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Tunyan & Indigo
(Larimer County Commissioners Come Through)



 With the passing of Cheyenne, (see page 5), our attention was turned to Spirit. Spirit was grieving the loss of his companion to the point where he had stopped eating and refused to socialize with any of the other five wolves we tried to place with him. All of the humans at the sanctuary were concerned for his well-being. Spirit needed help or he was going to grieve to death.


We knew that what Spirit needed was puppies. All wolves love puppies, and will not turn away any puppy. It is their natural instinct to raise and protect them. The problem

we were facing was one of the conditions placed on us by the Larimer County Commissioners. **Wolf** was not allowed to take any new animals and in fact was under a directive to reduce the number of animals to thirty. Due to the deaths of several of the wolves at the sanctuary, our numbers were down but not to the number where we would be able to take in any new animals.

In an effort to build a working relationship with the County, **Wolf** was following all of the conditions placed on us to the letter. We truly did not know what to do; Spirit's life was in

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Maine Rescue
(Results)

 We must apologize to all of the individuals who became involved in helping to finance this rescue. (see Spring 2002 Newsletter - 28 At A Time) We were expecting to be able to send an update and photos on how the events transpired and the final disposition of all of the animals.

Unfortunately once the funds, **Wolf** collected, were sent to Dawn we have received very little in the way of information. I know she has been busy and obviously does not give as much attention to her supporters as **Wolf** does. We do apologize.

We have included however, an article written by Aimee Crosby of Loki Clan Wolf Refuge. She is located in New Hampshire and was involved in the rescue on that end. Most of the basics are included in her article. You will notice that some of the numbers and the actual location do not match with what we were originally told. (see inset on page 6)

Wolf ended up collecting and sending \$3700 to help fund this rescue.

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Animal being prepared for surgery.

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Letter from the President

(Frank Wendland)



The last quarter has been very trying and very rewarding. Too bad we can't just keep the rewarding part and send back the trying part.

The losses of both Zeke (see Spring page 7) and Cheyenne (see page 5) so close together was extraordinarily difficult to accept. We truly believe that they are in a better place, however we really were not ready for them to go. We were overwhelmed with the decision of the county commissioners that allowed us to accept two new pups (see page 1).

We were ecstatic with the response received to help fund the Maine Rescue (see page 1). We were extremely challenged by the fact that it appeared that the dollars sent for that rescue seemed to come out of the normal donations made to run the sanctuary. We have been in a catch up mode ever since, trying to figure out how to pay the bills. We were also somewhat discouraged by the lack of funding for that rescue from the other organizations involved and even more discouraged that we could not seem to get a detailed account of the rescue.

We finally found a permanent foster home situation for the four Arkansas animals that we rescued last fall. They had been in a 30' x 60' enclosure at a temporary foster home in Fort Collins. A group of volunteers built a half-acre enclosure for them at the Hathaway's 35-acre property. The animals will be moved there on August 4th. We will bring you more information on that in the next newsletter. Our undying thanks (pun intended) go out to Marla Morine and Larry Bolt for providing so magnificently for the temporary home for these animals. We know they are having trouble parting with them, even though they know it is the best thing for the animals. We are also very thankful to the Hathaway's and are confident that they will provide a wonderful home for the Arkansas Four.

We have been challenged by more situations that

have numerous animals in horrible situations and facing death. A large breeder in Michigan has 60+ wolf-dogs and 100+ cats in deplorable conditions. Living in broken down vehicles and travel kennels in a barn. We can't seem to get anything going to help these animals. Again in



Mesa becomes a playground for Tunyan

Arkansas a group of 15 wolf-dogs are being discarded by a former breeder. We have been unable to help here also. Closer to home, in a canyon south of Boulder, a long-time breeder has again broken the terms of her court order and has had 5 more animals confiscated and killed. This totals more than 65 animals that have been confiscated and killed for which she is personally responsible. This does not even take into account scores of animals that have been injured in fights or dozens that have died from preventable diseases. A number of rescues and sanctuaries have tried over the years to help her get the situation under control and she continues to follow some misguided path. Although we wish we could save more, we just don't have the resources to accommodate all that are in need.

The drought continues and we continue to hold our breath. Even though everything is very crispy we have not had any fires close to our area. So far we have been blessed.

We have received some wonderful donations of medical supplements for the animals. DVM Pharmaceuticals donated a significant supply of Derm Caps, which is an extraordinary product that helps the skin and coats of animals. Animal Health Options donated Proanthozone which is an amazing free radical supplement that has helped numerous chronic ailments along with ProMotion which has helped joint problems in a number of the animals. We appreciate their help and can give anyone who is interested more information about these products.



Spirit

In general the animals are doing great! As many of our residents start getting up in years we are getting more and more little ailments that keep our vet busy.

We are also trying something new with this newsletter and hoping that it does not back fire on us. We are inserting a flyer from a sanctuary in California in order to help spread the word about other groups that are helping animals. This is meant as an overture to help unify some of the efforts that *Wolf* believes is necessary in the animal welfare industry. Those of you who have visited our web site should be aware that *Wolf* is an accredited member of both The Association of Sanctuaries and The American Sanctuary Association and supports their efforts. 🐾



Volunteers work on new enclosure for Arkansas pups.

