplane has never been easier! Simply choose W.O.L.F. Sanctuary to donate to, give CARS a call (855-500-RIDE), and their trained staff will guide you through the donation process.





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