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Sanctuary Update

Winter has been very different this year. Usually we celebrate the Winter Solstice as we rejoice the fact that the daylight hours start becoming longer again. We also enjoy the days that are filled with falling snow, glistening flakes, peacefulness and rebirth that is wonderful. The animals especially seem to enjoy the snow and frolic wildly in the fresh white stuff. Add the holidays to the picture and it is just a spectacular time of year.

On the eve of the Solstice, we had to say our good-bye's to Nanook who would have been 13 years old this year. (see: *Nanook -- A Legend Passes, page 2*). This was not an event that we could bring ourselves to celebrate, indeed it was the darkest day of the year in more ways than one.

The day after that we had to rush Nugget into the CSU Vet Hospital with a continuation of the undiagnosed problem that we had her hospitalized for in November (to the tune of \$600). Her symptoms were basically the same as before -- lethargy, not eating, generally not herself. Again the doctors were stumped and spent three days running every test under the sun. In the meantime she was getting worse and we were sure we were losing her as well. Finally out of desperation they began treating her with massive amounts of four different antibiotics. This did the trick -- she started improving almost immediately. Within a day she was well enough for us to bring home. This was Christmas morning and finally we had something to celebrate. It later turned out that the results of one of her blood cultures showed a severe bacterial infection -- after over \$2,500 in medical expenses. She appears to be doing great now, however we are going to do follow-up blood tests to make sure.



Nugget

OK, now we were able to go back to grieving the loss of Nanook. However, celebrating New Year's just wasn't where our hearts were. Then, all of sudden, Sabe wasn't acting himself. After a couple of days trying to make him comfortable, we lost him (see: *In Memory of Sabastian, page 5*). He would have been 11 years old on January 23rd. This was not how we had hoped to start the new year.



Sabe as a pup

As a number of our animals continue to age faster than we would like, we again were taking two of them to the Vet Hospital in order to diagnose problems. On February 1st we took Xavier in with symptoms of vomiting and difficulty defecating. They again could not diagnose any problems. On February 2nd we took Lakota in to our vet for a hot spot and hair loss on his back. That problem we treated with an antibiotic spray and a course of oral antibiotics. On February 22nd we were taking Xavier back to the Vet Hospital with his original symptoms. This time they spent the entire day testing and finally were able to diagnose a large tumor in the area of his small intestines and ileum. It appeared that the tumor was interfering with some of his digestive processes and causing the symptoms. It was also diagnosed as non-operable. All we would be able to do is



Xavier

medicate him for pain, stomach indigestion and if necessary constipation. We brought him home and will just spoil him until it gets too bad.

Also on February 22nd, we took C.C. into the vet hospital as well. Although she is not a wolf-dog, she was rescued by Pat and Frank before they started the sanctuary. She was showing signs of increased drinking and obvious very frequent urination. Again after exhaustive tests, she was diagnosed with a very strange presentation of a lipoma the size of a football. The 'fatty cyst' was growing inward, rather than outward, which is the strange part of the presentation. The mass was pressing inward against one of her kidneys, associated ureter and basically killing the kidney. She was also diagnosed with a urinary tract infection. C.C. has just turned 14 and there was nothing to be done here either except to treat the UTI with antibiotics. She is also home and doing better.



C.C.

On top of all of this we weren't getting any snow -- in fact, no moisture whatsoever. All we were getting was wind -- all the while the areas west of the Continental Divide were receiving record amounts of snow fall. This started getting scary as several wildfires broke out along the Front Range of the Rockies. This was very abnormal. We had never heard of wildfires in winter. Although we have received one decent snowfall since then, we are still dramatically below what we need to keep the moisture levels up, going into spring and summer.

Included in our last newsletter was an emergency request for donations. While our newsletter was being printed, it became radically apparent that donations were not picking up, after Katrina giving, the way we needed them to. Although our plea was last minute, your response was outstanding and helped us make up a lot of the short-fall we had experienced. Although we are not quite back on track yet, we believe we have made it through the roughest time, because of your help -- THANK YOU!

In order to help stimulate the extra giving that we still need, we are making available a special **FREE 'Art Print' offer**, for the next quarter, with any donation made over \$30 (see: *Good News...Bad News...*, page 4, for more details).

We also are encouraging any of you who might have friends that care about animals to have them included on our mail list to receive these quarterly newsletters (see: *Helping Wolf, page 8*).

