



**UNSTOPPABLE CONSERVATION**



**Endangered  
Wolf Center**

**Fall 2020**

## **Our Mission:**

To preserve and protect Mexican wolves, red wolves, and other wild canid species, with purpose and passion through carefully managed breeding, reintroduction, and inspiring education programs.

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## CEO'S MESSAGE

*Dear Friends of the Endangered Wolf Center,*

With the end of an unprecedented year in the headlines, most of us will look back on its rocky road as one of the most uncomfortable journeys we've ever been on. While "uncomfortable" sounds negative, the word resonates with me, and I choose to view it as a launch pad. Our team has innovated, inspired and endured throughout 2020 *because* we got uncomfortable. We have stayed connected to our EWC family through virtual programs and phone calls to simply "check-in" with our closest pack-members.



Photo Credit: Kelsey Grant

I am humbled by the generosity of those who continued to contribute their time, talents and much-needed funds throughout this challenging year. I am most proud of the fact that we continue to have deep conversations about conservation. After all, conservation begins and ends with the connections we make for wildlife and wild places.

The coronavirus also exposed the issue of zoonotic disease transfer — a phrase rarely heard outside biology circles until this year. Our vision at the EWC is for a day when animals and humans live in harmony and benefit each other. *There is no greater time than now to understand that humans need animals, wildlife and healthy ecosystems to sustain our physical and mental health.*

The EWC sits on 2,000 beautiful acres of woodland and rolling hills. It's an ideal place to bring family and friends and soak up nature in a safe and socially distant environment. It is a place where we are making a difference every day for a deeply misunderstood endangered species, the wolf.

**Virginia Busch**  
CEO

## 2021 Events

### April 25

Virtual Volunteer Appreciation

### May

Virtual African Painted Dog Conference

### June 26

Virtual Members' Day

### September 11

Polo Classic, McGehee Field

### October 23

Wolf Fest

### October 30

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On the cover: Photo featured in the Washington Post shows EWC Keeper Danielle Therrien performing a health check on a Mexican wolf puppy right before leaving the Center for the wild.



**Mark Cross, Executive Director**

It was a difficult day when we closed our doors in March, the world newly in the grips of a monumental crisis, wondering when we would be able to reopen them again. But while many things were put on hold, the world's animal conservation crisis was unrelenting. And that meant one thing. So were we.

Our EWC team stood tall, and our leadership and work on behalf of endangered species continued. Despite the pandemic, this year we saw a record 20 Mexican wolf pups cross-fostered into the wild – nine of which were born at the Endangered Wolf Center. This victory is thanks to our resilient team and the support of many organizations and members.

While public tours were put on hold, we pivoted to the digital world with successful virtual meet-and-greet programs with our animal ambassadors. We also increased our global audience with Facebook Live chats and notable guests, and we continue to shift more resources to our virtual programming.

And because conservation cannot wait, we are building two new American red wolf enclosures, expected to be completed by the end of the year, which will allow us to increase the number of breeding pairs. It's just one of a record number of construction projects this year. Read more about the exciting capital improvement plans throughout this issue.

Here's what I know. If we can do all this in a pandemic year, then just imagine what's possible. I'm excited to be a part of that, and grateful that you are, too.



# Five Ways to Visit Us - In-Person & Online

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

# 1

### Private Tours

Our private guided tour is an ideal way to experience the EWC, especially during the upcoming chilly months when our animals are extra fluffy in their winter coats! Tailored to your interests, you'll get to know wolves the way we know them - their pack dynamics, behaviors, and unique personalities. Bring your pack and get to know ours during a Private Tour.



# 2

### Photography Tours

Guided by one of our expert education staff members, Photography Tours are a unique opportunity to capture photos of our animals and practice your skills behind the camera. Large wolf habitats have natural, serene and wooded surroundings, providing a beautiful backdrop for our wolves, African painted dogs, and foxes. The tour is designed to allow time for professional and novice photographers alike to try different locations, use different cameras/lenses, and work in natural lighting conditions. This unique experience lasts at least one hour and can be reserved for up to five hours.



# 3

### VIP Tours

Consistently a favorite among our guests ages 14 and older, VIP Tours offer a rare opportunity to go behind the scenes and meet the amazing animals in our care. You'll learn how our Mexican wolves and red wolves are making history by adding to the wild populations and what it takes to care for endangered species.

# 4

### Private Howls

This popular evening program is a fun and educational opportunity to learn about wolf communication and hear the iconic howls fill the night air. Your EWC guide will accompany your group on a short walk and attempt to inspire our wolves to howl. Hearing this wild symphony is an unforgettable experience!

# 5

### Virtual Meet & Greets

During this virtual session, you will have the chance to ask questions, see our Animal Ambassadors up-close, and chat with our amazing animal keepers. You'll learn all about the loving relationships built between our staff and the animals in our Ambassador Program. Plus, you'll see an up-close view of their unique features - have you ever seen a maned wolf's bright and beautiful fur? Or a fennec fox's cute little paws? This experience will be tailored to your interests and questions. It's a perfect way to get your kids engaged in science. Get the whole family involved!



Psst - These experiences make fantastic gifts! Visit [endangeredwolfcenter.org](https://endangeredwolfcenter.org) or call (636) 938-5900 to learn more, book your tours, and purchase gift certificates.