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the balance. Our attempts to communicate with the commissioners individually in the past had been refused. After much deliberation, it was decided that two representatives of **Wolf** would attend an informal, public, morning coffee with one of the county commissioners and discuss the seriousness of our dilemma.

The commissioner listened to our plight, asked some very good questions and told us the proper procedure we would need to follow. We were asked to make a formal request in writing and have our veterinarian sign an affidavit stating the facts about Spirit's condition and that it was potentially life-threatening if companions could not be found and placed with him at the sanctuary. The commissioner made no promises; in fact, no indication was given as to how our request would be received. All we could do was present our request and then hope and pray that it would be granted.

As several days went by, with no word, we all spent extra time with Spirit. Volunteers would sit with him, encouraging him to eat; he took barely enough food to survive. Spirit was losing weight and his normally friendly attitude was gone. He stayed to himself, not greeting us the way he used to; there were no Spirit kisses to be had.

On the 6th day after our request was made, we received word that, based on humane considerations, the commissioners had granted **Wolf** a one time exception to the condition. Everyone at **Wolf** was ecstatic. I must take time here to thank the commissioners for their cooperation and favorable decision in this urgent matter. Thank you commissioners Bender, Gibson and Rennels. All we had to do now was find suitable companions.

Spirit is an extremely high percentage wolf and it would be necessary that his new companions also be of high percentage. A call was placed to several of the rescue/sanctuaries **Wolf** works with across the United States. Two rescue animals were needed for Spirit who was grieving. It would have to be one male and one female.



Meanwhile we were still receiving calls for animals that needed placement. With every call we hoped they would be young and high percentage. Unfortunately during this period of time all the animals needing a home were older or lower percentage. It breaks our hearts when we are unable to take these animals. Doing what we always do, we referred the owners to other rescues.

Finally, we received a call from Sue Cranston of Indigo Mountain; a four-week-old female had been located in Phoenix, AZ. Arrangements were made for Pat and a volunteer, Arly Miner, to fly to Arizona and pick up the little female. The two left for Arizona on Wednesday and returned on Thursday with their precious carry-on luggage.

The little female had come from a private owner who had an accidental litter. All of the other pups had been placed and one would remain with its mother. At this time the pup still did not have a name and we did not know her well enough to give her one. Also, because she was so small and required bottle-feeding, she would need to stay in a confined area on Frank and Pat's deck. The pup is a beautiful, black Mackenzie Valley wolf mix. When she arrived she weighed approximately 5 lbs, had beautiful deep blue eyes and was a typical wolf pup. In other words she

was a holy terror. As we got to know her it was decided that her name would be Tunyan, (pronounced Too-Yahn) which is Lakota for BRAT!

Another call and a young male named Indigo had been located in Florida. Indigo was a rescue animal saved along with the rest of his litter by Thom Whaley. The entire litter was going to be destroyed because they were born on state land in Indiana. The young male was perfect; he was slightly over a year old and in the range of 90 % wolf dog. This time, because the animal was older, it was necessary for volunteers to drive to Florida to pick up Indigo. Cheryl Budler and Steve Wolfsong left **Wolf** for Florida on Friday evening, loaded with darting equipment a kennel and everything else they would need to accomplish transporting Indigo from Florida to Colorado. Because Indigo would be stressed from the move, it would need to be a quick trip. All went well in Florida and Cheryl and Steve made it back to Colorado on Monday. The Great Spirit watches over us and this trip was no exception. Four blocks from where Steve works as a master mechanic in Denver, the truck broke down. This is not really surprising as all of the **Wolf** vehicles are well past their prime. In this case it was the alternator. After emergency repairs, they continued their trip to **Wolf**. Indigo

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was placed in the isolation run for a few days to be sure he was healthy and to give him a chance to adjust to his new surroundings. After two attempts Indigo was placed with Spirit and they have bonded very well. Spirit, as we knew he would, accepted the young male and has been teaching him how to behave like a wolf. It is truly wonderful to see them together, running and playing. Spirit has returned to the gentle soul he was, greeting all the volunteers, giving kisses and showing off his new pup. He has gained back the weight he lost

and we are now sure that he will not only survive but will be a happy and well-adjusted wolf.

Tunyan has still not been placed with Spirit and Indigo. Approximately two weeks after she arrived we noticed that she was ill. She became very lethargic and stopped eating. After a full day of testing it was determined that she was suffering from iron deficiency anemia. Tunyan's red blood cell count was 7. The low end of normal would have been 40. Tunyan was rushed to the hospital and over the next two days, received two blood transfusions and injections of

iron. It is not known exactly what caused the deficiency but it is believed that her mother could have also been deficient in iron. We are happy to report that Tunyan is well on the road to recovery. She is once again eating like a wolf and steadily gaining weight and generally growing like a weed. She still needs to be monitored. So until we are sure she is totally healthy she will remain close to the house.

We would like to thank Madison (a golden retriever) who became an emergency blood donor for Tunyan. ☺

"Non-violence leads to the highest ethics, which is the goal of all evolution. Until we stop harming ALL other living beings, we are still savages."