Don't forget to check out the plans for this year's **Waltz**. Everyone had a great time and received great deals on spectacular auction items (see: *Waltz for the Wolves, page 7*).

We have run out of room again and we still need your help with the **Aerial Hunting of Wolves** in Alaska. Some new events have occurred and there is a new public relations campaign -- we need your support. Please go to our web site and click on the "**Alaska Aerial Hunting**" Button.

www.WolfSanctuary.net -- THANK YOU!



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It's that time again! Let's party!
The Waltz, this year, will be dedicated to Nanook.



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Many of you have asked to have friends put on our mailing list for our quarterly newsletters. We would like to encourage all of you to help *Wolf* in this fashion.



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Although we have only acknowledged these memorials privately in the past, we now will include a section in each of our newsletters and web site as testament to these tributes, what they symbolize and how they have touched us.



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Annual Memberships are available for a variety of budgets that entitle members to receive a *Wolf* membership certificate, a car window decal, a one-year subscription to our newsletter and a personal tour of the *Wolf* sanctuary.



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To Improve the Quality of Life for Wolves and Wolf-Dogs .

Strategic Objectives:

Rescue captive-bred wolves and wolf-dogs whose care-takers are no longer able to care for them, for whatever reason.

Provide Sanctuary for wolves and wolf-dogs taking into account not only the animal's physical requirements, but also their emotional needs.

Educate the Public about wolves in order to foster realistic opinions concerning their value in the wild and the compromises required of their spirit caused by captivity.



"I am sometimes asked, why do you spend so much of your time and money talking about kindness to animals when there is so much cruelty to men?"
I answer: *"I am working at the roots."*

-George T. Angel



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Nanook -- A Legend Passes ...

Nanook came to *Wolf* in January of 1995. This was even before we had formally incorporated as a non-profit charitable organization.

Nanook was the epitome of why so many humans want a wolf-dog. He was magnificently beautiful (oops, handsome!), outstandingly regal in his composure and had a personality that would not be ignored (or else!). He was also the epitome of why so many humans dump their wolf-dogs. He would not be contained in a conventional yard or enclosure, he would demand attention due his stately position with a nip to the human buttocks and he pursued his predatory instincts by killing small animals. You can read more of why and how he came to *Wolf* on our web site under *Their Stories*. His image was so powerful and impressive it became the model for the *Wolf* logo. *Wolf* could have easily been named the Nanook Sanctuary.

Nanook enjoyed going on adventures, meeting new humans and quickly became the *Wolf* ambassador. He attended many events including: schools of all levels, public events of all sizes, gift stores, professional organizations, the state capital, conventions, book stores, art galleries, nature centers, fund raisers, libraries, to art classes as a model, museums, nursing homes, hospice care facilities, to the public hearings held by our county and has even attended funerals by request. He was extraordinary at spreading the message about the plight of wolves and wolf-dogs as pets. He was just tame enough to allow new humans to visit with



Nanook Looking Regal On His Favorite Rock Or Throne.



At An Educational Program.

him, and his *Wolf* handlers not to lose control of him, but just independent and wild enough to make it very clear that he was more than you wanted in your home or with your children. His look and demeanor was perfect for the message we wanted people to understand.

His career in the diplomatic/educational services brought him in contact with thousands of humans of all ages, cultures, professions and ideologies. He quickly became a celebrity in Northern Colorado and was even featured on a local radio show about famous animals. He was a 'Star' and he knew it. At one point we had even been approached by the Disney movie folks, asking if they could 'buy' him to star in a movie they were making. Of course, there was no way we could have ever considered 'selling' any of the animals at the sanctuary -- not to mention the 'King'.

After 7 years of pursuing these endeavors, Nanook said, "I've had enough." Usually when it was time for him to go to an event, all you had to do was bring out his leash and collar and he would run to the front gate, ready for a new adventure. On one particular day, when his leash and collar came out, he ran to the back yard. There was no doubt what he had just said. We totally accepted and understood his self-imposed retirement and never forced him, or any other animal for that matter, to go anywhere. Every once in while, we would bring out his leash and collar, just to check and only once did he bring himself out of retirement -- it was for one of our Howl-O-Ween Runs.



Posing With Danny Many Horses.