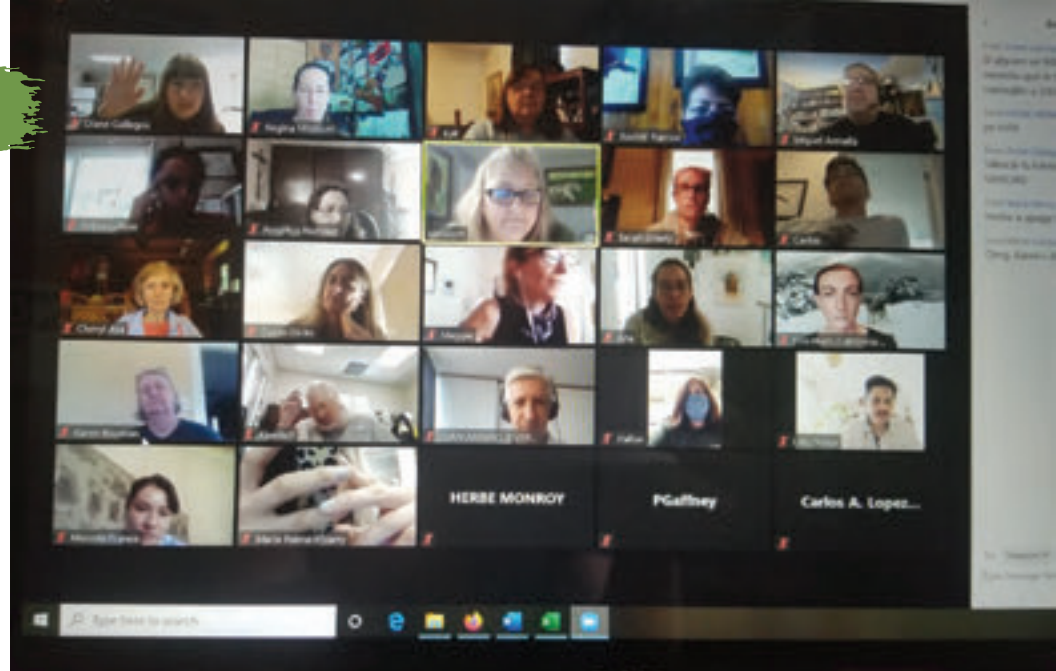


# Conservation Meetings Go Virtual

Each year, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Red Wolf and Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plans come together to plan for the upcoming year. This means that wildlife biologists, zoological managers, government agencies, geneticists and other experts in the field use this time to evaluate past and present efforts to ensure that we have the best conservation plan moving forward. These meetings are a vital part of the work being done to save the two most endangered wolves in the world.

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to hold our in-person conference and instead set up a virtual version. We thank the staffs at Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, North Carolina Zoo and Wolf Haven International for their efforts to make this happen.

One of the most important items on the agenda at these meetings is to plan the breeding pairs for the upcoming year to help ensure that the population stays genetically healthy and can support reintroduction and recovery efforts. For the Endangered Wolf Center specifically, we are excited to announce that we will have three Mexican wolf breeding pairs in 2021: Mack and Vera, Rhombus and Maya and new pair Jorah and Zana. All three of these litters could help with the reintroduction efforts through the fostering of their pups into the wild.



▲ International conservationists gather virtually to hold the annual Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan meeting.

We also will have a new red wolf breeding pair here at the EWC. A female from Wolf Haven International located in Tenino, WA, will be introduced to two males from Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, IL. This will be exciting because the female can choose the best match for her from the two males, who are brothers. The brother not chosen will have the opportunity to become an amazing uncle and help raise the pups. These three wolves will be traveling to the EWC this fall.



▲ Three curious red wolf pups from our litter of seven born in the spring of 2019.

We are proud to be part of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Species Survival Plans for the American red wolf and the Mexican wolf and have hope for the future of these keystone species. Stay tuned for an update

in the spring, hopefully announcing lots of puppies! 🐾



▲ Mexican wolf parents Zana and Mollette rest together as they watch their energetic pups play.

## Growing, growing, GROWN!

Our African painted dogs have grown in size and personality, but their curiosity remains the same.



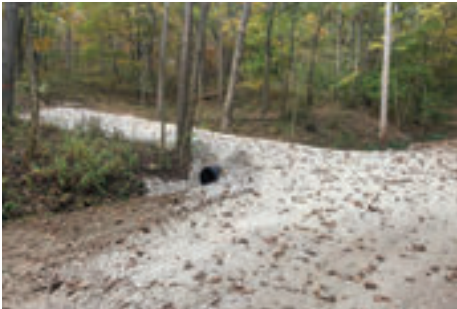


# A Future for Red Wolves



## New Goals Identified

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) announced in 2016 they were going to identify a new reintroduction location in the Southeastern United States to help recover the critically endangered American red wolf. The FWS also set a goal to almost double the captive population from around 200 animals to close to 400 by increasing the number of breeding pairs from approximately 30 pairs to more than 50 pairs. This will not only help retain vital genetic diversity in the population, it will create a large enough population that the FWS and their state partners can pull red wolves from the captive population for release.



▲ New space is currently being added at the EWC for multi-generational red wolf packs. It was an exciting day when the entrance to the new habitats was completed.

Over the last four years the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Red Wolf Species Survival Plan (SSP) has assisted with the population growth effort. Regina Mossotti, Director of Animal Care and Conservation at the EWC, serves as the Vice Coordinator for the SSP and works with coordinator Chris Lasher, and EWC board member Virgil VanTrease, as well as others, to find new homes to grow the red wolf population. We are meant approaching current SSP partners as well as recruiting new institutions to join the effort. It seemed like a monumental task, but we needed to accomplish it to ensure this magnificent species has a future.

## Funds Made Available

We also worked with the FWS and the Conservation Centers for Species Survival (C2S2) to write an FWS Federal Recovery Challenge Grant for \$250,000 in seed money that intuitions could use to help construct 10 new habitats and pull in funding for their efforts. This is a great step towards our goal of reaching 50 new habitats. C2S2 received the funds and opened up submissions to institutions to apply for a portion of the grant.

The Endangered Wolf Center applied to C2S2 for seed money for one enclosure and was awarded a grant that required us to secure a matching gift that was quickly given by the WS and BK Ross Charitable Foundation Trust. Our plan was to start construction in 2021 but it became apparent that space for these new habitats was needed as soon as possible. Thanks to the generosity of two more donors, the Donald Slavik Family Foundation, Loti Woods and Dale Weiler, and Washington University for providing additional land for us to expand, construction is underway on two large breeding habitats instead of one!