Thomas A. Edison

Apologies NOT Accepted



Running a nonprofit organization on donations from the public has been an extraordinary experience for the founders of **Wolf**. Both Frank and Pat have run successful for profit businesses in the past and are amazed regularly with the human condition.

Over the years that **Wolf** has been in operation we have received many donations and are thankful for ALL of the support that the public provides. Although big bucks are necessary to accomplish the mission of

Wolf, there are also the spiritual and motivational necessities that at times are much more important than the financial considerations.

This last year, more than any other, we have seen an increase in the number of small donations. **Wolf** receives checks for \$1.72, \$5.05, \$7.00, even a check for \$1.00. A lot of these small checks come with notes *apologizing* for the size of the contribution.

Contrary to your initial thoughts our days are brightened and

invigorated by these small donations. We realize that the individual making them is probably in no position to even afford the donation that they send. They obviously got to the bottom line when paying the bills and what they sent is all that was left.

If we could get more individuals to use the same approach our financial concerns would be totally resolved. Please know that **Wolf** appreciates any size donation and more importantly the willingness of individuals to help the animals. ☺

Up-Coming Events

- 01 Sep - **Mary's Lake Campground** - **Wolf** 🐾 **Wisdom**
7:30p - 2120 Mary's Lake Road, Estes Park
Reservations: 970-586-4411
- 07 Sep - **ISIS Retreat at Wolf** - **Wolf** 🐾 **Reiki**, **Chair Massage**, **Vegetarian Lunch**, **Hiking**
8:30a-early evening
Info contact: Lindsay Houston 970-495-9846
- 08 Sep - **3rd Annual Rocky Mountain Sustainable Living Fair** - **General Info Tabling**
10:00a-6:00p - Lincoln Center, Fort Collins
Info contact: Lindsay Houston 970-495-9846
- 14 Sep - **Journey Books & Gifts** - **General Info Tabling**
11:00a-3:00p - 6731 West Colfax, Lakewood - 303-239-8773
- 21 Sep - **Cascades of the Rockies** - **Wolf** 🐾 **Wisdom**
3:00p & 6:00p - 1116 Grand Avenue, Grand Lake
Info contact: Lindsay Houston 970-495-9846
- 19 Oct - **ISIS Bookstore** - **Wolf** 🐾 **Wisdom** & **Wolf** 🐾 **Reiki**
1:00p-5:00p - 5701 East Colfax, Denver
Call for reservations - 303-321-0867
- 27 Oct - **Howl-O-Ween Run with the Wolves**
- **4K Run/Walk Benefit**
8:00a-12:00p - Fort Collins City Park
- 16 Nov - **ISIS Bookstore** - **Wolf** 🐾 **Wisdom** & **Wolf** 🐾 **Reiki**
1:00p-5:00p - 5701 East Colfax, Denver
Call for reservations - 303-321-0867
- 29 Nov - **The Discovery Center** - **Wolf** 🐾 **Wisdom**
11:00a & 1:00p - Fort Collins
Info contact: Cory 970-472-3992

For more information on these and other upcoming events:
Lindsay 970-495-9846

In Memory of Cheyenne



April 18th, exactly one month since the death of Zeke. Everyone was still trying to deal, in their own way, with his unexpected loss. Our newsletter had just been sent to the printer announcing Zeke's death and we were taking Cheyenne to the vets for, what we considered, routine surgery.

Cheyenne had been exhibiting some vaginal bleeding. In her case this should not have been happening. Before *Wolf* received her she had been sterilized through the removal of her uterus only. *Wolf* believes strongly that once sentenced to a life in captivity that it is appropriate to eliminate the normal sexual rituals through complete spays and neuters. This allows their lives to be much more well-adjusted to their confinement, especially if there are more than two animals in one enclosure. In Cheyenne's case we did not want to subject her to invasive procedures if not absolutely necessary and she was with only one other animal -- Spirit.

Every year there would be a two to four week period where Spirit would be very protective of her. He would not let her visit with humans and generally did not want humans in his enclosure.

While we were checking on the bleeding we decided to have our vet remove the ovaries as well. The darting process, to get her to the vets, went



Cheyenne's howling form was perfect, even though the sounds were damaged.

smoothly. The operation at the vets went without a hitch. It turned out that whoever did the original surgery to remove the uterus had missed a small piece. It was removed along with the ovaries. All that was left was to bring her out of the anesthesia. As she was taken off of the isoflurane she stopped breathing. The vet and vet techs worked relentlessly for two and a half

hours trying everything they could to bring her back. Although epinephrine, atropine and steroids were administered, her heart rate never changed. Then her heart stopped --she was gone.

Everyone was in shock. We could not believe that this was really happening. It still seems to be a dream that you just can't shake off.

Cheyenne was a beautiful pure wolf that had seen her share of pain. She had been part of a pack that was used for commercial photography. Circumstances occurred that caused her pack to attack her almost causing her death. As she was recovering from that ordeal she was placed with *Wolf*.