Caught Being A Goof.



Meeting Kasha For The First Time.



With Mesa At A Public Event.

... Nanook -- A Legend Passes



Doing The Grab-It-And-Growl.



During One Of His More Peaceful Moments.



Leading The Chorus.

He seemed very satisfied with the service he had already given, but would still take pride in giving the appropriate lessons to

anyone coming to the sanctuary.

Over a year and a half ago Nanook was diagnosed with boney spondelitis of the spine -- a disease where vertebrae begin to fuse together with excess boney-type growth. There were no surgical options to fix this problem -- only medication to mediate some of the pain. This excess growth of bone was slowly encroaching on his spinal cord and even more slowly restricting the electrical messages to his hips and legs. It was causing him to lose some coordination in his movement.

Nanook's pride and determination would not allow him to cease the activities that he enjoyed. He would still climb the mountain and scare the heck out of us on his decent. He would still run to the front gate to demand the attention and respect of visitors. Even though clumsy, at times, he maintained his regal personality and zest for life.

At the beginning of December the symptoms became worse and were causing problems with his ability to climb the stairs to the deck and entrance to the house. Although very indignant, at first, he finally allowed us to help him up the steps without biting us. As the days progressed, he started needing help to even get to his feet, then to prop up his hips as he made turns. He again never lost his composure or sense of dignity. The 18th and 19th of December he spent

almost the entire time sleeping and refused to eat. We tried several more medicinal approaches to keep him comfortable, but it was very obvious that he was now ready to go.

On December 20th, the eve of the solstice and the darkest day of the year, we had some of his special 2-legged friends visit with him and prepared for the vet to come. Candles were lit, Native American music was played in the background, sage and sweet grass were burned. Nanook allowed us to carry him from the bedroom to the living room and with quiet dignity and gentle appreciation he acknowledged and then departed.

Nanook's spirit had molded the philosophies and principles that have become *Wolf*. His teachings were unmistakable and timeless. His legacy and inspiration will live on within all of the humans whose hearts he has touched so profoundly. We miss his physical presence immensely, but know that his spirit will continue to guide us and the principles of *Wolf*. ☺



Being Copied By An Adoring Shaman.



Enjoying Life And Some Fresh Snow.



In The Early Days Of Wolf, With Lakotah And Sasha On The Shed Roof.



Being Lazy, Yet Still Regal On A Warm Spring Day.

Good News... Bad News...



We are excited to report to you that the educational message we espouse is starting to take effect. As education begins to reap results and folks from all over the country start to realize that wild animals should not be pets, more municipalities are banning their ownership. In general, we believe this trend is a good thing and will ultimately lower the abusive and neglectful conditions that currently exist for many captive wild animals.

A recent example of this trend occurred in Minnesota, when a county made it illegal to possess large cats. Another example here in Colorado, that we have reported to you in the past, is the changing of regulations within the Division of Wildlife's requirements for private ownership of any wildlife. This movement is even being felt in the general business community as most insurance carriers have been placing extended limitations on what they will cover in respect to captive wildlife. As we reported to you in our Summer 2005 newsletter, *Wolf* is no longer able to take animals off-site for educational purposes or public events.

Now for the bad news -- the majority of these new regulations and limitations do not differentiate between the good guys and the bad guys. The regulations are penalizing many nonprofits, like *Wolf*, who are cleaning up after the bad guys.



The regulation instituted in Minnesota has required an accredited sanctuary (The Wildcat Sanctuary) to dispose of one of its residents, a rescued tiger named Meme. The battle to get county officials to make appropriate differentiations has ensued. You can find out more about this situation on-line at:

<http://www.wildcatsanctuary.org/>
or sign an on-line petition at:
<http://new.petitiononline.com/tiger1/petition.html>.

The new regulations in Colorado have made it nearly impossible for any new organization to receive a license to operate a nonprofit wildlife sanctuary. It also prevents existing nonprofit wildlife sanctuaries from moving their facilities, for whatever reason. This fact will eventually lead to the removal of all nonprofit wildlife sanctuaries from Colorado. The Division of Wildlife has been very vocal about not wanting to become a 'dumping ground' for the nation's unwanted captive wildlife.