## More Breeding Pairs

These new habitats will be in a secluded area and large enough to house multi-generational packs, anywhere from 2-20 American red wolves. This means that when the alpha pair has a litter, the first litter can stay with its parents an additional year and help raise the next litter. Multi-generational packs allow these animals to mimic natural pack behaviors found in the wild where yearlings learn important lessons from their parents. This is remarkably similar to human families where older siblings help care for and babysit younger siblings. This teaches vital life skills,

such as learning how to raise, protect, feed, discipline and play with pups, which teaches the yearlings how to be successful leaders of their own packs in the future.

These habitats are set in the hills of Missouri, a native habitat because Missouri is part of the red wolves' historic home range. This helps the wolves acclimate to their native environment and prey before potential release into the wild. All of this, combined with the Endangered Wolf Center's long history and success at raising wolves that can survive and thrive in the wild, will help in the recovery of the American red wolf.

Our construction is already underway on these two habitats and will be complete in time for red wolf breeding season. The American red wolf is a national treasure, and we are working hard to make sure this species does not go extinct. 🐾



▲ Providing new space for red wolf breeding is a crucial step in strengthening the species' population in human care.



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# Unstoppable Future



▲ A member of the Richmond Family and EWC volunteer Scotty Schiro reviewing the architectural plans for the new Richmond Family Veterinary and Nutrition Center. Their efforts to construct this new multipurpose facility will greatly meet the needs of the EWC animals, staff and visitors.

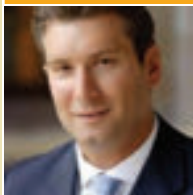
In 2015 the Endangered Wolf Center embarked on a strategic planning process with the board and staff of the Center. One of the top priorities of that plan was to build a new multipurpose facility on-site for breeding, research, and education. With the construction of the Richmond Family Veterinary and Nutrition Center, this goal will soon be fulfilled. The EWC Board of Trustees recently embarked on the development of a new strategic plan to begin next year.

In September the Board hired Collaborative Strategies, Inc. to lead the EWC in this critical effort. As part of the process, CSI will help the Center explore ways to broaden its leadership role on conservation and endangered species issues, identify ways to diversify and grow revenue streams and expand the reach of its education programs.

With a new strategic plan, we look forward to focusing our priorities to build upon our past successes and extensive experience, with the goal of growing our inspiring education programs and expanding our vital conservation work. 🐾

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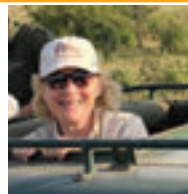


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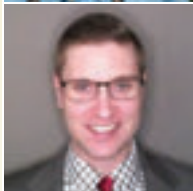
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**Justin Grubb**  
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Justin Grubb is a wildlife filmmaker, photographer, published writer, naturalist and co-founder of Running Wild Media. Having earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at Bowling Green State University, Justin is now working on his Master of Biology degree at Miami University in Ohio.

Justin's love for nature and passion for the outdoors has brought him to some of the most extreme habitats on earth to study and film critically endangered wildlife. He has been documenting the recovery effort of red wolves through films, published articles, virtual sessions, education programming and a series of posts for National Geographic. His journey led him to the Endangered Wolf Center where he has volunteered his talents as a webinar co-host, photographer, videographer and he also featured the EWC in an educational film titled "Resilience: The Story of the American Red Wolf."

"Red wolves are incredible animals, and the work the Endangered Wolf Center does to recover the species is inspiring," says Justin. "I feel extremely lucky to be one of the few people who has spent time with red wolves in the wild and hope that soon people around the country will be able to observe these incredible carnivores in the wild for themselves."

The EWC is fortunate to have Justin share his expertise and talents with us. He ignites enthusiasm in others by offering his unique perspective and experiences during our educational programs. 🐾

**Danielle Therrien**  
Animal Care Keeper

Danielle Therrien is an Animal Care Keeper at the Endangered Wolf Center. Her lifelong passion for conserving wildlife inspired her to earn her Bachelor of Science degree at Bowling Green State University. While interning at White Oak Conservation, Danielle received hands-on experience with endangered animals from all over the world, and today she leads trips all over the globe helping people discover personal connections to wildlife. In her free time, Danielle enjoys backpacking, scuba diving, painting, and playing with her dog, Ruger. Her work with red wolves ignited Danielle's passion for working with endangered canids, which led her to the EWC.

"My time at the Endangered Wolf Center has been amazing! I am so proud of the work we do with our recovery species such as red wolves and Mexican wolves," says Danielle. "The best part of training or providing enrichment to our nonrecovery species is getting to see their personalities shine through during our interactions. I am so thankful to work with this incredible team at the EWC." We also are thankful to have Danielle on our team, working diligently to care for the animals and helping to make our world brighter. 🐾



*"For the strength of the Pack  
is the Wolf, and the Wolf is the  
strength of the Pack."*

- Rudyard Kipling

## *In Memory* Sue Berra...

Sue Berra was an integral part of our volunteer pack. In 2012, she joined the EWC as a maintenance and office work volunteer. One of the most reliable, kindest, and hardest working volunteers we've ever had, Sue was always there for us when we needed help.

She was trusted and valued in every department of the EWC, leading tours and educational programs, assisting with vet checks, habitat construction, sorting super worms for animal diets, and many other exhausting or messy tasks without complaint. There wasn't anything she wouldn't do.

Sue volunteered more than 2,000 hours at the EWC and had been in the top five volunteers for hours every year since 2015. She loved the Endangered Wolf Center, our mission, the animals, as well as everyone here, and that love was reciprocated. The outpouring of love for Sue was evident by the donations received, which exceeded the amount needed to name a Mexican wolf yearling "Sue" in her honor. This yearling actively helped Vera care for her puppies this year, in typical Sue fashion. Though her loss will be felt for years to come, she lives on through her namesake in our pack and always in our hearts.



# KID'S CORNER

## MEET DAISY, CLAY & PICKLE!



### Fun with Daisy: Zookeeper Tasks

An important job in animal care is making sure your animals are given new, fun opportunities and experiences. Enrichment is anything that we can provide for our animals that helps to bring out natural behaviors such as searching for food, encountering new smells, and feeling new textures.

