



Summer 2015

Anna

April 22, 2001 - April 21, 2015

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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Dear Friends of the Endangered Wolf Center

As the Center's puppy season has come to a close with the wonderful news of the birth of three Mexican wolf pups, I am reminded of how tentative life is when you are working with populations of animals that are under 500 individuals. Three puppies may not seem like a lot, however, the Endangered Wolf Center appears to be one of only three Mexican wolf facilities that was successful with welcoming new additions. Each birth matters, each release counts, whether that release is for six months, one year or over 10 years.



In January, the Endangered Wolf Center learned of the death of Ernesta, one of our Mexican wolves who was released into the wild in 2014. Sadly, she was shot. However, in the time that she was in the wild she was able to give birth, as well as cross-foster wild Mexican wolf pups. (See definition of cross-fostering in the story on Page 6.) Four pups from her litter have been officially seen and are surviving. We must rejoice on this success. Ernesta's birth counted, Ernesta's release counted, the birth of her pups counted. Now we need to continue to think positively about the surviving pups and their father, Wesley. Each Mexican wolf that can survive in the wild is one step closer to the recovery of this species.

Last year, the public and the wolf community succeeded in lobbying against wolves being removed from the endangered species list. We saw an increase in the total Mexican wolf population in the wild. Red wolves continue to play a vital role in their habitat. Even though red wolf recovery faces a threat from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's request for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to end the program, it is nowhere near a done deal. (See story on Page 8.)

The Center has seen its own amazing milestones. Nearly 20,000 guests visited the Endangered Wolf Center, and we reached over 50,000 through our outreach, distance-learning and appearances at fairs. More than 750,000 people liked the Center's

page on Facebook and more than a million visited us on our website. Each individual has made an impact; everyone counts when it comes to recovering severely endangered species. There is so much more to do but remember to reflect back on the journey as one proceeds forward.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vi Busch".

Virginia Busch
Executive Director



2015 Events

June 20:
Polo

Oct. 10:
Wolf Fest

Nov. 7:
Members' Day

Dec. 5:
Holiday Boutique

Dec. 8:
Volunteer Holiday
Potluck

Messy Play Dates

June 28
July 26
Aug. 30

Summer Camp Dates

June 15-18
June 22-25
July 6-9
July 13-16
July 20-23

For the latest on our annual and seasonal events, be sure to keep an eye on the events calendar on our website at www.endangeredwolfcenter.org.

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by Jackie Fallon. Story on
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CHARITY POLO MATCH

For the fourth straight year, the St. Louis Polo Club is hosting a charity polo match to benefit the Endangered Wolf Center. The Polo event is Saturday, June 20, at the Blue Heron Farms Polo Club, 4020 Benne Road, Defiance, MO 63341. Gates open at 3 p.m. and the match starts at 4 p.m.

This year's event is sponsored by Kevin and Betty. Guests get a rare, inside look at this thrilling action-packed sport. Guests also have the opportunity to meet and photograph polo players, and get autographs. There's also delicious food, family friendly entertainment and fun activities for kids. General admission is \$25 a carload. A limited number of VIP tickets are available at \$75 a person. VIPs have access to elevated seating, and enjoy free food and drinks.

Call 636-938-9306 for VIP tickets.

OFFICES MOVE TO GATEHOUSE

On March 7, the Center's Operations, Education and Director of Animal Care and Conservation offices moved into the Gatehouse building near the Tyson Research Center entry gate – leaving behind the old office trailers that had been in use since Marlin and Carol Perkins founded the Center in 1971.



The Center greatly appreciates Washington University and Tyson Research Center for allowing use of the Gatehouse until a new office can be built next to the August A. Busch III Administration Building.

WORLDWIDE FOLLOWING

Our animals have an international fan base. The Center's Facebook page has more than 750,000 followers, and many are from foreign countries. Brazil provides 47,500 of our fans, followed by the United Kingdom (32,900), India (29,900), Mexico (22,900) and Canada (20,800). If you're not already among our Facebook fans, please like us today. You can also follow us on Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube and Pushup Social.

SUMMER CAMPS

We've got a summer full of fun planned for kids. Our summer calendar is filled with five Wolf Camps. All the camps are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with before care and after care available at \$10 an hour. Camps are \$200 per camper and \$180 for additional family members.