The more stringent requirements, initiated by insurance companies, will also severely limit the educational message trying to be disseminated by organizations like *Wolf* -- not to mention severely limit the earning power of those groups. We do believe that, at some point, the distinction will be made in the laws, between the good and the bad, and the 'true' nonprofit wildlife

sanctuaries will be better off for it. But, until then it is going to be tough going for a number of organizations like *Wolf*.

We believe it is very important for all of you to be aware of this trend and how it could affect our mission. Although we have often stated that our ultimate goal is to put *Wolf* out of business, this is not the way that should occur. It needs to happen only when there are no more unwanted and uncared for wolves or wolf-dogs in need of sanctuary.

In that vein we are in need of your help now, even more than we have been in the past. In order to continue our educational mission, we need to implement new ways of reaching the public. In order to replace the funds received from educational programs, we need to increase our funding from other sources. You can help us accomplish both of these needs.

Receive A Print With Your Donation To *Wolf*

In order to thank you for your extra help and support we are making a print available from a drawing, donated by a wonderful supporter in Australia. Fiona Anderson created this graphite drawing of Kasha from a photo we sent her. We were so impressed with the outcome that we have received her permission to make these prints available to you. You can find out more about Fiona and her artwork on-line at: <http://www.petalert.com.au/fima/>

Therefore with any **donation of \$30 or more**, we will send you an 8.5" by 11" black and white print of this artwork. Please indicate 'print offer' on your check or the remittance envelope.

Thank you! ☺



Photo of Kasha



Artwork by Fiona

"Until humans learn to accept and treat with respect other life forms,
we are doomed to continue our cycle of hate and destruction."

Mohandas Gandhi

Wish List

Materials

- 300+ Acres of Land
- 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, etc.)
- Late model pickup truck
- Chest/Upright Freezer (propane)

- Satellite Internet Service
- Construction Materials (2 x 4's, etc.)
- Ink Jet Cartridges (Epson Stylus Color 4000 & HP 78, HP 15)
- Rototiller (In good working condition)
- Truck Tires (245/85/16 Load Range E)
- Solar Electric Equipment
- Small Tractor

Labor/Services

- Builders (with knowledge of codes)
- Bookkeeper (to help with data entry)
- Fundraiser (to help organize events)
- Concrete/Foundation Contractor
- Grant Writer
- Printing (newsletters, brochures, etc.)
- Road Grading
- Tree Thinning

In Memory of Sabastian



Sabe was born late January of 1995 and was placed with *Wolf* by September of that same year. He had given his owner a good taste of why wolves and wolf-dogs do not make good pets. He dug holes in the yard, disassembled anything that was interesting to him, including the BBQ grill. He shredded window screens and was an escape artist that would not be contained in the back yard. He even tried to play with his owner as if he was a wolf, requiring at least one visit to the emergency room.

At about this same time we were also trying to rescue an abused female, which turned out to be Sabastian's sister, Akyra. After bringing them both to the sanctuary and comparing the documentation that came with them, it was very apparent that they were from the same litter.

They became a new pack and a month later they were joined by Kai. The group did amazingly well for many years. Well, meaning that as long as Sabe and Kai catered to Akyra, everything was great. Akyra was very protective of her time and attention from the humans who would visit with her. We had to establish a new protocol with their enclosure that required three individuals to provide attention, at the same time, in three different areas of the enclosure. This allowed all of them to receive attention without Akyra feeling like she had to chase Sabe and Kai away.

Eventually Akyra decided that Kai was her mate and did not allow Sabe to even get attention from him. This escalated to the point that it became very obvious that it was time for Sabe to find a new pack. This took a while to accomplish, but ended up with Indigo being placed with Sabe. The two did very well together in spite of their age difference and it was very clear that Sabe was in charge. This was a long time coming for him and he seemed to enjoy both the respect that he received as alpha and the playfulness that Indigo craved.

As reported in our Fall 2005 Newsletter, Sabe was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma in the lower jaw. This presentation was basically untreatable and the only meds prescribed were for pain. We also instituted a special feeding protocol, for Sabe, to make



Sabastian In His Younger Years.

sure he was not having trouble with eating. He was getting bite-size chunks of red meat and cooked chicken, twice a day. He was loving the attention and the special meals and of course Indigo was loving the fact that he would get treats as well. We were not seeing any effects of the Osteosarcoma in Sabe's attitude, eating habits or play habits with Indigo. Although the tumor became rather unsightly as it protruded from the bottom of his jaw through the skin and from the gum line next to his left canine, it did not seem to be affecting him.

