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Howl-O-Ween 2003

"Run With The Wolves"

Aerial Hunting Of Wolves



Nanook, the 'king', graces the crowd with his presence.


 This year's run was an outstanding success, both socially and financially. With Pat out of town on a family medical emergency, it was a bit more scattered and required extra effort from many of our volunteers. Without their quick response to this situation and their tireless dedication I am not sure how things would have turned out. Also without the continued support of our wonderful sponsors I am positive that it would have been much less successful financially.

The wolf's image used in this years logo for the run is Sky, which was a premonition of sorts, that predicted and absolutely beautiful day for the event. Although it was a little chilly at 6:00 am, when the volunteers began setting up, it warmed up to the upper 50's for the run. The 'sky' was clear and the sun was great when the race began at 9:45 am.

The ambassador animals that attended the event were Nanook, Xavier, Shaka, Samantha, Lakota, and Merlin. Although Nanook has pretty much been in retirement, he seemed to realize that



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 Twice, Alaskans voted to ban same-day aerial wolf killing, in 1996 and 2000, but the State of Alaska has chosen to ignore the wishes of its citizens. Alaska's wolves are already subject to practically unmonitored hunting and trapping nine months out of a year, which is enhanced by ever increasing use of snow machines and all-terrain vehicles. (The State intends to inform pilots of the wolves' den and hunting sites.) The areas approved for aerial wolf control include nearly two thousand square miles in interior Alaska, and all the wolves in that area are to be eliminated.

If this policy bugs you, too, here's some ideas:

[1.] Share your thoughts with Alaska's Governor Frank Murkowski: P. O. Box 110001, Juneau, AK 99811, e-mail: governor@gov.state.ak.us, phone: (907) 465-3500, Fax: (907) 465-3532

[2.] Pass this information on to YOUR family and friends. There may be a boycott of tourism in Alaska; if this happens, please encourage them to vacation elsewhere and support the boycott.

[3.] Contact your local media; tell them what is planned for Alaska's wolves and ask them to investigate the story. Write Letters to the Editor.

If you want more information, contact these folks:

[1.] Alaska Wildlife Alliance: <http://www.akwildlife.org>, P.O. Box 202022 Anchorage, Alaska 99520, Phone: (907) 277-0897, Fax: (907) 277-7423, Email: jenna@akwildlife.org

[2.] If you want to sign an on-line petition stating your opposition to Alaska's Governor Murkowski's plan, go to <http://www.defenders.org/>

[3.] If you want to monitor plans for a potential tourism boycott of Alaska, go to <http://www.friendsofanimals.org/>

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Letter from the President
(Frank Wendland)



Matoskah, Spirit, Indigo & Kiki are finally relocated to their one-acre enclosure.

 There is not a tremendous amount of news since our last newsletter. This one is coming fairly quickly after the last, so we can get back on schedule with the timing.

Pat is still in New Jersey tending to the needs of her mother. Our sincere thanks go out to Melinda Wilson who has picked up on all of Pat's educational programs. Without her help we would have had to cancel a lot of programs.

The most notable event besides the Howl-O-Ween Run has been the completion of the one-acre enclosure for Spirit's pack. It has taken an exorbitant amount of time (almost a year), money (approximately \$11,000) and volunteer labor (well over 1,000 hours) to accomplish this task. Without the dedication and effort of a significant number of individuals it would still be in progress. Although the names are too numerous to mention here, I must acknowledge the extra efforts of Eric Epperson, Steve Wolfsong and Cheryl Budler.

The pack relocated to that enclosure was very tentative about being darted and relocated. Matoskah wasn't sure that he even wanted to come out of his travel kennel when it was time to be released. As of this writing they all seem to be calming down and getting used to their

new home. We must also acknowledge the donation of all the fencing, from Anne Rice, without which none of this could have happened.

All of the animals are doing well. Tunyan is becoming quite the alpha female, giving Kasha and Shaman notice of her alpha personality. There have been several incidents where she has sent Shaman running with his tail tucked and been successful in getting Kasha's support. She has also begun intimidating some of the 'House Pack'. Again, she has been great at getting both Kasha and Shaman to aid in this effort. So much that we have renamed their group to the "Brat Pack". We will be enlarging their enclosure and giving them the extra space to exert their energy.

As we approach the Holidays and the end of the year, we can't help but take note of all the wonderful things we have been able to accomplish this year because of your help. Many lives have been saved. Many lives have been enriched. **Thank you.** As I close the year and tabulate all of the accomplishments I will be sure to include that information in our next newsletter.

Please have a wonderful holiday season and know that your support has made a huge difference. 🐾




A very concerned Kiki being moved.



Indigo trying to figure out where he is.

