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Texas Rescue
(North American Wolf Association in Shambles)



Yukon skinny and scared.

 *Wolf* is currently up to its eyeballs in a massive rescue. Our involvement with this tragic story began in the Fall of 2002. The facts in this situation are not always easy to discern, so we will only report those elements that we have first-hand or very reliable information about. Our goal with reporting this story is two-fold; one, to give you a good idea on how difficult and time-consuming it is to help animals in need and two, to provide a caution to all about checking out the organizations that you send your donations.


In the middle of October a frantic and angry email went out from the Executive Director/founder of the North American Wolf Association, Rae Evening Earth Ott, located in Conroe, Texas. The email was explaining a situation where several of the animals at the facility had contracted some strange disease. They were very sick and Rae was convinced that they had contracted the disease while in the local animal control shelter.

Wolf did not know the organization well, but had provided a donation the previous year to help save a young female that was scheduled to be euthanized in a Texas shelter. The little nameless female was saved and we never heard anything else about her. She is also not at the facility currently.

Wolf had also been involved with a situation in Concho, Arizona, in March of 2002, trying to help save 17 animals, where the owner was being

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Standards
(for Sanctuaries)

 The Texas rescue emphasizes the need that currently exists within the sanctuary industry. How do donors know that there funds are going to worthwhile organizations? Are the animals truly receiving the benefit of their gift?

Although bad facilities exist, we do not want you believing that there are not some very good organizations out there. These sanctuaries need your help and support.

We have mentioned in previous newsletters that the sanctuary industry is still very much in its infancy and does not receive the kind of funding that other animal welfare enterprises do. Sanctuaries however, are beginning to self-regulate and their efforts to establish realistic standards are starting to pay off.

Wolf encourages you to check out the two sanctuary associations that *Wolf* is accredited through. The organizations that are accredited by these two groups have been inspected for all aspects of their operation. The professionalism that they demonstrate in their day to day operations has been reviewed and meet stringent guidelines for the long-term well-being of the animals in their care.

You can check them out at:

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Letter from the President

(Frank Wendland)



I must apologize for the content of this newsletter. We usually try to cover a better variety of stories, however the 'Texas Rescue' has totally occupied our time and thoughts over the past several months. We also believe it is an important issue that should be told in its entirety. We wish the story was over with, but we are still struggling to save all of these animals and insure that they are placed in quality situations for the rest of their lives. We will keep those of you on our email list informed with regular updates and the rest of you will have to wait for the next newsletter. If you would like to be added to our email list please send us a note at: fwendland@wolfsanctuary.net.

Winter has been mild, this year, scaring us all with what the dry months ahead may hold in store. There was no precipitation to speak of through December, January and most of February. Finally over the past several weeks we have accumulated approximately 18 - 20 inches of snow, bringing the seasonal average close to 90% of normal. We are praying for more.

The health of the majority of the animals is great, with the exception of Bacchus. His quick illness and death was another blow to our emotions. (see page 9) Artemis seems to have stabilized quite nicely on her twice-a-day insulin shots for diabetes. She is acting and looking spectacular.



Spirit looking very much like the alpha male he has become.



Indigo loving the snow.

We do have a few geriatric type ailments with some of the animals, but nothing major.

We were blessed toward the end of the year with a good sized grant, that came out of the blue, from the Seeley Foundation. It was an answer to a prayer as the \$15,000 grant was just about what donations had been off for the year, because of the economy. It allowed us to catch up with the piles of bills. We will be finalizing all of our financials within the next several

weeks and will give you a breakdown for 2002 in our next newsletter.

It always seems however, that as soon as the numbers are looking up there are just as many situations that arise requiring the expenditure of those funds. The Texas Rescue has been an extraordinarily time-consuming and money-consuming adventure. For whatever reason we could not turn our backs on these animals. It was very apparent to us that no one was willing to become their champion. The grant from the Seeley foundation and a \$2,500 grant from The Wildlife Legacy Trust (administered through The Community Foundation of Boulder) allowed us to get involved with this rescue. As we have become more involved a \$5,000 emergency grant from the Ahimsa Foundation and a \$5,000 grant from an anonymous supporter from the San Francisco area has allowed us to continue with the effort.

We have joined the "Community Shares of Colorado" program, which is similar to the United Way, but quite possibly more efficient in administration. The program allows employees to sign up for regular deductions from their payroll checks to be designated to specific charities. **Wolf** will be on this years listing of approved charities. If your employer is not part of the Colorado Shares program we can assist you in having the benefits explained to your administrators. The more organizations that participate in the program, the more potential there is for **Wolf** to receive more donations. Please call us if you can help.