Her wounds even though severe were healing. There was some question as to her liver function, but that could have been from the stress and trauma she had been through. She had lost her howl, most likely from being intubated for surgery. She recovered from her wounds, her liver functions returned to normal and she bonded exceptionally well with a young Spirit.

Although a subordinate personality she was extremely curious and accepting of attention and love. Her continuing efforts to please and her tenacity at howling, whether sound came out or not, endeared her to all that knew her. Memories of her beautiful presence will forever remain in our hearts. 🐾



Spirit politely tells Cheyenne his thoughts.



Cheyenne roaming her enclosure.

Howling Good Time Is Bitter Sweet

Jay Newberg is a Wolf member and volunteer. He wrote a very touching article about his experiences with Cheyenne for The Coffee Cup Companion, a Rocky Mountain Region alternative newspaper.

Jay's article was published in the June issue. We asked and received permission to reprint it for you.

www.coffeecupcompanion.com



Once again, the eyes of the world look home. Though usually smiling, they aren't Irish. Despite the fact that they aren't Texan blue, they've still been doing some crying in the rain. I lost another friend of mine recently. Well, I had just begun to really know her and then...poof. Gone. She taught me much in the short time we had together. And after departing this earth, she reminds me that the 'short time together' is often all we have.

Though her name was Cheyenne, she came from South Dakota. She was a gray wolf—you'd call her a timber wolf. Cheyenne was born in captivity and spent her early life at a commercial wildlife photography preserve in Colorado. A well-meaning caretaker accidentally put Cheyenne in with a pack that wasn't her own. She was nearly killed.

Long story short, she came to live at W.O.L.F., an outfit you've probably read about on the pages of the Coffee Cup Companion. (If you have not read of the good people of W.O.L.F., check out <http://www.wolfsanctuary.net> and support them.) Cheyenne had found a home at age five and seemed to recover quite nicely from her physical and emotional wounds. She paired up with a mate, Spirit, and spent the next four or so years as a comfortable, social and loving animal.

That happy story came to an end a few weeks ago when Cheyenne underwent routine surgery. At some point, on recovery, she just gave up the ghost. No one can say why.

I have had the good fortune of

being associated with W.O.L.F. for eight months or so. I volunteer at educational and healing sessions. I help load and unload the trailer and then schlep stuff around in between loadings and unloadings. My favorite duties are handling the animals and speaking with you, my fellow travelers, about wolves and what they can teach us. That's all great, but the icing on the cake is getting to volunteer at

make the kind of pet that people expect. So, I'd have to say, "yes."

The sanctuary centers on Pat and Frank's house, but comprises numerous humane animal paddocks that approximate as natural a habitat as they can. Every enclosure meets or beats federal standards for security while providing for the needs of its mini-pack. On each visit to W.O.L.F., I made a stop in Spirit and Cheyenne's enclosure. Through two visits, Spirit was always apprehensive of me and Cheyenne nearly absent. I suspect Spirit never let Cheyenne come off the back fence when I was around. I knew Cheyenne was in the enclosure, but I never got remotely close enough to know what she even looked like (a very beautiful and elegant lady with slightly floppy ears, in case you were wondering).

On the third visit, both Cheyenne and Spirit were eagerly awaiting my friend, Lindsay, and me as we approached. Spirit was more trusting and generous than he had ever been with me, but Cheyenne was positively gushing. She came over to where I sat and stood on me. She licked me. She licked some more. I mean, she pinned me down and laid some big, juicy wolf kisses right on my mouth, man. Not to be outdone, I licked back. And then more licking. We rubbed one another. We looked meaningfully into each other's eyes. We howled together.

Well, we tried to howl together. Cheyenne's voice box had been damaged in an attack earlier in her life. She squeaked. I sounded like I thought I might sound if I were a wolf. I think it's safe to say we harmonized. Lindsay played likewise with Spirit. All in all, a good wolf time was had by all.

I had nothing at all in my frame of reference to relate to this. Imagine finding yourself playing with wolves. Imagine finding out that you are in love. Imagine finding a new world. Imagine finding out that everything in this world is wonderful. Imagine find-

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Jay & Cheyenne singing together.

the wolf sanctuary.

Cheyenne wasn't one of the wolves who made it out into public, so I had to go north to the sanctuary to meet her. Pat and Frank, who run the sanctuary, are two people who have devoted their lives to rescuing captive-bred wolves and wolf-dogs, providing them long-term physical and emotional care. Those two also dedicate a lot of energy to educating the public about wolves and wolf-dogs. Is there really a need for such pursuits? It is my understanding that one thousand wolf-dogs alone are destroyed each month in this country, often because they do not

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ing them all at the same time...what an afternoon. Through tears of joy, Lindsay made sure I knew just how completely blessed we both are.

I have my memories of the afternoon where I got to know Cheyenne. I have some photos, too, when Lindsay isn't there for me to ask, "Did that *really* happen?" And, knowing me, I have lessons learned. Show up. Have fun. Be thankful. It is what it is.

While these may be obvious, let me shine a little light. Showing up means being willing to make the drive up north to the wolf sanctuary or being there for whatever means something to you. More importantly, it means being willing to *not* go anywhere. It means making the commitment to being present right here, right now in your life and not running to distracting thoughts, habits, behaviors or chemicals.