Akyra - Featured Resident

 Akyra's story is extreme. Although not very pretty to think about, it does occur more times than we would like to acknowledge. Considering that most of the information we receive about the past of an animal is second-hand, we can only put pieces of facts together with reported occurrences, to draw conclusions as to what was actually true. In telling her story we will try to distinguish between documented fact (shown in **Bold** face characters) and 2nd hand reports (shown in *Italics*).



a neighbor who witnessed acts of neglect and abuse. A compliance form was issued by the Humane Society on 24 May 95 instructing her owners to change some of their practices. The instructor of the obedience classes became concerned about Akyra's well-being after noticing the approach used by her owners during these classes and discussions with Akyra's vet. She contacted *Wolf* and began to champion Akyra's cause. She was convinced that Akyra must be placed at the *Wolf* sanctuary. Although there was little anyone could do to accomplish this task *the vet and training instructor began to work on the owners to help them understand the needs of Akyra and the possibility of placing her somewhere that would be more conducive to her best interest.*

Akyra was **born to an ex-breeder** who *wanted one more litter* to continue the blood-lines of a particular animal that she was extraordinarily fond of. She **kept two of the puppies and placed the other three** from that litter. She told two of the families that received two of the pups that they were *only 13% wolf*. They **both had to sign a contract** that had some stipulations that seem very bizarre.

"If for any reason I am unable to care for said animal it will be euthanized, not sold, given away, traded, or released to a shelter."

"I will not use or give (breeders name) name or address to anyone inquiring about said animal, how to obtain a like animal, or said animal's origin."

Regular complaints continued to be made by Akyra's neighbors and finally on 29 Aug 95 the neighbors took Akyra to the Vet Teaching Hospital at CSU after finding her running loose. Animal Control was contacted and

took Akyra into their custody. After documenting numerous sores and suspicious wounds Animal Control issued a summons and complaint to Akyra's owners for Cruelty to Animals on 30 Aug 95.

Although the Humane Society is not supposed to release animals to owners under investigation, somewhere **early in September Akyra was released back to her owners.** At that point *their vet, the training instructor and the district attorney purportedly convinced Akyra's owners to place her at Wolf.* She was received and eventually placed with one of her siblings, Sabastian, (who had been turned over by his owners to *Wolf* for being uncontrollable) and a stray from the Walden, Colorado area named Kai.

Akyra is doing very well physically, although her elbow is permanently malformed and her jaw has a tremendous under-bite due to what is suspected to be a combination of genetic inbreeding and some sort of injury. She has formed a very strong bond with Kai as the Alpha pair. She craves attention and love from the humans in her life even to the point of being somewhat psychotic in her jealousy of their affections. She will initiate fights with Sabastian in order to keep him away from 'her humans'. When volunteers enter her enclosure there has to be three to four individuals who spread out and give attention to all of the animals at the same time. She has a beautiful spirit that is very loving and does not seem to hold a grudge against our species. 🐾



Akyra as a puppy.

Although there were stipulations in this contract that **required the individual to provide a large, secure enclosure and that this enclosure would be inspected by the breeder, Akyra was placed with a couple that lived in an apartment and had no yard at all.** *Indeed they lived on the second floor of their building. Evidently there was no education given about the temperament and special requirements of wolf-dogs.* Akyra's new owners reportedly ran into problems fairly early on in her life and on **18 May 95 (Akyra was not even 4 mos. old) she was brought in to the vet with a very bad fracture of her left front elbow.** It required extensive surgery to repair and was placed in a cast. *Reportedly there were discrepancies in the reports that each of her owners gave as to what had occurred.* It was believed that *she was hit with something similar to a baseball bat.* However, there was nothing that could be proved. *On advise from their vet the owners started Akyra in obedience classes, in order to help them deal with her energetic and independent behavior.*

On 03 Jun 95 Akyra was taken back to the vet after jumping off the second floor balcony of their apartment. It was believed that *she was trying to escape from her owners.* **The vet had even more trouble trying to repair the same site as before due to the extensive amount of damage.** *Towards the end of May beginning of June Akyra's owners moved to a residence with a yard. Almost immediately complaints were lodged with the Humane Society against Akyra's owners by*



Akyra with her companion, Kai.