Daisy loves receiving enrichment items! Can you help design a new enrichment item for our resident fennec fox, Daisy? Here are some things she particularly enjoys:



- Cherries



- Crinkle toys



- Canned pumpkin



- Teaser toys



- Fish



- Stuffed animals

Your turn!



### Fun with Pickle: Try This!



With so many types of turtles, imagine all the incredible shells they must grow! Here's your chance to design your own.



Turtles are cold-blooded reptiles and have existed for around 215 million years. According to World Atlas (2018), there are 356 unique species of turtles known today.

### Fun with Clay: Adaptation Artist



Western Hognose snakes have many terrific adaptations that help them survive in the wild. Adaptations are traits, qualities, or features of an animal that make it better suited to its environment. For example, Western Hognose snakes, like Clay, have upturned noses like a tiny shovel to help them dig into the dirt. If we put a snake into the middle of the Arctic, what kind of additional adaptations could you give it to help it survive? Draw or write them below:





# “Tails” from the Wild

## – Mexican Wolf Survey



▲ Regina Mossotti (left) and Rachel Crosby with the Interagency Field Team (IFT) as the team prepares to do an aerial survey of the Mexican wolf population in New Mexico and Arizona.



▲ Rachel Crosby (left) with Alison Greenleaf (FWS-middle) and Regina Mossotti (right) with a sedated wild Mexican wolf. The team is drawing blood to determine the genetics and health of the wolf.

In January some of our staff participated in surveying the Mexican wolf population in the wild to see if the population is growing. We were also hoping to learn whether our foster efforts of the 2019 season were successful.

During the survey wolves are tranquilized, examined for health assessments, and collared. The collars track the wolves and helps us learn more about the wolves so we can ensure the conservation efforts are

*One highlight for Mossotti was the teamwork she experienced on the journey. She said, “The collaboration between U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS), Interagency Field Team, and the Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan (Mexican Wolf SSP) is making an impact and helping to save this critically endangered wolf—working together is what it’s all about.”*

working and to help scientists make the best wildlife management decisions in the future.

The Interagency Field Team that works on the Mexican Wolf Recovery program consists of state and federal wildlife agencies in Mexico and the United States, as well as Native American Nations, and the Species Survival Plan (more than 50 zoological institutions). Seeing all of these agencies and people coming together to save the critically endangered Mexican wolf is inspiring and gives us so much hope.

This year’s annual survey was especially rewarding for our staff because they saw firsthand that Max, a pup fostered from the EWC, survived to adulthood and formed his own pack with a female.

“Seeing Max again was incredibly emotional. Knowing that tiny pup grew into this gorgeous wolf and that he was doing what he was meant to do, running free in the wild was...beyond words,” said Mossotti.

Max not only survived fostering, but his pack lost several pack members due to human causes. He was lucky enough to meet a lone female in the wild, and for a brief time, they formed their own pack.

Later this year it looked as though the female had potentially given birth. Unfortunately,



▲ Regina Mossotti with Max. After reading his microchip they discovered he is a pup from the Endangered Wolf Center. Mossotti assisted in putting on a GPS tracking collar and giving him vaccinations.

### Survey Results Are In – Good News from the Wild in 2019

Re-introduction to the wild began in 1998 with the release of 11 Mexican wolves in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area (BRWRA) along the border of Arizona and New Mexico. Since then, USFWS has performed the annual helicopter survey to monitor and evaluate the population.

FWS published that the “Mexican wolf count shows the population of Mexican wolves has **increased by 24%** since last year, raising the total number of wolves in the wild to a minimum of **163 animals**” in the United States.

While there is still much work to be done to conserve the Mexican wolf, these survey results bring inspiration and hope to a species that is truly coming back from the brink of extinction.

As we continue to gather data and use this innovative conservation technique, we hope these “tails” of success can impact the conservation of other critically endangered species, such as the American red wolf or the African painted dog, in the future.

when USFWS checked on the pair, they discovered Max had been killed in the wild. This sad news reminds us of the urgency of our mission. While it is hard to be wild, wolves are vital to a healthy ecosystem. We know there are many barriers to overcome, and while news like this is disheartening, we realize how crucial it is to focus on the big picture in order to save a species. Overall, we are making a difference.

And we are a proud partner in this effort. The wild needs wolves. And the Endangered Wolf Center is making sure the wild has wolves. 🐾

▶ (Top of page) Rachel Crosby, EWC Keeper, tracking wild Mexican wolves in the Gila National Forest in New Mexico.

# Wolf Pups Fostered to the Wild Despite Pandemic

**COVID-19 has brought on unique challenges in all corners of the Earth.**

When news of the pandemic dominated the headlines, the Endangered Wolf Center team worked to ensure conservation did not stop. It is amazing how much this health crisis has driven home the fact that our environment, when out of balance, can lead to negative ramifications for wildlife, and for humans.

Environmental imbalance also occurred when wolves and other large carnivores were eradicated from the landscape in the late 1800s and early 1900s — before humans realized the vital role wolves play in keeping the ecosystem healthy.

*“Understanding how human health is linked to our ecosystem’s health shines a light on the importance of these foster efforts,” said Virginia Busch, CEO of the Endangered Wolf Center. “Now more than ever we need to prioritize restoring damaged ecosystems, saving endangered species and protecting our remaining wildlife and wildlands.”*



▲ During their flight, Regina Mossotti and Rachel Broom tube fed the Mexican wolf puppies right before landing. This allowed the AZ Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) to take the pups straight to the wild dens in the recovery area. Photo Credit; Heberlein

▲ (Top of page) The Mexican wolf plays a crucial role in the balance of their ecosystems.

Mexican wolves, native to the Southwestern United States and once numbering in the hundreds of thousands, are now critically endangered. Today there are fewer than 200 in the wild, and they are mostly found in Arizona and New Mexico.

## Record-Breaking Number of Mexican Wolf Pups Fostered to the Wild

Despite the added challenges of continuing critical conservation efforts during a global pandemic, this spring the Endangered Wolf Center flew nine endangered Mexican wolf pups to Arizona to be fostered by three separate wild packs in New Mexico and Arizona.