Here's the lineup:

- Camps for ages 6 to 8 are June 15-18 or June 22-25.
- Camps for ages 9 to 12 are July 6-9 or July 13-16.
- Camp for ages 13 to 15 is July 20-23.

For more information, call 636-938-5900 or visit www.endangeredwolfcenter.org/take-a-tour/summer-wolf-camps/.

MESSY PLAY DAYS

Our Education team wants your young child to make a mess. Really. And we're giving them three opportunities to do so, with Messy Play Days scheduled for June 28, July 26 and Aug. 30. Kids from walking age to age 5 will have a blast while discovering nature through tactile activities and sensory crafts.



There are three Messy Play Days this summer/Endangered Wolf Center photo

Activities include sand exploration, mud and dirt fun, water play, watercolors and face painting. Children can play as long as they like between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for just \$8 per child. Parents are free. Make sure to dress your child in clothes you don't mind getting really dirty!

Call 636-938-5900 to sign up or visit www.endangeredwolfcenter.org/take-a-tour/messy-play-day.

Great opportunities for teachers and students alike

By Ashley Rearden

The Endangered Wolf Center is asking teachers:

- Would your class like to visit the Center?
- Would they have a blast if they got a visit from a trained Docent where they could learn about a huge variety of unique topics?
- Would you love to have materials provided to you for a stress-free week full of fun, curriculum-based learning?

Details for these programs can be found on our website, at www.endangeredwolfcenter.org/take-a-tour/field-trips.

Outreach Programs

Our new and innovative outreach programs were developed to encourage inquiry-based learning while incorporating the following steps: explore, discuss and act. These 18 programs are STEM-based with fun, solid curriculum to supplement traditional classroom learning. Programs run about 45 minutes each, and most can

incredibly entertaining program about animal noises. The students will even have a chance to share their best imitations of the animal sounds.

Week of the Wolf

If you're having a hard time deciding between visiting the Center or having us visit you, you're in luck: You can do both! Our Week of the Wolf program begins on a Monday, where we visit your class with the outreach program of your choice. We leave you with ready-to-go lesson plans to be used Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday, you bring your class out for the field trip of your choice! Whoever said you can't have it all was very wrong.

The Endangered Wolf Center strives to offer you educational experiences that are built on strong curriculum, to provide you with stress-free programming and to let your students be inspired by the world around them.

Ashley Rearden is the Director of Education. Contact her at 636-938-5900 or arearden@endangeredwolfcenter.org with questions or to schedule your program.



Students touch pelts during an outreach program at Forsyth School/Photo courtesy of Forsyth School.

If so, we have exactly what you're looking for. We know how demanding the job of an educator can be so we have created a wide range of programming to make your job easier. Our goal is to provide you with whatever you need to keep your students engaged and inspired by the world we share.

Field Trips

The Endangered Wolf Center offers three unique options for field trips. Each option provides students with the rare opportunity to view some of the world's most endangered canids. "Passport to Predators," "The Ecology of Wolves" and "Poetry in Nature" each provide a unique way to experience outdoor education.

be customized for individual grade level and classroom needs. The Endangered Wolf Center is willing to custom-build curriculum if what you are looking for isn't currently offered. Our complete listing of outreach programs can be found on our website.

While there are too many programs to list them all here, here's just one example:

"What Does a Fox Say?"

Pre K-1st Grade
\$75 program fee

Have you ever wondered what a fox really says? What about a deer? Or a squirrel? Students will get the answers to these questions and more during this



Director of Education Ashley Rearden talks to students during an outreach program at Forsyth School/Photo courtesy of Forsyth School.

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Pup Development



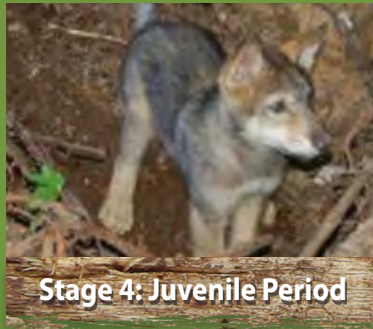
Stage 1: Neonatal Period



Stage 2: Transitional Period



Stage 3: Socialization Period



Stage 4: Juvenile Period

Stage 1: Neonatal Period

Blind, deaf, about one pound, can only crawl slowly, nurse four or five times per day

Stage 2: Transitional Period

Eyes open and are blue, can eat small pieces of regurgitated meat, begin to stand and walk