Up-Coming Events

- 30 Nov • ISIS Bookstore
 12:00p - 3:00p *Wolf* 🐾 *Wisdom*, *Wolf* 🐾 *Reiki* & *Wolf* 🐾 *Info*
 • 5701 East Colfax, Denver, CO
 Reservations/Info contact: 303-321-0867
- 13 Dec • Journey Books & Gifts
 11:00a - 3:00p *Wolf* 🐾 *Wisdom* & *Wolf* 🐾 *Info* (visit the wolves)
 • 6731 West Colfax, Lakewood - 303-239-8773
 Info contact: 303-239-8773
- 10 Jan • Journey Books & Gifts
 11:00a - 3:00p *Wolf* 🐾 *Wisdom* & *Wolf* 🐾 *Info* (visit the wolves)
 • 6731 West Colfax, Lakewood - 303-239-8773
 Info contact: 303-239-8773

- 14 Feb • Journey Books & Gifts
 11:00a - 3:00p *Wolf* 🐾 *Wisdom* & *Wolf* 🐾 *Info* (visit the wolves)
 • 6731 West Colfax, Lakewood - 303-239-8773
 Info contact: 303-239-8773
- 13 Mar • Journey Books & Gifts
 11:00a - 3:00p *Wolf* 🐾 *Wisdom* & *Wolf* 🐾 *Info* (visit the wolves)
 • 6731 West Colfax, Lakewood - 303-239-8773
 Info contact: 303-239-8773

For more information about programs please visit our web site:
www.wolfsanctuary.net/06-education/06-01.htm#Programs
 or
 Call Pat Wendland - 970-416-9531

*"Let no one be discouraged by the belief
 there is nothing one person can do against
 the enormous array of the world's
 ills, misery, ignorance, and violence.
 Few will have the greatness to bend history,
 but each of us can work to change
 a small portion of events.
 And in the total of all those acts
 will be written the history of a generation."*

(Robert F. Kennedy)

Wish List

Materials

- 300+ acres of land
- Late model Suburban (or similar)
- ATV (Four or Six wheel drive)
- Generator (the bigger the better)
- Commercial Power Lawn Mower
- Flat Bed Trailer (12' or better)
- Fence Materials (9 gauge chain link, poles, gates, etc.)
- Motor Home Tires - 7.50 x 17.0 (so we can use it for programs)
- Construction Materials (shingles, 2 x 4's, plywood, cinder blocks, etc.)
- Vet Medications (Nemex, Cestex, Domitor, etc.)
- Chest/Upright Freezer (propane)

- Ink Jet Cartridges (Epson Stylus Color 3000)
- Rototiller (In good working condition)
- Truck Tires (245/85/16 Load Range E)

Labor/Services

- Builders (with knowledge of codes)
- Bookkeeper (to help with data entry - unfortunately must be done at facility)
- Lawyer (with knowledge of land use/zoning)
- Fundraiser (to help organize events)
- Concrete/Foundation Contractor
- Grant Writer
- Auto Mechanic
- Printing (newsletters, brochures, etc.)
- Road Grading

Howl-O-Ween Run 2003...

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his help was needed and graciously accommodated. With the recent loss of both of our primary ambassador animals, Mesa and Sara, two new additions to the ambassador ranks were called on to help -- Samantha (Sami) and Lakota. They were stars and also seemed to understand that their help was needed. They did great on their first outing and had a great time. Our wonderful standbys, Shaka and Xavier were as wonderful as ever and Merlin who is relatively new to the ambassador role surprised everyone with his instant bonding with and desire to be with Nanook. If anyone would have predicted that this relationship would have occurred, we would have thought them crazy as both males demonstrate alpha tendencies.

Over 250 people registered for the run and approximately another 100 spectators showed up to enjoy the festivities. This combined with over 40 volunteers that helped with the event made for a wonderful day. Awards were presented for placement within categories to:

Women 9 and under

- 1 Kiana Rief
- 2 Brynna Hasvold
- 3 Sarah Barge

Women 14 to 17

- 1 Amber Vojensky
- 2 Jessica Roberts
- 3 Brianna Bowen

Women 52 and over

- 1 Marilyn Stapleton
- 2 Suzy Rautenstrauss
- 3 Ann Clarke

Men 10 to 13

- 1 Quinn Hood
- 2 David Pipinich
- 3 Corbin Amen

Women 10 to 13

- 1 Paige Shilling
- 2 Shelby Mathis
- 3 Briana Cathcart

Women 18 to 51

- 1 Danielle Korb
- 2 Jennifer Lee
- 3 Laura Finley

Men 9 and under

- 1 Eric McMillin
- 2 Brian Newsom
- 3 Gharet Starke

Men 14 to 17

- 1 Jake Buffy
- 2 Zach Rainier
- 3 Derek Thurber



...and the runners are off...

Men 18 to 51

- 1 Sean Cronin
- 2 Charlie Cox
- 3 Owen Kirk

Men 52 and over

- 1 Ben Millard
- 2 Don Inglis-Widrick
- 3 Ron Weaver

Prizes were awarded to the top three canine finishers in the race as well. Those guardians who were dragged around the course by their dogs were:

- 1 Analissa Hilt
- 2 Linsey Cornish
- 3 Jackie Bates

Awards were also presented for the best Howl-O-Ween costumes (see photo on page 6) for:

- Best Overall "Fireman"
- Youngest "Chili Pepper"
- Oldest "Lion" (the dog)
- Cutest "Pumpkin"
- Scariest "Skeleton"

The winners of the big prizes presented for gathering the most pledges for the care and feeding of the wolves were:

- 1 Mary Eaton
- 2 Donna Nayduch
- 3 Alex Dressen
- 4 Tasha Brewer
- 5 Christina Carlisle
- 6 Nickie Koeller

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Xavier mingling with the crowd.