From the time he was diagnosed, November 17th 2005, through December we were lulled into a false sense of well-being. On January 6th that all changed. Suddenly he was having some problems breathing and would not eat. On the 7th it was clear that it was progressing very quickly and all he wanted to do was drink water and be loved on. We instituted some stronger pain meds in his regimen and wanted to see if he responded to them.

When we checked on him in the early morning hours of the 8th, it was clear they were not helping. He was laying at the bottom of his enclosure, with Indigo

laying close by, and was not moving at all, except to look up at us in obvious pain. We called the vet to come out and quickly administered a tranquilizer to keep him comfortable until the vet arrived. A number of volunteers were arriving at the sanctuary and we were allowing them to visit with him, two at a time. By the time the fourth set of visitors were with him, he passed. It was very peaceful, very painless, yet so quick that we were all in shock. Just two days before he was running around, playing and generally enjoying life.

As we do with all the animals that pass at *Wolf*, we left Sabe with his companion for awhile, so that Indigo could process what had happened. We then took Sabe into Akyra's enclosure, so she and Kai also had an opportunity for closure. Akyra approached his remains, inspected his tumor, checked out the rest of his body and then began to nuzzle and lick the back of his neck. Any of the humans present, who were not crying before, were now. This moment and his life will forever live in our memories. ☹️



Sabe , Kai and Akyra.



Sabe Finally Enjoying A Relationship With His Companion, Indigo.

2005 - Thank You - It Was Outstanding Because of You



Last year brought new and exciting challenges on top of all of the normal challenges the sanctuary business already supplies. The addition of Tsunamis and Hurricanes fatigued even the most ardent of charitable givers. The ramifications of which were felt throughout the animal welfare community. Although the large organizations, directly involved in rescue efforts, had record highs in giving, the small guys, like *Wolf*, struggled to even pay the bills. Your response to our plea at the end of the year, on this issue, was phenomenal and helped us stay in the black. We appreciate your understanding and your generosity. Although we are still not up to par, we believe that with your help, we will be back on track in no time at all.

We were also challenged by radical increases in our insurance premiums and significant expense for medical treatment. We believe the insurance carriers are responding to situations like the Sigfried and Roy experience. The higher medical expenses are due to having a much larger population of geriatric wolves. We hope to have finalized figures for you in the next newsletter.

Even with these limitations we participated in over **170 educational programs** or public events, we assisted with the **rescue and placement of over 250 homeless animals**, we maintained the well-being of **35 animals at the sanctuary** and **10 animals in foster homes**, we **built a new foster-care 1/3 of an acre enclosure**, **expanded 6 enclosures at the sanctuary**, **responded to over 3600 web and phone inquiries** for help and **provided in-depth assistance on wolf sanctuary standards** to The Association of Sanctuaries.

We wish we could acknowledge every supporter of *Wolf* here, but unfortunately our newsletter would be too expensive to print and way to heavy to mail. **PLEASE KNOW THAT THE ANIMALS WHOSE LIVES YOU HAVE IMPACTED THANK YOU!**

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Ronald Morris
Marilyn Cross
Administrator Great West
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Dan/Pam Bacon
Doug Bell
Cristin Davidson
Sam Flatow
Lana McClellan
Runner's Roost
Marcia Grieve
Adele Lewis
Marie Shulman
Randa Richards
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Volunteer Spotlight - Sharon Lyons-Sharp

 Sharon first met the wolves at an educational program in Estes Park over five years ago and has been a **Wolf** Volunteer ever since.

Sharon works full-time plus, as an underwriter for Wells Fargo, therefore her leisure time is very important to her -- trying to balance her weekends with her own family, pets and **Wolf**. Somehow, Sharon always finds the time to either help out at the Sanctuary, at a public event tabling or an educational program. As most of you know, **Wolf** sells wolf-related merchandise to help care for the animals. Sharon is one of the members of a core group of volunteers who are always available to help with our retail merchandise at **Wolf** fundraisers like the Howl-O-Ween Run.

Sharon has also volunteered for the



most difficult of tasks -- drumming up donations of items for our auction at the Waltz and being on the committee to help organize that event. She has been outstanding at finding wonderful items for the auction.