We truly appreciated all of the wonderful holiday cards that we received. We wish we had the time and resources to answer each one individually, but we just don't. Please know that they enrich our lives and recharge our spirits. We thank you all and keep you in our thoughts. ☺



Tunyan growing very fast and looking very adult.

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evicted from property and the animals had no where to go. Rae had jumped in and indicated that she did not need any help except money. The money was needed to build a half-acre enclosure.



Nameless female - early 2001

With NAWA's current situation, *Wolf* immediately responded and inquired how we might be able to help. Did she need a team to help set up isolation and disinfecting protocols, or expertise in diagnosis that we may be able to find at CSU Vet School, or general medical support. The response was very short and to the point -- indicating that they just wanted money. *Wolf* considered sending a donation that would have equaled what we would have spent to send a support team to help. However, due to a shortage of that stuff and an uneasy feeling about the situation, *Wolf* could not help.

As the reports continued, animals started dying. The diagnosis came in from Texas A&M, it was distemper. After getting over the initial shock, the reality of the situation hit home. Distemper is a preventable disease -- obviously these animals had not been vaccinated. Why not? What was going on here? As more and more animals died over the next several months, *Wolf* was receiving emails from concerned volunteers and other animal welfare groups. The volunteers were desperate, feeling that not enough was being done to help the sick animals. The deaths were horrible and lingering because Rae evidently did not believe in euthanasia. The other animal welfare groups wanted to know how this could have happened and what the organization had done that may have caused the problem. Both groups wanted to help the animals, but their hands were tied by unreceptive management. Their goal then became to remove the current management. *Wolf* provided what little information we had and tried to put concerned parties in touch with each other, but cautioned that removing management would leave the remaining animals homeless. Where would they go?

Information was received by these groups that indicated NAWA was in serious trouble as an organization. Evidence indicated that they had forfeited their Texas corporation status, in August of 2000, by not filing proper paperwork. This made their IRS 501(c)(3) status non-

existent as well. On top of that it became apparent that NAWA had never filed a 990 with the IRS, which is required by any 501(c)(3) that raises over \$25,000 in donations per year. Their profit and loss statements given to potential donors indicated significantly more than \$25,000 per year in donations. Evidence also indicated that NAWA was radically in arrears on their property lease, vet expenses, and had never paid for the transport of the Concho animals from Arizona to Texas.

These groups also tried to account for all of the animals that had purportedly been rescued by NAWA. The analysis was staggering. Out of 75 that had been reported by NAWA to have been rescued only about 43 could be accounted for. From those 43, approximately 18 had died from distemper, 20 were still alive at the facility, two had been placed at another small sanctuary and 3 that had escaped enclosures had been captured and placed at another small rescue. What happened to the remaining 32 animals?

Finally on January 17th 2003, after NAWA failed to show up for 3 court hearings on eviction, the animals were classified as abandoned property and NAWA was evicted. The local constable gave custody of the animals to a small wolf-dog rescue in the area. Hooray, you might say! However, this is the very beginning for *Wolf*.

Over the next two to three weeks it became apparent that the custodian of the animals was having problems getting medical treatments done on the animals. *Wolf* established a disinfecting and isolation protocol and sent it to the group. Exams were difficult for them to do due to the fear of the animals. *Wolf* felt it was imperative to get the remaining animals examined and treated immediately.

The following account of what transpired next was compiled by the team that was formed by *Wolf* and Indigo Mountain Nature Center.

Indigo Mountain Nature Center (IMNC), another sanctuary in Colorado and Wolf were both in contact with the custodian, Sam, and during conversations with him, assistance was offered and he gladly accepted.

Day One (Tuesday, January 28th): *We were receiving calls that the situation at the facility was deteriorating. The animals were still not inoculated, no veterinarians had been to the facility and the sick animals were not receiving treatment. Sue Cranston from IMNC,*

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The Concho Wolf Pack, in Arizona - March 2002

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and Pat Wendland and Cheryl Budler from **Wolf**, formed the team that would head to Texas to help dart and inoculate all the animals against distemper (a 5 in 1 vaccine), rabies, giardia and bordatella. It was also decided to draw blood from each animal to run a heartworm test, diagnostic panel and a CBC. Revolution would be applied to each animal (pending heartworm test results) and penicillin and worming medication administered. To accomplish all of this, vaccines, blood tubes, antibiotics, Revolution, heart worm tests, syringes and knock down drugs were needed. Due to the distemper that had ravaged the compound, sterile conditions would need to be maintained. Therefore disposable gloves, booties, bleach, foot baths and spray bottles would be needed to set up a quarantine protocol. Medical charts for each animal were also required so proper documentation could be kept. Food was also in short supply for the animals so half a ton of good quality dog food would have to be loaded along with food bowls, buckets, collars, leashes and muzzles for safety. Drugs had to be ordered and donations collected before we could leave.