It has been a record-breaking foster season; 20 pups in total have been placed in the wild from five different zoos and conservation facilities, a 67% increase over the previous record of 12 pups in 2019.

This was the first time nine pups born in human care have been “adopted out” from one facility. Since 2016 the SSP has fostered 50 captive born pups into wild packs. Twenty-seven of these pups came directly from the Endangered Wolf Center.

EWC male pups “Bandelier,” “Jose” and “Rusty,” and female pups “Grace,” “JeanTabaka,” “Kachina,” “Nora,” “Regina” and “Sidonia,” are now in Arizona and New Mexico having been placed into the Elkhorn, San Mateo and Dark Canyon packs.

## Historic Collaborative Conservation Work

Normally pups are transported on commercial flights; however, for the safety and health of the staff, that was not a possibility this year due to Covid-19 risks. But thanks to the generous donations of flights on private planes provided by LightHawk and

pilot Michael Schroeder, Luxco, Aero Charter and Ray Van de Riet, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department, the fostering was able to move forward.

“This took major collaboration between our EWC staff, donors, and government agencies,” said Rachel Broom, Director of Development for the EWC. “The outpouring of generosity and determination of these entities to successfully work together to help save a keystone species like the Mexican wolf was inspirational to witness.”

## Ain’t No Mountain High Enough to Keep us from Fostering Wolves

Extreme mountainous terrain, weather conditions, travel planning, securing funding and other logistics make fostering a challenge, and the timing has to be exactly right. Wild and captive litters must be born within a few days of one another, and the transfer from managed care to the wild must occur before the pups are 14 days old. A wild pack with a new litter of pups must be identified and their den located. All these pieces of the puzzle have to come together very quickly to get this mission accomplished.

▼ Outside of Aero Charter’s plane in AZ, Regina Mossotti (back right) and Rachel Broom (back left) handing pups to veterinarians, Dr. Ole (l) and Dr. Allen (r) with the AZGFD.







▲ Endangered Wolf Center team boarding the Aero Charter plane in St. Louis with pups heading to the recovery area in AZ.

“Adding a pandemic on top of all of this made it seem impossible, but I am incredibly proud of the ingenuity of our team,” said Regina Mossotti, EWC’s Director of Animal Care and Conservation and the Pup Foster Advisor for the Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan. “We came together quickly to develop a protocol that kept all of us safe and ensured that even a pandemic couldn’t stop our conservation work.”

Overcoming the logistics makes the success of the project all the more remarkable. California Wolf Center (Julian, CA), Phoenix Zoo (Phoenix, AZ), Sedgwick County Zoo (Wichita, KS), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Sevilleta Wolf Management Facility (La Joya, NM) also fostered pups this year.



▲ Pup from Endangered Wolf Center being placed into wild Elkhorn Pack litter by AZGFD biologist. Photo Credit; Arizona Game and Fish Department

## Update from the Wild

Recently we received wonderful news from the Interagency Field Team (federal, state and tribal agencies that monitor and manage the wild Mexican wolf population): Usually unable to confirm if the foster pups have survived until the winter, this year they were able to capture eight foster pups during their fall trapping attempts (also a population monitoring effort) and report that the pups

have significantly grown and are healthy! The IFT put GPS tracking collars on them and reunited them with their packs. This is incredible news to know that, at a minimum, eight of the 20 pups survived the foster efforts.

“I am so impressed by our Center’s role in this historic effort,” said Mark Cross, Executive Director of the Endangered Wolf Center. “This foster season was the definition of teamwork.”

Thanks to the many individuals and organizations that made this possible, 20 more Mexican wolves can grow up wild and help save their species. This shows when a determined group of people work together, great things happen. 🐾



▲ LightHawk pilot Mike Schroeder loads precious cargo (Nora, JeanTabaka, and Grace) into his plane. Mike woke up at 3 am to ensure the pups arrived at their destination early and minimized their time away from a mother.



▲ Donn Lux, Rachel Broom, Regina Mossotti, Michele, Andrew, and Phillip Lux provided well wishes to the puppies before their flight. The second expedition was made possible by Luxco, Aero Charter, and Ray Van de Riet, Jr.

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If you would like to **become a Wildlife Release Hero**, please make a donation in the enclosed envelope and mention “Wildlife Release Fund.”



# Richmond Family Veterinary and Nutrition Center

The Endangered Wolf Center has earned a global reputation for successfully breeding and conserving the world's most endangered wolves, foxes and African painted dogs, as well as leading husbandry research and participating in releasing wolves into the wild as part of the US Fish & Wildlife Service's recovery programs. As we approach our 50th anniversary, we are proud of our nearly 50 years of work resulting in some of the greatest strides in canid conservation and research.

We are thrilled to announce another great stride being made, as the charitable Richmond family has donated the funds, materials, expertise and their boots-on-the-ground skills to construct a state-of-the-art facility aligned with the Endangered Wolf Center's exemplary work. Members of the Richmond family have been long-time supporters and volunteers making significant improvements to our habitats and often spoiling the animals with treats and enrichment activities.

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." -Helen Keller*

"The Richmond family can be seen at the EWC almost every day," says Rachel Broom, Director of Development at the EWC. "It is rare for a family to donate significant funds, provide their resources, share their expertise, and insist only the best quality materials be given. They have become our family and an integral part of our pack. Through this generous legacy gift, the Richmond family is making a profound mark positively impacting our lives and the animals we serve."

The new Richmond Family Veterinary and Nutrition Center is set to become the heart of the Center. Here scientists will continue to passionately work to recover endangered species that play a critical role in keeping our ecosystems healthy – which has a direct effect on the health of all life on earth, including our own.

This new facility is the first thing you see when you approach the animal habitats during a tour, and it is breathtaking. You know this is where species will be saved by ground-breaking procedures and "firsts" made at the EWC, such as artificially inseminating a Mexican wolf with previously frozen semen — ultimately working to bring back valuable genes from the past that can increase genetic diversity and population health.

Our collaborative research aids action plans that assist animal reproduction, cryopreservation, husbandry and wildlife management and more. In addition, nutritional, genetic, behavioral and other studies will improve animal welfare. We will also hold inspiring educational programs here, creating environmental stewards for generations to come. And that is just the beginning.