Sharon, because of her love for each individual animal at **Wolf**, is always available to sit with a sick animal, holding a paw or stroking their head, comforting them. One of the most difficult parts of volunteering at **Wolf** is having an animal pass. Sharon's quiet strength is a blessing to animal and human alike.

Her dedication to the animals and her hard work in the many aspects of **Wolf**, earned Sharon the "Spirit of **Wolf**" Award in 2005. On behalf of the animals of **Wolf**, thank you for all of your efforts and caring. 🐾




Sharon Getting Love From Akyra.



Sharon At The Howl-O-Ween Run -- Too Early To Smile.

Waltz for the Wolves! -- Celebration, Auction, Food & Drink

 **It's that time again! Let's party!** The Waltz, this year, will be dedicated to Nanook, who passed in December of 2005 (see his tribute on page 2).

We had a great time last year, celebrating our 10th Anniversary in grand style with all of you. We also learned a tremendous amount about what we preferred and what we didn't like quite so much. This year we will not have a sit-down dinner, but rather an appetizer buffet. We will not have a live band, but rather a DJ with volume control. We will not have a live auction, but rather have all the donated items for auction in the silent auction. Although we were not terribly excited by the charges for the hotel ballroom last year, we have had a difficult time finding alternative venues that are as nice. So, we are in another hotel ballroom again this year.

We believe this will be an outstanding event and we are looking forwarding to meeting and speaking with every one of you.

*The Founders of Wolf Cordially Invite You to
The Wolf Sanctuary's 2nd Annual Waltz for the Wolves
A Tribute To Nanook*

*The Marriott Hotel
350 East Horsetooth Road, Fort Collins, Colorado
May 20, 2006 6:00 pm until 11:00 pm*

Hor's d'oeuvres Buffet & Dessert Bar, Dancing & Entertainment & Silent Auction

Please RSVP with the card below by May 13, 2006

Number In Party _____
@ \$40.00 per person.

Thank You

For information, please call
at @ 970-416-9531

E-mail--kashashaman@aol.com

Please reserve early, as this helps us
to plan the event more efficiently.

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Helping Wolf – Educating Your Friends

 Many of you have asked to have friends put on our mailing list for our newsletters. We would like to encourage all of you to help *Wolf* in this fashion. Friends of yours who are as committed to the welfare of unwanted and abused animals, should know about *Wolf*, and the wonderful work you help to support. We are very happy to include them in our mailings, even if they end up not making any donations to the cause. Remember, part of our mission is to educate the general public about the plight of captive wolves and wolf-dogs.

Your help in this way will significantly increase the number of animals we can save.


Thank you! ☺

Please know that **WE DO NOT DISCLOSE, RENT OR OTHERWISE SELL OUR DONOR LISTS.**

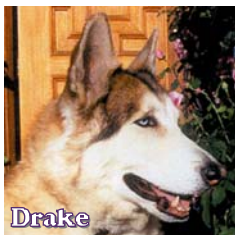
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Memorials

 Over the years, many of our wonderful supporters have chosen to memorialize loved ones (human or animal), or instructed that memorials upon their passing should be made, through donations to *Wolf*. They have exemplified the depth of their passion for the wolves through association with the most solemn of human emotions. We have grieved with them and for them, as many had become very close personal friends. Although we have only acknowledged these memorials privately, in the past, we now will include a section in each of our newsletters and web site as testament to these tributes, what they symbolize and how they have touched us.

We have also established a program where we will have a plaque made when memorials have exceeded certain levels. Although we wish we could provide this option for all memorial donations made, we must make sure that the bulk of these donations go to the wolves. These plaques will be placed in our memorial gardens where all of the deceased residents of *Wolf* are memorialized. ☺



Memorial Plaque

In Memory of:

- Shadow Foss - 2002*
- Fred & Bogue - 2002*
- Glen Poakam - 2002*
- Bacchus - 2003*
- William Daley - 2003*
- Fukon - 2003*
- Jen Thompson - 2003*
- Bear - 2003*
- Gaye Miller - 2003*
- Masa - 2003*
- Masa - 2003*
- Lois Hoffman - 2003*
- Mazy - 2003*
- Sara - 2003*
- Masa & Sara - 2003*
- Masa & Sara - 2003*
- Light - 2003*
- Michael Beagole - 2003*
- Virginia Levin - 2003*
- Angela Marcello - 2003*
- Bill Radnos - 2004*
- Darleen Zollinger - 2004*
- Os - 2004*