Day 2 (Wednesday, January 29th): All day was spent manning phones and making urgent calls for help and efforts to find foundations and organizations to donate money, drugs, inoculations, materials and medical supplies for our trip. Since we did not know exactly what we were getting into we had to get the necessary materials for any eventuality. Thanks to all the wonderful people and organizations that we contacted, much of the needed supplies were donated:

Heska:	heartworm tests.
Mountain Vet & Vet Line:	discounted cost on vaccines, donated rabies vaccine, rubber gloves, blood tubes, penicillin and booties.
Alameda East Vet Hosp:	some tranquilizing drugs.
Aldytha Stewart:	\$1,250-to go toward the cost of meds and blood work.
Dr. Sharon Cleghorn:	\$600 worth of penicillin, needles, syringes, worming medication.
Pfizer:	vaccines.
Wolf Rescue Center:	towels and canned dog food.
Petco:	leashes, collars, treats, antiseptic and muzzles.
Nestle-Purina:	1,000 lbs high quality dog food.
Doug/Kathy Joslyn:	\$900 for blood tests.

Day 3/4 (Thursday/Friday, January 30th/31st): We finished up packing, getting medical charts ready and loading everything into the truck to rendezvous with Sue in Colorado Springs. After running around in Fort Collins picking up the remaining drugs and donated materials, Pat and Cheryl headed south around 5:30 PM. We arrived in the Springs and loaded everything from the **Wolf** truck into Sue's truck, in the dark of course, and headed for Texas around 9 PM. We

drove all night, through dark and fog, alternating driving shifts and finally arrived in Dallas around noon.

In Dallas, we were planning on picking up some donated materials from Dr. Sharon Cleghorn at her vet clinic. After driving in circles for about an hour, we found the vet hospital, collected the supplies, and were then off to Conroe where the facility was located.

We had hoped to get out to the facility, meet the animals and form our plan of attack, but by the time we arrived in Conroe and found a hotel, it was too dark. Sam (the custodian), Pam (a concerned individual) and Lisa (a volunteer) met us at the hotel to discuss the game plan for the following day.

Day 5 (Saturday, February 1st): At 7:30 am we headed out the door and were met by a wall of dense fog. There was no way we would be able to get started in such conditions. After stalling for the weather, we finally arrived at the compound around 10 am.

The road into the compound was full of deep ruts



Entrance road to the facility.

filled with muddy water. The compound was located in a low lying area and surrounded by swamp lands. Since there were no storage areas located on the property, we asked an incredibly nice neighbor, Donna, to store the 1,000 pounds of dog food in her shed. After unloading the food and then pulling Jerry's (a volunteer) vehicle out of one of the deeper holes, we opted to haul the remaining supplies the half mile into the facility by hand. We had carried 2/3 of the supplies in when Donna offered to bring in the rest of our supplies in her large 4X4 pickup. Thank you Donna!

Once all the supplies were unloaded, Sue, Pat and Cheryl went around with Tina, one of the full time volunteers, to assess each animal. Upon an initial overview of the compound we were relieved to see clean pens and sufficient drinking water (food had been withheld for the day since animals were being tranquilized). While we did not find the compound to be as bad as we expected, we did find large standing puddles of stagnant water and tiny cages, some of which Sue (5'1") and Pat (5'2") could not stand up in. Almost all of the cage roofs were laden with debris causing

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Typical pen size -- photo taken just inside the front gate.

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them to sway under the weight. This was causing the animals to constantly be stressed and apprehensive about what was hanging over their heads. The pens were so small many animals were pacing in an almost frantic state. The one enclosure we found to be tolerable, was approximately 50' X 50', housed only two wolves. However, we learned that it had been the home for fourteen animals (the Concho Pack) and the remaining two were the only ones that survived the distemper outbreak. We were told the other twelve had suffered horrible deaths. They suffered with the distemper for days and no attempts were made to humanely euthanize the dying animals.

Regardless of the conditions and facility, we were pleasantly surprised at the number of animals willing to attempt contact with humans. This is a testament to the loving, dedicated care provided by the remaining volunteers. Tina had stayed with the animals, 24/7, in attempts to nurse the dying animals back to health. Due to her efforts a few of the animals did survive the relentless virus.