Being wild is hard, and the successful recovery of an endangered species is a constant challenge. We blend wolf conservation and recovery, biological research, and public engagement to preserve these keystone species in their natural habitat. Our efforts directly work to save wildlife and wild landscapes.

We invite you to partner with the Endangered Wolf Center by making a donation to help us outfit this state-of-the-art facility with the necessary equipment, rooms, staff and enhancements. With your donation, we're happy to honor your family, brand or organization's name. The grand opening of this facility is tentatively planned for February 2021. 🐾

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## GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS

generously provide the funds to construct this habitat.

“Since meeting Rachel and Ginny of the EWC some years ago and being made aware of the critical balance of nature, I felt it was incumbent on me to do my part in maintaining this balance. ... for our children and grandchildren, and all to come.”

We are grateful to Gene, our dedicated EWC volunteers, including a special member of the Richmond family, and our staff for working together to provide a luxurious retirement habitat for our senior wolves. 🐾

# Grand Opening Celebration

Gene Tichacek answered the call of the wild when three “senior” Mexican wolves at the EWC needed a new home to live out the rest of their lives in comfort.



▲ Gene Tichacek with his grandson, Daniel Tichacek, EWC Board Chairman, Jeremiah Dellas, and the EWC pack as he cuts the ceremonial ribbon, officially opening the Tichacek Wolf Habitat.

These critically endangered wolves contributed greatly to the survival of their species and in their older age, they deserve a bit of luxury. Their impact so far? Flint had

three litters with his mate, Zana, and four of their pups were fostered into the wild. One of their sons is now the leader of the Prime Canyon Pack, while their daughter leads the Leon Pack in New Mexico. Across the beautiful wilds of the southwest, Flint’s legacy is only just beginning.

Rubina and Nancia joined Flint in this new habitat. Rubina was a natural leader and loved to connect all the EWC wolves in a collaborative concert of howls; Nancia was a beautiful wolf, strongly resembling her legendary mom, Anna. Both females peacefully passed this year at 12 years old.

As Gene learned more about this project, his curiosity was piqued. His military background helped him formulate a plan of action, and his business expertise told him this was a great investment and legacy gift. His passion for hunting and fishing taught him the importance of species like wolves and their role in balancing the environment. And his tight family bond was a trait he shares with wolves. All these factors tugged at his heart as he made the decision to



▲ Gene receiving a unique gift, one of the last paw print casts of Mexican wolf Anna, as a token of appreciation from the EWC pack. Like Anna, Gene is a wildlife hero leaving a legacy behind to better the future for wolves.

## Lucky, our Maned Wolf Ambassador, Needs a New Home

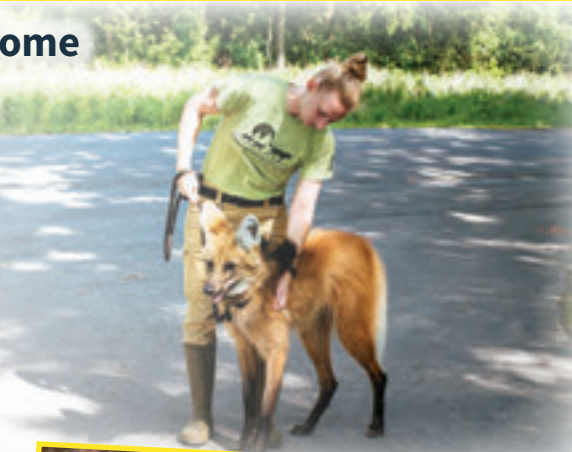
Don’t worry, Lucky’s not going anywhere! We’re actually looking for a donor or corporation to help us build a new habitat at the EWC for Lucky, our maned wolf ambassador, that will bring her closer to the public and match her social personality.

Her current habitat is one of the oldest on property and needs to be renovated. We have plans to expand it by incorporating fun, natural features that are enriching yet beautiful. For example, her new habitat will be built outside of the conference room of the new Richmond Family

Veterinary and Nutrition Center. While we’re using the conference room for board meetings, classes, workshops and even yoga, Lucky will be able to come up to the large windows and watch us through the glass if she wants to!

A key feature at the EWC, Lucky’s habitat will be the first one seen by our guests on tours. It will aid in our mission to inspire a love of wildlife, conservation, and environmental stewardship in the tens of thousands of guests that visit the EWC annually.

If you are interested in this once-in-a-lifetime naming opportunity and want to help provide Lucky with a new home, please contact Virginia Busch or Rachel Broom at (636) 938-9306. 🐾





# Highlights of Summer Wolf Camp

## Campers Connect with Nature in a Blended Program



▲ Outdoor settings like this beautiful creek allow for social distancing and plenty of space to explore.



▲ Two young campers practice their telemetry skills using tools biologists use in the wild to track and protect wolves.



Despite the challenges of this summer, the Endangered Wolf Center continued to provide educational experiences with our annual Summer Wolf Camp, designed to create lasting ties between kids and nature. Campers gathered for one week both on-site and online to experience art, science, and adventure as “Fairy Tails,” “Inspectors” and “Explorers.”

Teen Camp “BioMe” explored art, adventure and passion development. Teen campers even had the opportunity to make a positive difference in their local ecosystems by constructing bat boxes out of recycled wood.

Our staff used a blended program of online learning and in-person activities to give campers unforgettable experiences, including weekly keeper chats, hikes, and a full tour of our site where campers were able to see many of our canid species. Sawyer (everyone’s favorite opossum) even stopped by.

### Counselor “Tails” – Camp Counselor Jaime Gann Shares Highlights of Wolf Camp

The first day of Summer Wolf Camp just so happened to be the first Monday of the month, when tornado sirens are tested near the EWC.

First, we hear the painted dogs squeak in response as they rattle the back corner of the fence and run back and forth from one end of their habitat to the next. As the tornado sirens continue to blare, Mack’s and Vera’s pack howls, then two elderly wolves join in. Even Flint is unable to resist singing with the rest of the Mexican wolves, and though an old-timer, his howl is still strong and deep.