'Have fun' and 'be thankful' are, I hope, pretty self-explanatory. At the risk of encroaching on "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" material, a few comments anyway. If you haven't done so yet this week, go do something simply fun. Don't care who is watching. Don't care if it'll be messy. Don't care what is due next week. Finger paint. Mush modeling clay in your hands. Go fly a



Jay swaps spit with Cheyenne.

kite. Howl with wolves. You choose.

Please, oh please, stop and be thankful for something today. You really do have a lot going for you. For a double-plus good thing, stop and be thankful for someone else today—and tell her or him about it. Remember, things are not as bad as headlines need to make them seem to sell newspapers. 'Nuff said.

Last, but by no means least, especially in our culture, is 'It is what it is.' It is what it is. That great love

affair you had once is what it is. That wonderful afternoon I had with Cheyenne is what it is. That embarrassing moment in high school is what it is. We all have a series of wonderful and horrible moments in our lives. I wish for all of us more of the good than the bad, as difficult as it is to decipher them at the time. Still, those moments are what they are.

We can ask all kinds of questions about them, if we like. Why did Cheyenne decide to really open up when she did? Why did she go away so soon afterwards? We can choose to accept these events in our lives for what they are/were or we can spend long periods of time—entire lives!—trying to fix them, recapture them, deny them, etc. Did your drama choose you or do you want to choose your drama?

So, there are a few freebies from the universe for you. If you want more where those came from, I recommend that you acquaint yourself with the social mores and behaviors of wolves. Some say that wolves have the most highly evolved social structure next to primates. I know more than a handful of people who would say it is the reverse that is true. Wolves *do* take care of their own in amazing ways. To the universe, I say, "Take care of Cheyenne." To Cheyenne, I say, "Thanks. Take care. Goodbye." 🐾

"There was a young man walking down a deserted beach just before dawn. In the distance he saw a frail old man. As he approached the old man, he saw him picking up stranded starfish and throwing them back into the sea. The young man gazed in wonder as the old man again and again threw the small starfish from the sand to the water. He asked, "Old man, why do you spend so much energy doing what seems to be a waste of time?" The old man explained that the stranded starfish would die if left in the morning sun. "But there must be thousands of beaches and millions of starfish!" exclaimed the young man. "How can you make any difference?" The old man looked down at the small starfish in his hand and as he threw it to the safety of the sea, he said, "I made a difference to this one."

~Irv Furman

Maine Rescue...

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Without your help I don't believe this would have been possible. Please know that we appreciate your help and that many wonderful animals have been saved because of your generosity.

Thank you for caring! 🐾

The Rescue...

Written By: Aimee Crosby, Loki Clan Wolf Refuge

It seems somewhat ironic that a terrible situation usually makes you realize just how kind, generous and willing the people around you are. This simple truth has been brought to our attention frequently over the last few months as we have dealt with a major tragedy in northern New Hampshire.

A long time owner and breeder of wolf dogs unexpectedly passed away leaving over 30 unaltered adults, 3 litters, and two pregnant females in the care of her two young daughters. We received a call in early March from one of the woman's daughters, and through tears she explained the situation and asked for our help. Our first thoughts: Oh no, what are we going to do?

Currently there are over 90 animals at LCWR and we are working fervently to replace our existing pens with larger ones to allow the animals more room. This means we are building pens for the animals we have now, not to make room for more. Yes, we have room here and there depending on the individual packs, but for all of their animals? It would be impossible.

We promised the girls we would help transport all the animals they wanted to place to other facilities, but we had no idea how such a job could be accomplished. Our first call was to Dawn Bednar from Federal Wolf Dog Rescue (FWDR). We had worked with her in the past and knew she had many connections in the rescue world. She could tell us if it would be possible to pull off such a rescue effort. When the news was delivered to Dawn, she had a similar response "40?" Yes, we replied, 40. The only good news was that there was no deadline for the animals: the daughters were willing to care for them until proper placement was arranged. Dawn is a fighter when it comes to animals and in her eyes, nothing is impossible. Challenging? Yes, but she was not about to say no to our plea. Immediately she started making calls to find out who could help.

While Dawn made the calls around the country, we dealt with the issues that needed to be addressed at the site. This consisted of going to the location to get an accurate head count, take pictures of the animals and collect information on them. We were happy to find the total number was somewhat less than we were first told as the girls decided to keep some and family friends had offered to take a few into their homes. The head count was: two packs of six adults, six young pups, two older pups, and one lone male. A grand total of 21. A lot less than 40 but still a major rescue.

As we toured the site, we found that the pups were being housed in a small room and the girls simply couldn't socialize them enough. If they stayed until a rescue date was set, they would become extremely fearful of people. We decided to bring them to LCWR to work with them until new homes were found. LCWR does not adopt animals out but FWDR does. They have the time, connections and applications to find appropriate homes for wolf dogs and they follow strict guidelines while adopting them out. We brought the pups back to LCWR and introduced them to Silver, a very loving foster dad. He immediately fell for the pups and thoroughly enjoyed his role while the pups were here.