After assessing the animals we went to work setting up a staging area with the help of volunteers. The MASH unit was officially open! With the exception of Max, one of the geriatric animals on site, we started on the healthiest animals first. We completed the darting, blood draws, administration of antibiotics and inoculations on nine of the twenty animals. During this process we discov-



Setting up the staging area.

ered a common trend. Almost all the animals were running fevers, their blood was incredibly dark, thick and difficult to draw and most of the animals were dehydrated and underweight. The animals also had diminished muscle mass. We hypothesized that this was due to the small enclosure size, which restricted activity, and the inconsistent diet they had been receiving.

The afternoon went smoothly until we got to a 15-year-old animal (Timbre) with a history of kidney problems. Sue, Pat and Cheryl, now known as "The Team," discussed the situation and decided it was unsafe to tranquilize the animal. With guidance from the team, Tina leashed and muzzled this quiet wolf so blood could be drawn safely and vaccines and antibiotics given. Thanks to her gentle nature, treatment proceeded without any problems.

Then the next pair of animals allowed us to hand inject one (Spirit) while the more hesitant male (Yukon) had to be darted. The male was in very poor condition and was known to have severe hip dysplasia. He had a large lick sore on one of his back legs that we were told was a pain-displacement sore. We cleaned and treated his wound, inoculated him and drew blood. Sue and Tina then placed him sternally and adjusted his spine. The following day he showed remarkable improvement.

Darkness halted any further attempts that day, so we hauled all the drugs and much of the supplies back out of the swamp and to the truck. We headed back to the hotel for the night to update and complete the medical records, catch up on the never ending emails and make phone calls.

Day 6 (Sunday, February 2nd): We got off to a late start since we spent most of the morning trying to locate a veterinarian that could come out to the site. We were concerned about the high temperatures (ranging from 103 to 107.3, normal range is from 100 to 102.5) and the condition of the blood. Unfortunately, since it was Sunday, we were unable to find a vet that was willing to visit the site that day; however we were in contact with several vets via telephone.

We began darting animals around noon. The day began on a depressing note when the first animal we tranquilized, an alpha female (Anasazi) with personality plus that had already touched the hearts of the team members, tested positive for heartworms.

The next few pens proceeded without any problems. We then moved on to a high content female (Duchess) that had lost her entire pack to distemper, and were able to hand inject her with no difficulty. After performing the now routine exam, tests and medication administration we ran into some trouble. Her respiration and heart rate began to drop so we quickly administered the reversal drug and waited for her to respond. She was slow to respond so we administered intravenous atropine to help her heart rate and began CPR. Within less than a minute she leapt to her feet and began her usual pacing. The entire team and the volunteers were in tears and it

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took everyone a good thirty minutes to compose themselves enough to proceed to the next pen.



Three of the four-pack.

We moved onto the “four pack” (Aiyana, Nahima, Yana Usdi, & Welela) from there. These animals were highly unsocialized and stressed. They had previously shown clinical signs of distemper, but they failed to develop the full blown virus. Due to the high stress level of these animals we proceeded with extreme caution. All four animals were successfully darted; we backed off and waited for the drugs to take hold. After forty minutes, with the animals still running around and not down enough for us to work on, we attempted to dart with a second dose. These attempts proved futile as well, they looked and acted as if nothing had been administered. As darkness settled over the swamp we headed home once again leaving six animals remaining to be treated for the next day. The team was exhausted; mentally, physically, and emotionally but still had medical files to update, and dozens of emails to answer and phone calls to make.

Day 7 (Monday, February 3rd): We started out the day by once again darting the “four pack.” And once again, all but one failed to go down with the drugs we were using. The smallest female did go down and we were able to perform the appropriate medical care. We contacted Dr. Heidi Zinser, DVM and explained what was going on. She was kind enough to rearrange her entire afternoon schedule to come out to the facility with her technician Debbie and assist with the remaining animals. While we waited for Dr. Heidi to arrive, we moved on to the final pair (Beowulf & Frackette) that had actually survived full-blown distemper. One was hand injected and the last darted. We found it ironic that the two animals that had been the most ill were some of the only animals that had normal temperatures.

Dr. Heidi arrived and with a class three drug, that had been unavailable to the team, the remaining three wolves were darted and successfully tranquilized under her supervision. The animals went down almost immediately and were inoculated and blood was drawn.

