

# W.O.L.F.



**WINTER 2026**

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## SANCTUARY

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
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**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

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## Welcome to 2026, W.O.L.F. Pack!

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and well, and enjoying the start of the new year. First and foremost, thank you so much for your incredible support on Colorado Gives Day. We nearly reached our ambitious \$100,000 goal, and your generosity has helped us start 2026 on solid ground. Your support, both on Colorado Gives Day and throughout the year, makes a difference for the wolf dogs we care for.

Winter has arrived in Red Feather Lakes, and our team is busy making sure every member of our pack stays safe, warm, and healthy. Thanks to your support, we can handle the season's challenges, from daily care to improving habitats. The wolf dogs are enjoying the fresh mountain air and are more playful than ever.

Our team is working hard to get ready for another great gala. This year's theme is **Howlin' Blues**, and it might be our best and most exciting gala yet, and more importantly, it's a time where we can gather together to celebrate the animals we all love so dearly. We can't wait to celebrate with everyone!

From all of us at W.O.L.F. Sanctuary, we hope you enjoy this newsletter and look forward to all of the good things to come in 2026. Your kindness and generosity mean so much to us — *and the animals we care for.*

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Humbly and Gratefully Yours,

**Shelley J. Coldiron, PhD**

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

## Sanctuary Updates

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With snow, high winds, and the challenges of winter weather, life at the Sanctuary has been anything but quiet this season! That said, our residents have been active, inquisitive, and full of energy as staff and volunteers work steadily on essential maintenance projects across the property. We've even been lucky enough to spot some of our more elusive wolf dogs—including Nala, Akela, Nysa, Ember, and even Kovu!



High winds recently caused some power outages, but our backup generator kept everything running smoothly. We're very thankful for this important backup and for our dedicated volunteers, who have really stepped up during this busy season.



We're already getting ready for fire season. As we do annually, we review and update our evacuation plans and fix areas affected by erosion. One big improvement is our road system, which we now call our new "superhighway." It's a major upgrade for safety and makes it easier to get around the Sanctuary.

We want to give a big thank you to RFL Excavation for their great work and support. All of this progress is possible because of our staff, volunteers, and supporters, who help keep W.O.L.F. a safe and strong home for the animals we care for.

IN THIS PHOTO: TENALI AND ZAKAI





## Zakai - Male

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**Birthday:** April 10, 2018  
**Given Sanctuary:** August 18, 2018  
**Companion:** Tenali  
**Guardian Angel:** Robert Grove  
**Lifetime Defender:** Robert Grove



**Likes:** Zakai enjoys racing the UTV as it passes by his enclosure and racing his neighbor, Ashima. In his downtime, Zakai enjoys lounging with Tenali in their mulch pile, breathing in the fresh air, and soaking up the sunlight.

**Dislikes:** Zakai and his next-door neighbor, Yuki, have had a neighborly feud for years. When he isn't relaxing with Tenali, Zakai can be seen doing wolf yoga at the fenceline to annoy Yuki. Once Yuki has joined him at the fenceline, letting him know loudly exactly how she feels, Zakai will simply lift his leg in her direction, kick some dirt, and walk away.

**Fun Fact:** Unlike some of the other wolf dogs, Zakai does not like raw meat. He prefers kibble and Weruva for all his meals, and he gobbles it up.

**Personality:** Zakai can be shy and awkward when he first meets you. He will keep his distance at first, but once he gets to know you, he is a sucker for butt scratches. Zakai is a protector. He has made it his duty to protect and watch over Tenali just like she did when he was a pup. Zakai never leaves her side.

## Tenali - Female

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**Birthday:** November 28, 2013  
**Given Sanctuary:** July 23, 2016  
**Companion:** Zakai  
**Guardian Angel:** Fran Eicher  
**Lifetime Defender:** Neil Bassett



**Likes:** Tenali spends most of her time lounging on her mulch pile. Although she loves being a “mulch couch potato”, she always looks forward to going on walks and swimming when the weather is nice.

**Dislikes:** Tenali does not like it when she has to get up from her mulch pile in order for her to receive pets. When it is Tenali’s turn for attention, the humans must go to her.

**Fun Fact:** Tenali can do parkour! Despite being 12 years old and having arthritis, she runs next to the UTV at a very fast 10mph and will jump onto her upside-down trough and continue “racing” the UTV. She climbs and leaps from rock to rock in her enclosure.

**Personality:** Tenali is very sweet and loving. She loves receiving attention from her caretakers, but also giving attention back with her cuddles. Tenali is an independent gal who can be found exploring her enclosure, digging in the dirt, and playing in her trough in the summer. Finally, Tenali is motherly; she is always caring for her companion, Zakai, and making sure he is comfortable, safe, and happy.



## Join us for W.O.L.F. Sanctuary's 2026 Gala, Howlin' Blues!

Get ready for an unforgettable evening filled with live blues music, dancing, dinner, drinks, and both live and silent auctions — all to support the rescue and lifelong sanctuary for wolf dogs. Plus, don't miss your chance to meet our beloved animal ambassador!

**Don't wait! Prices increase as we get closer to the event, and this night will sell out.**

Not local to Fort Collins? Did you know you can bid remotely on all of our auction items? Scan the QR Code to create your account and browse some fabulous items!



### TICKET OPTIONS

General Admission: \$125 (Feb 16 - Mar 22)

Rush Tickets: \$150 (Mar 23 - Apr 13)

Questions? Please contact Olivia Giamanco  
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IN THIS PHOTO: EMBER

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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.



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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