While we busied ourselves with the normal day to day chores and puppy play, Dawn continued to work the phones, pulling animal lovers around the country together in a mass effort to save the wolf dogs. It was amazing to hear her reports on how the different organizations were willing to help. Normally opposing opinions and the fear of having ideas stolen prevents rescuers from talking on a personal level but this time

everyone put their differences aside in order to help. It was a tremendous feeling and gave us all hope for a happy ending.

After less than two months, a date was set and plans were coming together not only to transport the animals but to spay and neuter everyone even those staying with the girls. The older pups and one of the packs were going to Full Moon Farm and Sanctuary (FMFS) in North Carolina, the other pack was going to EagleWolf Foundation (EWF) in Tennessee and the young pups would be going to Florida and then placed in their new homes.

The day came quickly and the first surgeries started around 8:00 AM. It was just the beginning of a very long but successful day. All but 4 of the adults who needed to be transported or altered had to be tranquilized to be moved safely. This is never an easy task when dealing with wolf dogs and because of their adrenaline, drugging them can be frustrating and dangerous. One major problem involved with tranquilizing a wolf dog is that they have the ability to override almost any drug if they try hard enough. A potentially dangerous situation can arise when, all of a sudden, the animal decides to give into the tranquilizer, allowing all of the previously administered drugs to take effect. If this happens too quickly it can become hazardous so darting, capturing and crating all the adults was, to say the least, a trying task.

While some of the volunteers stayed to dart and catch the animals, others were busy transporting the animals to and from the vet's office in town to be altered. The volunteer veterinarians worked steadily all day and into the night, putting their exhaustion aside for the sake of the animals. Everyone involved in the rescue effort signed on for much more than they bargained for but managed to keep their humor, calm, and care for the animals through out the day. Around 11:00 PM (after over 16 hours of straight work) we gathered around, thanked each other, and left smiling. The fact that we had successfully pulled off a major task was known by all and didn't need to be mentioned.

Once everyone was loaded into the truck the total head count was down to 20. We were short one animal because a female from one of the packs not only turned out to be pregnant, but delivered seven pups while we were there. Such a long trip would be detrimental to their health so we decided to leave her behind. Plans are in the works for another rescue effort when they are ready to travel.

Unfortunately for Dawn and all the animals aboard the transport vehicle, the long trek home was still ahead. The lone male would have the shortest journey, as he was to be dropped off at LCWR, but the other 19 had a long way to go. Because Dawn traveled alone, the trip to North Carolina took XX hours. Some people from EWF met Dawn at FMFS and took their new charges home from there. The remaining animals were temporarily housed at FMFS until permanent housing could be constructed. After everyone was settled, Dawn and the pups headed off to Florida for the last leg of the trip.

We want to thank everyone for their physical, moral and financial support for this major rescue effort. Donations are still needed to defray the housing, medical and transportation costs; if you wish to help with this all donations marked 'rescue' will be forwarded to FWDR.

To say the least: Thank You! The entire rescue effort was pulled off by the joint cooperation and dedication of many generous people. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them and let them know they are very special to us as well as the entire animal community.

Four Your Paws Only: Lending crates for the transport
 Alan Borgal and Brian O'Connor: Capturing and loading help
 Dr. Tarkelson: Veterinary work and the use of his clinic
 Dr. Maynard: Veterinary work
 Jan Maynard: Veterinary Technician work
 Pam Renard, Crystal/Faith Hodge: Capturing and loading help
 W.O.L.F. Sanctuary: Raising \$3000.00+ to make this possible
 All the financial and moral supporters, Federal Wolf Dog Rescue, EagleWolf Foundation, and Full Moon Farm & Sanctuary.

Volunteer Spotlight



Not everyone who volunteers for *Wolf* is able to actually work with the animals every time they come to the facility. Getting volunteers who want to do the administrative or peripheral chores that are required to run a business is extraordinarily difficult. Why would anyone want to work all week at something and then turn around on the weekends and do the same thing? Most volunteers come to *Wolf* looking for the involvement with the animals and a break from their jobs.

About two years ago give or take six months, (Frank and I are both terrible with time), we received a letter from Jim Mittl. Jim explained that he had seen our web site, the old one, and felt he would be able to help us with the web site and service our very outdated computers. We are totally convinced that Jim had no idea what he was getting himself into.

Jim works for a government facility providing technical support for the computers plus other over my head computer "stuff". When Jim arrived at the facility it was immediately apparent that we had many things in common. It seems that Jim had adopted a wolf-dog named Myah, a beautiful girl that Frank and I had met several years before under very unhappy circumstances. Myah had lived at a breeders and had been involved in a fight where she had her tail ripped off. Because of this Myah was never placed. Jim and Myah hit it off and he realized because she had no tail she would probably never be placed. Jim and Myah went home together and have been together ever since. Imagine our amazement when we found out what had happened to the beautiful Myah. Over the last couple of years Jim has adopted 3 other wolf dogs. He is a foster home for *Wolf*.



Jim even got his mother and father involved when he rescued a young pup, Kawa, that needed constant attention and bottle-feeding. Mom and dad cared for Kawa during the week while Jim went to work. They continued this care for a number of weeks before Jim could bring the pup home to the rest of his animals.