By this time results of the blood tests were beginning to come in. Unfortunately, the diagnostic lab was having trouble getting enough serum to run some of the tests. One possible cause for this was dehydration. Since we knew that the animals had water available, the team felt fecal samples needed to be taken to rule out giardia and other parasites that reduce the ability of the animals to absorb the nutrients they ingest. The volunteers began collecting fecal samples and Dr. Heidi took them, along with the remaining blood samples, back to her clinic for testing.

With all of the darting, testing and medical work completed on all twenty animals, the team breathed a huge sigh of relief. We headed out with a few of the volunteers to have dinner and a margarita (or 2!). When we returned to the hotel, we found out that we had received a request from The Association of Sanctuaries (TAOS) to cross the state to San Antonio to evaluate 15+ potential wolf-dogs that had been abandoned by their owner. We were beginning to wonder if we were ever going to make it home to Colorado!

Day 8 (Tuesday, February 4th): We returned to the compound to find the wolves responding to the antibiotics. With the exception of the terrified and stressed few that we are not sure will ever recover from the harsh lives they have lived and the horrible things they have seen, the animals greeted us with bright eyes and positive attitudes. Most wagged their tails and happily took treats from our hands. It is our sincerest hopes that these animals will be able to live out the remainder of their lives with all the love, dignity and respect they deserve.

Currently **Wolf** and IMNC have found a sanctuary outside of San Antonio that is willing to allow half-acre enclosures to be built for each group of animals where they may live out the rest of their lives.

Our sincere thanks goes out to Pam, Jerry, Lisa, Kathy, Doug & Kathy, Tina, Lori, Caroline, Tammy, Dan, Sam, Heidi, Debbie and all of the former volunteers and individuals who have helped to keep these beautiful animals alive.

During this ordeal “The Team” was giving the run-

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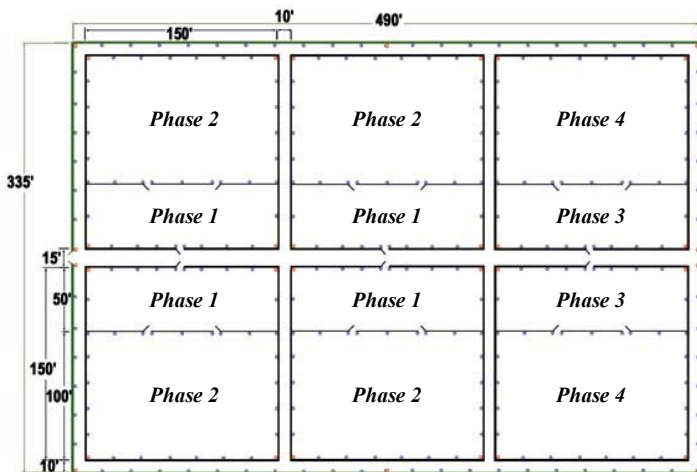
Beowulf & Frackette.

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down of their day's events to Frank back at *Wolf*, every night. Frank was then writing and sending out news reports via the internet to the *Wolf* email list.

"The Team" finally made it home to Colorado on Thursday, February 6th at 10:30 pm. OK, you're saying hooray, job well-done.

Not quite, the next chapter begins. Placement for the animals and ongoing medical care still needed to occur. Although a number of very concerned individuals and groups were trying to get all of this taken care of, it just wasn't happening quickly and efficiently. With one thing and another, *Wolf* ended up with legal custody of 13 of the animals. We have been writing grant proposals and general emergency support requests. We have also been working to find a location where they can be moved to for permanent sanctuary. As most of you are probably already aware our county has limited the number of animals that we can have at the sanctuary, so moving them here is not an option. We do have some good offers at this point, however we are still searching and keeping our possibilities open.



The offer that we currently believe is the best situation for the animals is at an existing accredited sanctuary in the San Antonio area. We are moving forward with building plans that involve building 6 half-acre enclosures with a perimeter fence. We have established a 4-phase plan that will allow us to build these enclosures a section at a time. This will accommodate moving 8 animals after phase one into 4 -- 50' x 150' areas and then in phase 2 adding on the remaining section of those 4 enclosures to make the total size of each enclosure 150' x 150'. Phase 3 would build the front sections of two additional enclosures and then moving 4 more animals to those. Phase 4 would finish off the 2 final pieces of those enclosures.

The reason for this approach is to get all of the animals out of their current situation as soon as possible. We have temporary placement in the works to accommodate all but 8 of the animals. This will also allow us more time to generate the funds necessary to build all of the enclosures.