Stage 3: Socialization Period

Appear outside the den, romp and play, hearing improves, high pitched howls, leave den and move to rendezvous site

Stage 4: Juvenile Period

Eyes change from blue to yellow, start following adults on hunting trips, lose baby teeth, grow adult fur for winter

Courtesy of the International Wolf Center

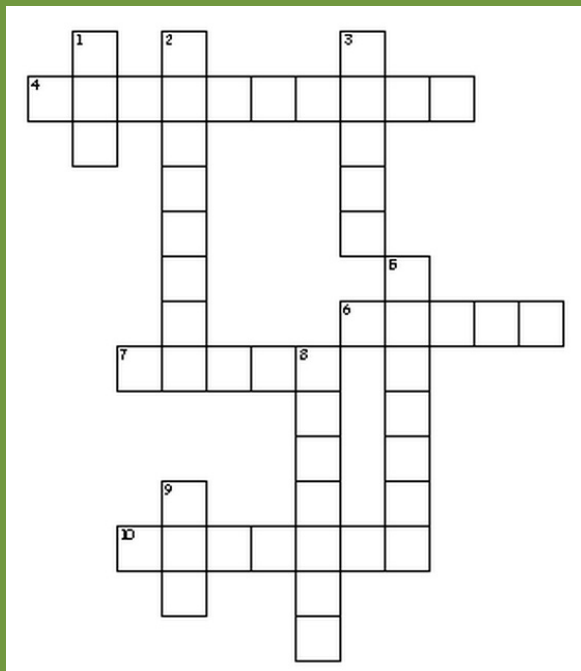
Wolf Pups

Down

1. Where pups live
2. What wolf pups are
3. Pup weighs at birth
5. With siblings
8. Pups talking
9. Baby wolf

Across

4. Meeting place
6. Pups cannot see
7. Lose baby ones
10. How pups eat



Student Poems

*Out in the wild
Wolves run
Miles and miles
To find a moose
To feed the crew
Especially the pups
Which are brand new*

By Alex, Forsyth School

The Center welcomes poetry submissions from local grade and high school students for upcoming newsletters. Poems should be about wolves or nature, and no longer than a half-page. Selected poets will get a free tour. Please send poems, with your name, grade and school, to Regina Mossotti, P.O. Box 760, Eureka, MO 63025

Three rare Mexican wolf pups are born at our Center

Sibi, a female Mexican wolf housed at the Endangered Wolf Center, gave birth to three adorable pups April 17, 2015. Mexican wolves are critically endangered, so her pups are extremely important to the recovery of the species.

Sibi was born in 2012 in a facility in Mexico. Sadly, while in Mexico, Sibi suffered an injury from shotgun pellet. But being a tough wolf and very lucky, she survived. Today, the only sign of her injury is a sporadic limp due to arthritis.

She came to the Endangered Wolf Center in winter 2015 from Mexico and was paired with her mate, Lazarus. They hit it off immediately. About a month later,



The three puppies were born April 17, 2015/ Endangered Wolf Center photo

our researchers saw a breeding tie between the pair.

First-time mom Sibi has done a spectacular job of raising her pups. Her maternal instincts are very strong. Visitors to our website have been able to watch her caring for them on our webcams.

Lazarus has proved to be an amazing father as well. While Sibi was pregnant, he patrolled their enclosure, and fulfilled his role of sentry and protector. He has stood guard outside the den and howled and barked at the keepers when they are in the area. Now he can be seen cleaning the pups, playing with them and caring for them.

Opportunity for cross-fostering the pups in the wild

Shortly after Sibi had her pups, a very rare opportunity arose: cross-fostering. Cross-fostering is a technique used in which wolf puppies are moved from one litter and placed with another litter. The wolf mother will adopt the additions as her own. Placing pups from captivity into a wild litter not only helps increase the population size in the wild but also helps increase genetic diversity. It is also a wonderful way to have wild parents (with an established territory and experience) raise and teach the pups.

This technique has been used in helping the critically endangered red wolf population for years, but has not been tried in Mexican wolves. Topography and logistics have made it very challenging, and timing has to be just right. Pups have to be born within a few days of one another and put into the den when they are less than 10 days old. This means the wild den location needs to be known, a flight needs to be scheduled, perfect weather conditions need to exist and many other logistics coordinated.