Jim's abilities with computers are amazing to us. He has over time, showed up with new computers, keyboards, local area networking (LAN), mother boards, RAM, programs, virus scanners and just about anything else you can think of to bring the *Wolf* computers into the 21st century. In addition to all of this Jim has put our web site on its own server, gotten us on satellite service and spent hours maintaining the web site and server.

It takes Jim about 2 ½ hours to reach *Wolf* and although he tries to spend time with the animals at *Wolf*, there is usually enough work, expected or unexpected, to do on the computers to keep him busy the entire time he is here. Jim's expenditures of time are phenomenal enough, but he has personally paid for all of the equipment that has been required to make our systems state of the art.

Without Jim's help Frank and I might be using stone tablets to communicate with all of you, well at least two very archaic computers.

Thank you Jim for all you do for *Wolf* and of course, your friendship. 🐾



**Jim with his four wolf-dogs.
(from left, clockwise: Myah, Arcs, Kawa & Chica)**

The Lithuanian Connection



In the fall of 2001 *Wolf* received a rather strange email requesting a grant for students of a small school in Lithuania. The letter stated, in rather forced English, that some of their students had excelled in a class project on endangered wildlife and the environment and they were looking for some way to recognize them.

Our first instinct, sadly enough, was that this was some sort of internet scam. Not wanting to prejudge or perceive ourselves as too jaded we politely answered back that we were a very small nonprofit organization that was **looking** for grants, not making them.

The response came back, again in broken English, that any small token, to reward the kids, would be appreciated. OK, we're not talking money, could this be for real?

We decided that it would be far better for us to get conned than for us to lose our optimism about humanity. We sent some *Wolf* t-shirts, key-chains, and educational workbooks. We then asked for them to email us some photos of the kids and the story of their project and how they excelled.

The response was very thankful for the items sent, but apologetic in that they did not have a scanner in order to send photos. One thing led to another and we were shipping a surplus scanner that we had to Lithuania. Not being real savvy about international commerce and parcel shipping we insured the package. Big mistake!

Once the package arrived in Lithuania the school was required to pay customs duty on the scanner of \$100 because of the insured amount of the package. They did not have the

money to pay the duty. You guessed it, *Wolf* quickly sent a check, priority mail, to cover the fee. Six weeks later they received the check. Problem solved -- right! Wrong.

Evidently in Lithuania all checks are made out to individuals, not schools. Two more weeks were

involved to figure out how to cash the check to the school. Finally the scanner was received, installed and sending photos of the kids in their wolf t-shirts.

If this was a scam, it was a great one.

The following letter was received with the photos. ☺

Dear Frank,

Finally, we have been of tremendous success to get the scanner claimed. We are so happy, that we are just scarce of humanly understandable words to express our divine delight. I want to thank you not only personally but on the behalf of our school too. We have benefited a lot, and particularly these were our children to be provided with ultimate joy. Yes, we were praying for some little gifts that pupils might have been granted with. And now having our own scanner, we will be able to expand relationship with our colleagues abroad that will enhance our educational capabilities.

You are a very good man to rely upon. Though I am still a very young educator, I have never happened to have honor to meet such a good person like you. Thank you Frank. These are the words spoken by us all: our principal, teachers I collaborate with, and above all, our children.

Please see photos. They have been scanned by computer teacher. When I learn how to operate this appliance, I will send some photos of my own.

Thank you once again, sir.

Sincerely,
Tomas Samoska
Laibgaliai School
Rokiskis, Lithuania



The recipients of the schools awards for excellence.

Wish List

Materials

- **500+ acres of land**
- **ATV** (Four or Six wheel drive)
- **Rototiller** (In good working condition)
- **Fence Materials** (9 gauge chain link, poles, gate hardware, etc.)
- **Truck Tires** - 16" load range D or E
- **Motor Home Tires** - 7.50 x 17.0 (so we can use it for programs)

- **Cinder Blocks**
- **New Storage Shed 120 Sq. Ft** (or materials to build one)
- **Veterinary Medications** (Nemex, Cestex, Domitor, etc.)
- **Office Supplies** (11"x17" white paper for newsletters, fax ribbon, etc.)
- **Ink Jet Cartridges** (Epson Stylus Color 3000)

Labor/Services

- **Builders** (w/knowledge of codes)
- **Bookkeeper** (to help with data entry - unfortunately must be done at facility)
- **Fundraiser** (to help organize events)
- **Water-Well Drilling**
- **Grant Writer**
- **Auto Mechanic** (general maint.)
- **Printing** (newsletters, etc.)

'The Witness' - A Change In Perception



The mission of **Wolf** is a small piece of a much bigger picture. We try to educate the public to understand the value of wolves and thereby respect their needs & rights.

The following information is presented, not as part of our mission, but rather as a solution to our mission. If all animals could be perceived differently by humans our mission will have been accomplished.