Great, you say. Sounds like everything is under control. Not! The way the situation unfolded involved the

original custodian, who had been given authority for the well-being of the animals, after they were determined to be abandoned property by the local constable. This individual, in turn, signed over the custody of the animals to three different entities; five animals were signed over to a person named Jean, two other animals were signed over to another person named Lisa and the remaining 13 animals were signed over to *Wolf*. We were not totally sure why the choices were made the way they were, but we had no say in that process. We focused our efforts on the animals whose well-being was now our responsibility. We had received a signed and notarized document transferring that custodianship. We had our representative in Texas make arrangements with the land owner, where the animals were located, to use the property until we could get all of the animals moved. A document to that effect was in the possession of our representative. We also arranged to have liability insurance taken out on the property and required all volunteers working with the animals to sign a liability release. We then moved forward with working out arrangements to get the animals moved. This was all going pretty well, and allowed time for the general health of the animals to improve while arrangements were being made. On February 21st Jean showed up and took two of the animals in her custody, without any problems.

During these few weeks several individuals approached us wanting permanent custody of a number of the animals. One organization that had been formed by previous volunteers wanted to take four of the groups and put them into 25' x 25' enclosures. Jean, the individual who had custody of 5, wanted custody of one other animal (Duchess) and was going to put her into a 25' x 30' enclosure. The original custodian wanted custody of one animal, but never answered our questions about the size enclosure he was building. We looked for ways to accommodate their desires without compromising the long term well-being of the animals. We recommended to the group, of previous volunteers, that they take fewer animals and build fewer, larger, enclosures (minimum 100' x 100'). We recommended to Jean that, because of her current responsibility for 5 animals, she focus on those and we would find a good place for Duchess. We never heard back from the original custodian.

On Friday, February 28th Lisa showed up and removed the two animals in her custody without incident. That same day, a member of the volunteer group, the original custodian and a constable showed up at the facility and began to remove Duchess saying they were taking her to Jean's. Our representative informed them that this was not an acceptable option for Duchess and that Jean had already been informed of this. He also presented the supposed legal document that gave *Wolf* custody of Duchess and the document that gave him authority to act on behalf of *Wolf*. The constable would not recognize the validity of either document. Our representative put Frank on the cell phone with the constable and nothing Frank could say would change his mind either. In fact, at one point, the constable

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stated that **Wolf** did have legal custody of the other animals, just not Duchess. He would give no reason why Duchess was different or why Jean was not taking the other three she had a legal right to take. He went on to explain that we should be concerned about getting them moved because in two weeks they would all be killed. They removed Duchess forcibly, screaming, kicking and biting in a two and half hour ordeal.

We were all left wondering what the heck all of this was about. If the constable could overturn what we believed to be legal custody, why were we spending the time and money necessary to get these animals moved to quality homes? Also, where did the two-week deadline come from?

Due to the fact that it was a Friday afternoon, we were unable to get any answers from local authorities. We were now in a do or die situation and could not wait until Monday to get things going. **Wolf** filed a formal complaint with the Sheriff's department and proceeded to figure out how we would get the remaining animals, which were supposedly in our custody, moved within two weeks. We found a situation where we could build enough enclosures to accommodate the animals temporarily in 50' x 100' enclosures, which could be opened up to 100' x 100' and accommodate 3 of the groups permanently. The cost was going to be \$5,000 which **Wolf** committed and construction began Saturday morning.

After waiting for a couple of days for a response from the Sheriff's department, **Wolf** finally called them to follow up on the complaint. We were informed that the county attorney had been given the information. A call was placed to the county attorney who was very rude and condescending. The attitude was very accusatory, indicating that all **Wolf** was concerned about was getting "free" animals so they could raise bunches of money. And, "if you're lookin' for me to say the constable did somethin' wrong, you're gonna be watin' a long time, the constable can do whatever he wants with those animals." Again, we were left wondering what was going on – Texas really is a different country. If it were not for the animals, **Wolf** would have pulled out of the whole situation.

Our last effort was to see if we could get the con-

stable to give us some assurance and written ownership of the animals. We initiated a call to the constable. He immediately assured us that we did have legal custody of the remaining animals. We indicated that three of them were in the legal custody of Jean. He replied saying that he was told that she couldn't take three of them; all she could take was one, which is why he gave her Duchess. He figured he was at least getting one taken care of. We tried to let him know that we were not going to continue spending the exorbitant amount of time and money to move the animals without some legal document that would insure that there would still be animals to be moved. Finally, when he acknowledged that we had a formal lease on the land he agreed to write a transfer of ownership if we sent him a copy of the lease. He also indicated that there would be no two-week deadline. Although this same information had been verbally communicated to him when he was at the facility, somehow now it made a difference. We weren't going to question any of this – all we wanted was to get these animals safely into good situations. Within a day and a half we had the ownership document and were moving forward again. However, we now had spent \$5,000 we hadn't intended to spend, we had ownership of 15 animals not 13 and were still wondering what to do about Duchess. We are communicating with an attorney in respect to the situation with Duchess.