It’s a special moment for these animal enthusiasts as it’s the first time most of these campers have heard wolves howl.

“I’m asking my parents to sign me up every year,” says one camper as she watches the American red wolf throw her head back in song.

One little girl writes down observations on her clipboard. Watching endangered animals in person is an experience that no cell phone or iPad can deliver.

By creating a blended camp program, campers got the best of both worlds – to spend time in nature and experience the wild from home through virtual education and activities about endangered animals.

### Distance Learning During Summer Camp

Most Zoom calls begin with games of charades or campers announcing they have a special guest before angling the camera at their dog. Today the campers are meeting a special guest we have chosen based on the theme of the week – Explorers week. Kristen Schulte, educational director of the Missouri River Relief program, is spotlighted on our Zoom call. “Over the last 20 years, we’ve picked up 940 tons of trash,” she shares. “One of my favorite things we find in the river are messages in a bottle.”

She’s arranged a variety of bottles on the table in front of her. The kids take turns guessing what each message might say.

One letter from 2004 requests correspondence confirming somebody found the bottle. Little did they know it would be a river clean-up team. As we talk about the beauty of human connection through these types of messages, we ask the kids a big question that even grown-ups struggle to answer amid

social distancing: “What are some ways to maintain human connections while leaving no trace on our environment?” Some ideas include washable chalk messages on the driveway, putting up signs in windows, and leaving letters in library books for people to find.

Speaking of social distancing, you may be wondering how we manage to entertain the kids without our usual interactive games. This year we invented new games, including “Alpha May I,” a game to teach about telemetry.

Telemetry is the method used by biologists to locate wolves in their natural habitat. To emulate this, we invite one camper to hide the radio collar while another holds up the radio receiver and listens very carefully for the tiniest beep. The closer the camper is to the transmitter in the collar, the louder the beep. After a camper triumphantly discovers the hidden collar, we wipe down the equipment with disinfectant and give another kiddo a turn.

This year Teen Camp offered some bonus opportunities, including a wolf howl evening program and the chance to build take-home bat boxes. We had a Zoom chat with Bat Specialist Delainey O’Donnell who invited questions about these creatures who, like wolves, struggle with a bad rap.

In spite of the current need for social distancing, we believe our future generations must maintain a connection with nature. Camp this year followed CDC guidelines while the campers built new friendships and made memories to last a lifetime. 🐾



▲ Teen campers proudly show off their handmade bat boxes.







## The Value of Virtual – Field Trips & Beyond!

It is quiet in the EWC front office, but 30 students' little voices soon fill it. Little squares of smiling students and chaperones slowly pop up on our screens. They're giddy to see all we have to share: games, pelts, and ambassador animals — it's as if we've picked right back up where we left off. This is the reality of education this year and even as we welcome small local groups onsite again for programs and tours, with this exciting new outreach, we're engaging larger groups and classrooms throughout the world thanks to technology.

With adaptation being the name of the game these days, our team of educators sympathize with the challenges of fostering powerful learning experiences *from afar*. But, as we have seen time and time again, adaptation and overcoming strife is nothing new in the world of animal conservation. In the spring, many schools joined us for Virtual Meet & Greet Classroom sessions which we had just rolled out. Now, we are pleased to offer the following four field trips in a brand-new virtual format that is easily worked into National/Missouri Science Standards of Learning. We are excited to offer these distance learning opportunities that are so ready to be incorporated in your virtual learning plans.

We strive to help create eager learners out of every student who visits. By encouraging students to ask questions such as what else can we learn from this planet and all the other animals who belong here, we strive to create eager learners out of every virtual visitor.

Check out our offerings, and if you are interested in bringing any of these programs to your school or would like to learn more about which Missouri Science Grade Level Expectations and National Science Standards are fulfilled by our new virtual programming, please reach out today by calling (636) 938-5900 or emailing our team at [education@endangeredwolfcenter.org](mailto:education@endangeredwolfcenter.org)



### Animals of the Endangered Wolf Center Grades K - 12

Wolves and foxes and African painted dogs, oh my! This program will bring one of the Endangered Wolf Center educators into your virtual classroom to teach your students all about the eight species of canids at the EWC and what the EWC is doing to help them. They will see photos and videos of our animals, tackle some animal trivia, and learn what they can do to help the endangered species that call the EWC home.

*(Length: 45 minutes)*



### Caught in a Food Web Grades 2 - 5

Explore multiple ecosystems and the food webs within them! During this virtual field trip, students will complete science-based activities and virtually meet one of our animal ambassadors. Students will come to understand the movement of energy across a food web.

*(Length: 45 minutes)*



### Animals in My Backyard Grades 3 - 6

Did you know that the American red wolf is native to Missouri? Historically, we could have had American red wolves right in our backyards! During this virtual program, we invite you to join us as we investigate other native animals that you might find in your backyard, learn about their important roles in the environment, and meet one of our native Animal Ambassadors.

*(Length: 45 minutes)*



### Animal Behavior Virtual Program Grades 6 - 12

Why do wolves howl? Why do some birds dance? Find out the answers to these questions during our Animal Behavior program! This virtual program includes interactive activities and a close-up encounter with one of our animal ambassadors.

*(Length: 60 minutes)*

# Educating a Global Audience with Virtual Events

*From livestreams on social media to a virtual edition of our Speaker Series, connecting with a global audience to educate about the animals in our care has been an unexpected highlight of a challenging year.*



▲ A cross-fostered Mexican wolf pup is about to be weighed during a veterinary exam.



▲ Mexican wolf pups snooze during their flight. Next time they awaken, they will be wild wolves!



▲ Rachel Crosby and Regina Mossotti perform a veterinary exam near a wild den site.

We kicked off our virtual Speaker Series with “A Pup’s Journey to the Wild,” a firsthand experience of cross-fostering endangered wolf pups into the wild with Regina Mossotti, the Director of Animal Care and Conservation at the Endangered Wolf Center and the Mexican Wolf Pup Foster Advisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In all of our virtual events, we were thrilled when guests shared their locations across the world and in cases of differing time zones, some even viewed these events in the middle of the night! Seeing this united interest in the welfare of endangered species made these out-of-the-ordinary events each a special experience for all who attended.