Memorialized By:

- Lauren Heidenreich*
- Denese Bacs*
- His Family & Friends*
- The Bakowski Family*
- The Daley Family*
- Marissa Niederhauser*
- Her Family & Friends*
- The Reid Family*
- Her Family & Friends*
- The Rabian Family*
- Gail Daugherty*
- Linda Campbell*
- Mary Ann Strauch*
- Gail Daugherty*
- Anne Thompson*
- The Discari Family*
- Deborah Foss*
- Quiocassin Vet Hospital*
- Pasey Bird*
- Donna Nayduch*
- The Maloney Family*
- Her Family & Friends*
- The Marine/Bolt Family*


In Memory of:

- Jeff Leonard - 2004*
- Shaka - 2004*
- Frances Sebastian - 2004*
- Fender - 2004*
- Bob Mutchler - 2004*
- Larry Medlock - 2005*
- Jazzy - 2005*
- Takashi Poshida - 2005*
- David Young - 2005*
- Dakota - 2005*
- Lori Arnold - 2005*
- Wolf - 2005*
- Sequoia - 2005*
- Sequoia - 2005*
- Looka - 2005*
- Mars - 2005*
- Drake - 2005*
- Adele Wendland - 2005*
- Boo & Benji - 2005*
- Ahzeem, Jazzy, Mike, & Sequoia - 2005*
- Spartey - 2005*
- Judy Tuffield - 2005*

Memorialized By:

- Helen Agne*
- The Kunkler Family*
- Her Family & Friends*
- The Barnes Family*
- William MacFarlane*
- His Family & Friends*
- Gail Daugherty*
- Susanne Farlese*
- Alice Benars*
- Danielle Heckmeck*
- Her Family & Friends*
- Ray Vanderleede*
- The Kunkler Family*
- Ehridge/Dickens Family*
- Robyn Rubinstain*
- Kim-Marie Lawrence*
- Shomer Family & Friends*
- Margaret Mooney*
- Shelley Hofmann*
- The Discari Family*
- The Schmidt Family*
- Janet Tamarak*

Wolf & Albertsons - Community Partners

 **Wolf** has been approved to receive contributions from Albertsons through the **Albertsons Community Partners** Program. This is due to **Wolf's** involvement with Teens at Risk. Over the years **Wolf** has become associated with numerous outreach school programs. Some of these schools are Turning Point, AIM House and Wingshadow.

You can help **Wolf** raise funds when shopping at Albertsons using your preferred customer card. It is very simple for you to register. You can do it by:

- **MAIL:** Registration forms are available in Albertsons, Sav-On Drugs or Osco Drug at the customer service counter.
- **ONLINE:** Go to www.albertsons.com to find the **Community Partners** logo link.
- **USE THE FORM TO THE RIGHT:** Mail completed form to: **Wolf**, Post Office Box 1544, La Porte, CO 80535.

Whichever way you decide to register, remember to use the **Wolf Partners ID # 49001005529**.

Once you are registered, shopping at Albertsons will raise up to 4% of your receipt for **Wolf**. The more of you that register the higher the percentage Albertsons applies. This is a simple way to raise funds for the wolves and our educational programs.

Thank You for helping **Wolf** with this program. 



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(Send your form to: **Wolf**, Post Office Box 1544, La Porte, CO 80535)

The Perfect Gifts

'Wolf - A Sanctuary' Free Video



 **Wolf** has compiled three video segments into a single DVD or VHS. We are using this approach to help potential supporters gain a better understanding of our mission. The segments include a 5.5 min. overview of **Wolf** taped at the sanctuary, an 8.5 min. pilot that was made about **Wolf** for Animal Planet and the Texas Rescue (featuring **Wolf**), from 2003, that aired on the

"Jeff Corwin Experience" (43 min.).

If you have never been to the sanctuary or have trouble explaining **Wolf** to your friends, we would be happy to send you a copy. If you can afford to send a donation in the amount of \$10.00 to cover the production cost and shipping, we would appreciate it-- if not, don't worry about it. We are more concerned that everyone who wants to spread the message has the tools to do it with. 