As we move forward we are still considering many good options for the most effective and efficient means of accommodating the needs of all the animals. The 15 animals left are broken up into 7 groups of 2 each and 1 additional older animal. We have firm placement for 5 of those groups and are still discussing situations that would potentially accommodate 5 groups. All of these placements require some time to allow money to be raised and building to occur. We believe however, that this approach will be the most economical and still provide the animals with high-quality permanent homes.

We did postpone the building of the permanent enclosures at the sanctuary in Texas, due to the money that had been committed for the temporary facility. If the majority of our current discussions, for placement, pan out we will not have to build at that sanctuary at all. 🐾

Up-Coming Events

29 Mar • **Bear Essences 'Grand Opening'** - **Wolf** 🐾 **Info**

10:00a - 3:30p • 513 Main Street, Windsor, CO
Info contact: Heidi 970-566-2473

05 Apr • **CU Boulder Museum 'Discovery Day'** -

Wolf 🐾 **Wisdom** & **Wolf** 🐾 **Info**

1:00p - 5:00p • 15th & Broadway-Henderson Bldg., Boulder, CO
Info contact: Lori 303-492-3396

11 Apr • **Front Range Comm. College 'Earth Day'** - **Wolf** 🐾 **Info**

11:00a - 1:00p • 4616 South Shields, Fort Collins, CO
Info contact: Pat 970-416-9531

12 Apr • **Journey Books & Gifts** - **Wolf** 🐾 **Info** (come see the wolves)

11:00a - 3:00p • 6731 West Colfax, Lakewood - 303-239-8773

19 Apr • **Naropa University** - **Wolf** 🐾 **Wisdom** & **Wolf** 🐾 **Info**

'From Praries to Peaks the Water Shed Speaks'

11:00a - 5:00p • 2130 Arapahoe Ave, Boulder
Info contact: Jennifer or Angela 303-440-7682

03 May • **ISIS Bookstore** - **Wolf** 🐾 **Wisdom** & **Wolf** 🐾 **Reiki**

1:00p - 5:00p • 5701 East Colfax, Denver, CO
Reservations/Info contact: 303-321-0867

10 May • **Journey Books & Gifts** - **Wolf** 🐾 **Info** (come see the wolves)

11:00a - 3:00p • 6731 West Colfax, Lakewood - 303-239-8773

07 Jun • **Journey Books & Gifts** - **Wolf** 🐾 **Info** (come see the wolves)


11:00a - 3:00p • 6731 West Colfax, Lakewood - 303-239-8773

14 Jun • **Mary's Lake Campground** - **Wolf** 🐾 **Wisdom** & **Wolf** 🐾 **Info**

7:30p • 2120 Mary's Lake Road, Estes Park, CO
Info contact: Ruth 970-586-4411

For more information about programs please visit our web site:
www.wolfsanctuary.net/06-education/06-01.htm#Programs

In Memory of Bacchus

 I will never forget the first time I met Bacchus. He was approximately 1½ years old and already weighed more than 100 lbs. Eventually he would become the largest animal to ever live at *Wolf* weighing in at 167 lbs. Bacchus was in the back of the pickup in the largest travel kennel made for canines, yet it was too small for him. He was hunched over and looking terribly frightened and at the same time, frightening. Bacchus had third eyelid disease which made his inner eyelids bright red. Unknown to me, he had earlier that day growled at anyone who approached him, including Frank. People thought he was dangerous. Between his eyes and the fact that he had come to *Wolf* because, as is often the case, he had been placed in a situation not suitable for a wolf dog. Bacchus had killed the pet cat of his owners' roommate. As is the case with wolf dogs, he was scheduled to be euthanized. One hour before his euthanization another roommate took pity on him, bailed him out and turned him over to *Wolf*.

You see Bacchus arrived at *Wolf* on an emergency basis and we had no open enclosures. Frank, Pat and a volunteer, Lea Carroll



Bacchus doing his favorite thing.



Bacchus

spent all afternoon and all night building an enclosure for him. The snow started falling and I realized Bacchus must be cold; I retrieved blankets from the house and covered the kennel so he would be warm while we continued to build his new home. It would be 2 a.m. before we could complete his enclosure.