Sami (foreground) and Lakota mingling with the crowd.

Howl-O-Ween Run 2003...



The winners of the costume awards.

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- 7 Betsy Lemmons
- 8 Terri Ockander
- 9 Michael Harris
- 10 Tami Needy

Total pledges this year exceeded \$5,000. We are truly grateful for all the effort that was put in by our supporters to raise these funds. The prizes, again this year, were spectacular. They included; a 32" Sanyo Color TV, a Sony Play-Station 2, a Lori Salisbury Art Print "Last of His Pack", two 20" Sanyo Flat Screen Color TVs, a Motorized Two-wheel Scooter, a Pat Wendland Art Print "Sky", 2 VCR/DVD Combo Players, and a Scanner/Printer/Copier. Our sincere thanks to the **Wal-Mart Distribution Center** for these prizes.

We must also thank the rest of our wonderful sponsors, without whom this event could not occur. The wolves truly appreciate their donations of cash, goods or services.

Sanctuary Sponsor Level (\$1,000 +)

- Clear Channel Communications
- PetCo
- Wal-Mart Distribution Center
- Nestle Pet Care Company

Pack Sponsor Level (\$500 - \$999)

- The Altered Egos

- White Bird Sound
- The Pepsi Bottling Group
- Majestic West
- Lori Salisbury Gallery
- Kinko's - Greeley
- Estes Park News
- Lanteri Insurance - Allstate
- PetsMart

Alpha Wolf Sponsor Level (\$250 - \$499)

- Nature's Own
- Runner's Roost
- Regent Broadcasting
- Anderson Farms
- Vern's Place

Beta Wolf Sponsor Level (\$100 - \$249)

- Munson Farms
- Red Wing Shoes
- The Egg & I
- Gib's New York Bagels
- Bear Essences
- Runner's Choice

Lone Wolf Sponsor Level (\$1 - 99)

- Full Service Beverage Company
- Mugs Coffee Lounge
- Waste Management
- Children's Mercantile
- Cottonwood Farms
- Barnes & Noble

THANK YOU!



Some of the refreshments that were donated.




Turning Point volunteers pose with Nanook.

Last but definitely not least, thanks to all the volunteers who were instrumental in getting everything associated with the event together. This includes the permits, fees, inspections, awards, prizes, pumpkins, gift bags, t-shirts, refreshments, decorations, set-up, tear-down, cleanup, scheduling, advertising, & animal handling. A few individuals in particular jumped into the chaos that existed, because of Pat's absence, and brought all of the arrangements together, in spite of Frank and his demands.

- Donna Nayduch
- Amber Rowland
- Brandy Russell
- Sharon Sharp
- Debbie Turner
- Melinda Wilson

Remember to register early next year and avoid the rush, while making our planning process a little easier. ☺

'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.

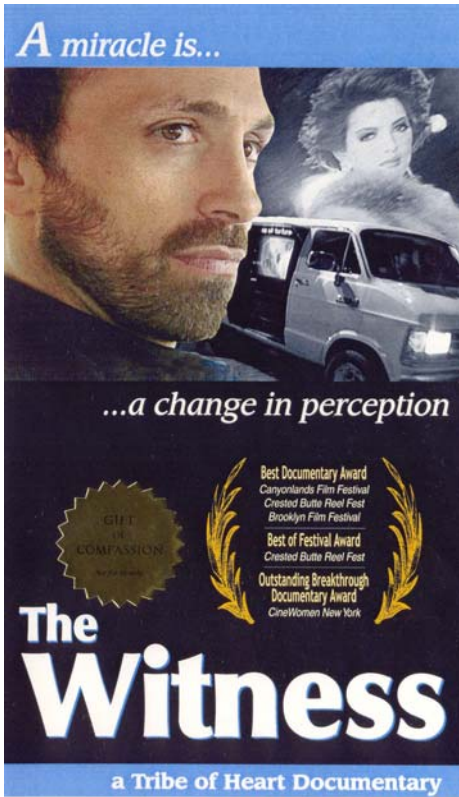
Some of the individuals we deal with on a daily basis and believe themselves to be very knowledgeable about the atrocities that humans bestow on animals don't like to view graphic situations. They believe there is nothing they can do about it anyway.

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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 **FREE**  **FREE**  **FREE**  **FREE**  **FREE**  **FREE**  **FREE**  **FREE**  **FREE** 

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:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