In September we welcomed world-renowned biologist Dr. Greg Rasmussen for an adventurous virtual Speaker Series that transported viewers to the wilds of Africa to learn about the endangered African painted dog.

Dr. Greg shared insight into their family dynamics, conservation techniques, and his firsthand experiences educating and researching this fascinating species.



After the debut of the educational film “Resilience: The Story of the American Red Wolf,” filmmakers Alex Goetz and Justin Grubb joined us from award-winning Running Wild Media to discuss the filmmaking process and share behind-the-scenes moments of filming red wolves in the wilds of North Carolina.

The film, a collaboration between Conservation Centers for Species Survival (C2S2) and the Endangered Wolf Center, highlights the dire need to stand up for the American red wolf and is available now at [redwolfresilience.org](http://redwolfresilience.org).



**THIS IS FREE TO ALL EWC MEMBERS.**

Missed a virtual event that you would like to see? Email [marketing@endangeredwolfcenter.org](mailto:marketing@endangeredwolfcenter.org) to learn how you can access these exclusive events.



# Impacting Conservation Through Art

## EDUCATION

Art in all of its forms has a powerful influence on emotions and can make a world of difference for endangered animals. Raising awareness and inspiring a passion for animals through art was the focus of several initiatives this year at the Endangered Wolf Center.

### Wolf Awareness Week: Sculpting the Tale of the American Red Wolf

During Wolf Awareness Week, we hosted a free discussion on the world's most endangered wolf, the American red wolf. With fewer than 20 red wolves in the wild today, it is crucial now more than ever to inspire others to get involved in saving this species.

Special guests Dale Weiler and Loti Woods are the passionate pair behind Weiler Woods for Wildlife. Using the art of sculpture and the written word, they've propelled conservation efforts and raised awareness about "underdogs" of the animal world, including the American red wolf.

The key message: each individual can use their talents, whatever they may be, to help conserve endangered animals. 🐾



▲ "Just Settling In", Dale Weiler's sculpture of an American red wolf mom and her pup, has been donated to over 25 red wolf conservation organizations throughout the country, including the EWC.

### CALL FOR ARTISTS

A creative opportunity has arisen to incorporate a mural or interactive art design onto our new Richmond Family Veterinary and Nutrition Center. There are also other artistic beautification opportunities available on our grounds, so we want to hear from you! Submit your portfolio, and concepts to [rbroom@endangeredwolfcenter.org](mailto:rbroom@endangeredwolfcenter.org).

*"In the end we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we are taught." - Baba Dioum*



**WINNER!**

### T-shirt Design Contest

*Let the creativity flow!*

This fall, we launched a design contest to encourage artists of all ages to submit a wolf-themed original design for our next t-shirt campaign.

Twelve beautiful designs were submitted and 350 votes were made to select the winning artwork! Thank you to all who participated and shared your creative talents to benefit endangered wolves.

The winning design and others are available now in our t-shirt store and make excellent gifts! Visit [www.bonfire.com/store/endangered-wolf-center/](http://www.bonfire.com/store/endangered-wolf-center/).



## EVENTS

*While events like these may feel like a thing of the past, it was not so long ago that we gathered in large groups for entertainment in support of our mission.*

*We miss these community-building opportunities and are grateful that we were able to see so many in our pack at the beginning of 2020.*



## Peter and the Wolf

Often villainized and misrepresented, wolves have suffered for generations due to folklore in tales like “Little Red Riding Hood,” or “The Three Little Pigs.” Rewriting the stories of wolves is an important aspect of our educational mission, both in fiction and in our ongoing efforts to save these species from a not-so-fairytale ending.

That is why we were thrilled to work alongside the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra to bring a new ending to the well-known tale of Peter and the Wolf – an ending where the wolf is taken to the Endangered Wolf Center!

Prior to the music at Powell Symphony Hall, our educators shared conservation information with the symphony-goers, including engaging biofacts such as wolf pelts and radio collars used to track and protect wild wolves.



## Trivia Night

What a night! We welcomed an energetic, fun-loving crowd to compete in 10 rounds of neck-and-neck trivia, all to support our mission and benefit the endangered wolves and canids that call the Endangered Wolf Center home.

We kicked off our annual Trivia Night with fun games like “Den Box Pop,” a 50/50 drawing, and raffle prizes.

In our VIP room, animal ambassadors made special appearances throughout the evening. Lucky the maned wolf, Daisy the fennec fox, Sawyer the opossum, and others charmed guests until the trivia rounds began.



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### ☐ \$135 Adopt-a-Wolf (\$12/month)

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It's no secret it's been a year of uncertainty and adaptation. One thing has remained constant - our commitment to conservation is unstoppable. And so is yours. We see it every day during private tours and virtual events, and it inspires us.

Although we missed seeing you at our annual Wolf Fest and Polo Classic events, we are grateful that you "show up" for our cause in many other ways.

Events are integral to our fundraising efforts and in helping us provide care for our animals. To help us recover the losses due to canceling these events, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to support our conservation, education, and operational costs.

Now through Dec. 31, 2020, your donation will be matched to double your impact up to \$150,000, thanks to the August A. Busch III Charitable Trust.

## HOW TO DONATE

- In the enclosed envelope
- At [endangeredwolfcenter.org](https://endangeredwolfcenter.org)
- 636-938-9306

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Do you work for a business or corporation that has a matching gift program? If so, your gift can be matched dollar for dollar or on a 2-to-1 or even 3-to-1 basis! To learn more, contact your HR department.



▲ Generous supporters, Virginia and August A. Busch III, have offered the largest year-end matching grant of \$150,000 to the EWC.



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*Cooper, a melanistic red fox, loves to play and have fun, has formed strong bonds with his caretakers and teaches our visitors the importance of respecting wild animals for the vital role they play in building healthy ecosystems. This photo was recently taken by a dear friend of the EWC who passed away recently, Bob Barton.*