This is how I came to be standing in front of this magnificent animal during a blizzard in November of 1995. I didn't know people had considered him dangerous and as I stood there I realized he was scared and so I just reached into the kennel to pet and reassure him. Frank was mortified, thinking I was going to be bit, but Bacchus snuggled into my hands and we became the best of friends. In fact it would take 3 ½ months for Bacchus to befriend another human. When new volunteers would meet Bacchus for the first time they were startled by both his size and his red eyes. They would soon learn that he was just a gentle

giant that loved attention.

Bacchus passed away on February 20, 2003 after a short illness. He was diagnosed with Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia probably caused by some type of cancer. The illness was very sudden; blood work had been performed 3 days prior to the onset as part of a general check up. All of his test results were normal. As part of the diagnostic procedure repeat blood tests were performed again at Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital. The results were drastically different, something was terribly wrong. Bacchus was given fluids, medications and finally a blood transfusion. Unfortunately nothing helped; his body was actually destroying his blood cells and his body could not replace them with healthy cells. Even the blood he had received in the transfusion was destroyed by his own immune system. After lengthy conversations with his doctors it was decided to bring Bacchus home to say goodbye. He spent several hours with his companion, Peter and numerous volunteers who made the trip to say farewell to our wonderful friend. We will all miss you Bacchus. ☹️



Bacchus and his favorite human - Jay.

2002 Thank You



Wolf feels very blessed to receive the donations that allow us to continue helping more animals. Although, it is difficult to demonstrate the depth of our thanks and to acknowledge everyone who has helped, we would like to acknowledge some of the individuals and organizations that have been instrumental in helping to accomplish our goals.



Every year, in January, we try to recognize a few of our supporters that have gone extraordinarily above and beyond to help the cause during the previous year. The plaque that we present to them has been named the "Spirit of Wolf" Award (pun intended). The animal's photo in the plaque is Spirit. This year we have presented it to the following individuals or organizations for the reasons detailed.

2002 Spirit of Wolf Awards

Fentiman's
(weekly meat donations)

Clear Channel Communications
(advertising for Howl-O-Ween Run)

DVM Pharmaceuticals
(animal supplements/meds)

King Soopers - West Elizabeth
(weekly meat donations)

Anne Rice
(volunteer & funding a new enclosure)

Animal Health Options
(animal supplements/meds)

Helene Harrison
(volunteer & emergency funds)

Bar Fly 2000
(tires for all our vehicles)

Susan Flint
(perpetual/consistent support)

Marla Morine & Larry Bolt
(foster home/consistent funding)

Jim & Sandy Hathaway
(foster home)

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"Who will speak for brother wolf."

'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.

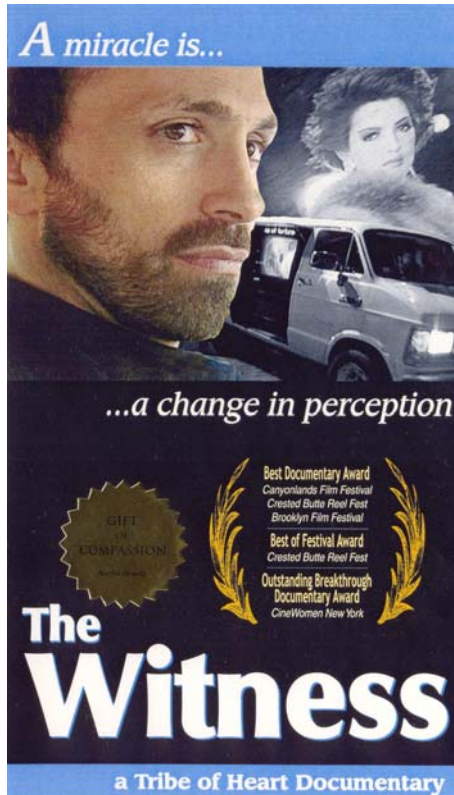
Some of the individuals we deal with on a daily basis and believe themselves to be very knowledgeable about the atrocities that humans bestow on animals don't like to view graphic situations. They believe there is nothing they can do about it anyway.

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.
- **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.
- **Sponsoring a Pack** allows you to designate your donation to help one of the packs at the Sanctuary. With this level of membership you receive the story of the pack of your choice, which includes photos. In addition, a plaque with your name is placed on the gate of that pack's enclosure.
- **Sponsoring the Sanctuary** designates your donation to help the entire Sanctuary. With this level of membership you receive the story of the pack of your choice, which includes photos. In addition, a plaque with your name is placed on the front gate of the sanctuary.



** 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) _____

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