'The Witness' A Miracle Is 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 offer 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. **The Witness** and **The Peaceable Kingdom**, although somewhat graphic in places, focus on what individuals have done to make a difference. There truly is something that everyone concerned about animal welfare can do. 

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 "Ange" by Sara McLachlan, **The Witness** is a story of beauty and transcendence in the face of tragedy and despair.




At a time when the public is more concerned than ever about the health and environmental problems associated with large-scale factory farming, **Peaceable Kingdom** explores another angle of this unfolding story: the interconnected life journeys of farm animals, former farmers, and animal rescuers struggling against an out of control industrial system.

Breaking generations of silence in the farm community, **Peaceable Kingdom** weaves together themes of respect, forgiveness, commitment, and healing, offering a vision of a more peaceful world that is well within our reach.

Featuring music by Moby.



FREE VIDEOS FREE VIDEOS FREE VIDEOS FREE VIDEOS FREE VIDEOS

Because **Wolf** believes the bigger picture is important to our mission, we have purchased a number of these videos 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 \$10 cost of each video and \$4 shipping to send a donation for that amount so we can provide more copies to others. Thank you. 

'This Is Wolf' VHS DVD \$ No Charge

'The Witness' VHS DVD \$ No Charge

'Peaceable Kingdom' VHS DVD \$ No Charge

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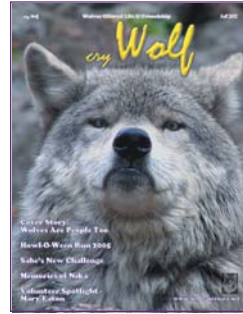
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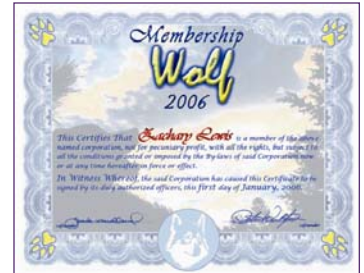
Become a Member of Wolf

Wolf receives all of its operating revenue from general public donations or the sales of wolf-related merchandise. Annual Memberships are available for a variety of budgets that entitle members to receive a **Wolf membership certificate**, a **car window decal** that indicates your level of participation, a one-year subscription to our **newsletter**, and a personal tour of the **Wolf** sanctuary.

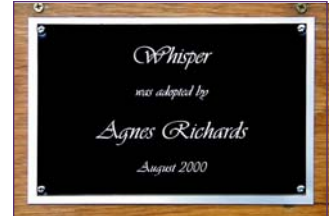
- **Helping an animal** -- your dues are used for general care and maintenance.
- **Sponsoring an animal** -- your dues are used for medical treatment. With this level you receive the **animal's story** of your choice which includes photos (suitable for framing).
- **Feeding an animal** -- your dues are used to cover food requirements. With this level you will receive the **story of the animal** of your choice, which includes photos (suitable for framing).
- **Saving an animal** -- your dues are used for fence-building. With this level you receive the **story of the animal** of your choice, which includes photos (suitable for framing).
- **Adopting* an animal** -- your dues are used for the general care of that animal on an annual basis. With this level you will receive the story of the animal of your choice, which includes photos (suitable for framing). In addition, a **plaque** with your name is placed on the gate of that animal's enclosure.*
- **Sponsoring a Pack** -- your dues help one of the packs, that you designate, at the Sanctuary. With this level you receive the story of the pack, which includes photos (suitable for framing). In addition, a **plaque** with your name is placed on the gate of that pack's enclosure.
- **Sponsoring the Sanctuary** -- your dues help the entire Sanctuary. With this level you receive the story of the pack of your choice, which includes photos (suitable for framing). In addition, a **plaque** with your name is placed on the front gate of the sanctuary.



Newsletters



Membership Certificate



Adopt Gate Plaque



Sponsor Animal Story



Pack Sponsor Gate Plaques



Sanctuary Sponsor Plaques

**The Adoption 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.*

(I understand this commitment) signature:

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

	Helped	Sponsored	Fed	Saved	Adopted*	Pack	Sanctuary
Student/Senior	\$25	\$125	\$225	\$450	\$700*	\$1,000	\$5,000
Individual	\$35	\$150	\$250	\$500	\$750*	\$1,050	\$5,050
Family	\$45	\$175	\$275	\$550	\$800*	\$1,100	\$5,100
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