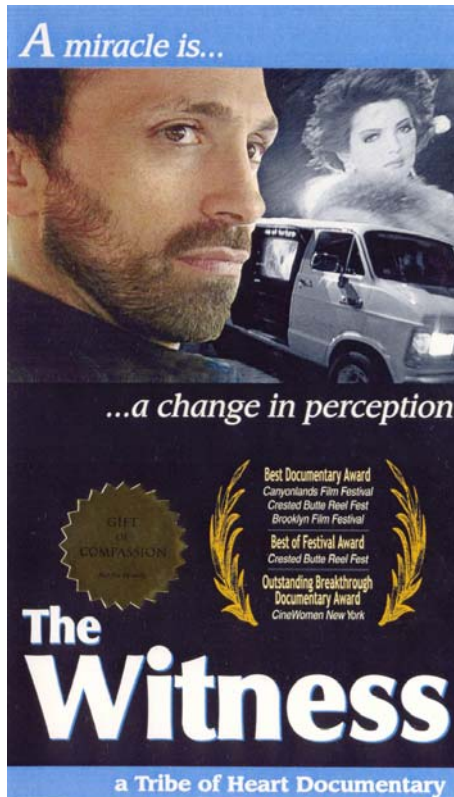
Some of the individuals we deal with on a daily basis and believe themselves to be very knowledgeable about the atrocities that humans bestow on animals don't like to view graphic situations. They believe there is nothing they can do about it anyway.

THE WITNESS, although somewhat graphic in places, focuses on one person's approach to doing something about it. His techniques include the very simple non-public personal changes in his mentality and lifestyle to the much more elaborate and public. The bottom line personal commitment being, "*it won't happen because of me.*" There truly is something that everyone concerned about animal welfare can do.

Wolf believes that every individual has choices and the first most important choice is awareness. When they are not aware of what their dollars pay for there is no way that changes will possibly occur. We encourage every individual who is concerned about animals and their welfare to view this video.

THE WITNESS is the best approach to awareness that we have been exposed to. 🐾

THE WITNESS asks its audience to consider how a tough New York City construction contractor could possibly become an impassioned animal activist. Eddie Lama tells the story of his remarkable change of consciousness—how the love of a kitten opened his heart, inspiring him to rescue abandoned animals, become a vegetarian, and ultimately, to bring his message of compassion to the streets. This award-winning documentary provides insight into the intellectual and spiritual transformation that brought a man from a life steeped in violence to a life devoted to kindness and service. Featuring the song "Angel" by Sara McLachlan, **THE WITNESS** is a story of beauty and transcendence in the face of tragedy and despair.



The Los Angeles Times

"**THE WITNESS** is one man's truth that cries out for mass exposure... a unique, indelible 43-minute documentary that may be the most important and persuasive film about animals ever made."

Howard Rosenberg

The Fund For Animals

"**THE WITNESS** is a compelling look at the power of activism, and the ability of one person to make a difference. If the animal protection movement is going to be successful, it will be because films like this one were able to move people and empower them to stand up and speak out against injustice. This powerful film will undoubtedly make a difference in many lives—both human and animal."

Michael Markarian, Executive Vice President

The Humane Society of the United States

"As Vice President of Investigative Services for the Human Society of the United States, I and my section have spent the past several years investigating various aspects of the fur industry both in the United States and abroad. Investigative Services has penetrated and documented the activities of fur breeding facilities, slaughter facilities, tanneries, manufacturing plants, wholesalers and retailers both nationally and internationally. I found the video depictions of the activities of the fur industry in **The Witness** to be consistent with our investigative findings and in some cases more humane than those observed by us in the field."

Richard W. Swain, Jr., Vice president Investigative Services

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Because **Wolf** believes that the bigger picture is important to our mission, we have purchased a number of these videos that we will send you at no cost.

We received a donation, separate from **Wolf's** operating mission, to institute this offering. The funds are limited so please request your copy soon. We also encourage anyone who can afford the \$ 13.50 cost of purchase and shipping to send a donation for that amount so that we can provide more copies to others. Thank you. 🐾

Please send a copy of **THE WITNESS** to:

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- **Helping** an animal puts your donation into a general fund where it is used for general care and maintenance.
- **Sponsoring** an animal would also put your donation into a general fund. With this level you receive the animal's story of your choice which includes photos.
- **Feeding** an animal puts your donation into the fund that covers food requirements. With this level membership you will receive the story of the animal of your choice, which includes photos.
- **Saving** an animal puts your donation into the fence-building fund. With this level of membership you receive the story of the animal of your choice, which includes photos. In addition, a plaque with your name is placed on the gate of that animal's enclosure.
- **Adopting*** an animal puts your donation into the general care of that animal on an annual basis. With this level of membership you will receive the story of the animal of your choice, which includes photos. In addition, a plaque with your name is placed on the gate of that animal's enclosure.

Member



I Helped 1

* *This level requires a commitment to make payments every year of that animal's life. Wolf believes that the word 'adopt' is taken much too lightly in our society and that adoption is for life. Therefore financially adopting an animal is a serious commitment that should not be taken lightly.*

signature (I understand this commitment) _____

Please circle the level that you would like to participate at:

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Single	\$ 35	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ 500	\$ 750*
Family	\$ 45	\$ 175	\$ 275	\$ 550	\$ 800*
Group	\$ 55	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 600	\$ 850*

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