Stars aligned for two of Sibi's three puppies. Sisters Rachel and Isabella were chosen to participate in the first captive-to-wild cross-fostering event for Mexican wolves in history. Regina Mossotti, Director of Animal Care and Conservation at the Endangered Wolf Center, transported the pups to Arizona — feeding them, keeping them warm and caring for them.

Unfortunately, due to the extreme terrain, biologists were unable to locate the wild den. Rachel and Isabella went back home and were returned to Sibi, Lazarus and their brother at the Endangered Wolf Center. Sibi took them back immediately and

has been a wonderful mother to all three of her pups. Even though the pups returned home, this was a historic attempt in the Mexican wolf program's history to take pups from a captive facility and place them in a wild den. A cross-foster event occurred last year, but it was from a wild den to another wild den with Ernesta's pups — which paved the way for captive facilities to help. It was a learning experience for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and everyone else involved with the recovery of this critically endangered species. The Endangered Wolf Center is proud to have participated.

The pups showed us that they were resilient enough to handle the transport and we saw how their mother didn't skip a beat in caring for them upon their return. To have this tool at our disposal only increases our ability to assist in the recovery of the wild population.



The pups on May 29, 2015 at 6 weeks old/ Endangered Wolf Center photo

By using cross-fostering, we can help increase the wild population and add much-needed new genetics. We will see what the future holds for these wolves, but as always there is so much to be hopeful for — especially having seen and worked with the wonderful biologists on the ground who are working tirelessly to conserve these wolves and to learn from them in the process.

A tribute to Anna, the Matriarch of Mexican wolves

Recently, our pack lost one of its most memorable leaders — our bold, beautiful, and beloved Mexican wolf matriarch Anna. She was one of those amazing wolves that touched so many people's lives with her impressive story, her boisterous personality and her epic contribution to the survival of the species.



Photo of Anna by John Storjohann

Anna's father, Santa Ana, was one of the last pure Mexican wolves from the Ghost Ranch lineage, and Anna was his only surviving pup. The Ghost Ranch lineage was an important line of animals that dates back to when the Mexican wolf was officially declared extinct in the wild in 1980. After that declaration, the remaining animals were brought into managed care, and the recovery program began in earnest. Once the numbers started to rise in captivity, a release program was initiated in Arizona and New Mexico in 1998, which has brought the wolf back from near extinction to 109 wolves currently living in the wild.

A few years after the recovery program began, Santa Ana was born and subsequently became the most genetically important animal. Because his genes were not represented in the population, he gave the recovery program the unique chance to diversify the gene pool and keep it as healthy as possible. But despite being paired with a few different females throughout his life, Santa Ana didn't breed — that is, until he met Tanamara of the McBride lineage.

Anna was born to Tanamara and Santa Ana on Earth Day, April 22, 2001 — a fitting birthday. Despite Tanamara's efforts as a brand new mother, she lost two of three pups from that litter. Subsequently, it was decided to hand-rear the last pup, Anna (little did anyone know just how important Anna would be to the recovery program). As it happened, Anna was the

only pup that Santa Ana ever sired, and he passed away a few months later from old age. Anna certainly grew up to look as regal and magnificent as her father, and she no doubt inherited as much of her alpha instincts and leadership skills from her equally legendary mother.

Because she had been hand-reared, Anna was not a viable candidate for release into the wild. And yet, her footprint in the wild today is truly immense. Over the course of her life at the Endangered Wolf Center, she gave birth to 41 pups in four separate litters of record-breaking numbers. For comparison, the average litter size for a wolf is around five pups... Anna's largest litter had 12 pups. Several of her pups were released into the wild, and right now, Anna has grandpuppies running free in Arizona and New Mexico. Some of her offspring still remain in our care at the Center to help in our efforts as members of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Species Survival Plan and as partners with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Mexican Wolf Recovery Program.

After living a long, extraordinary life, Anna passed away one day before her 14th birthday. As we said our goodbyes, we left her with the promise that her legacy would live on.

Help us pen the next chapter in endangered wolf recovery by sharing Anna's story, by inviting friends to follow our Facebook page or become members, by adopting Anna in your name (or on behalf of a strong woman or matriarch in your life), or by making your own promise to be an advocate for wolves and wild places whose ecosystems depend on them.

Goodbye, dear Anna. Thank you for the inspiration, legacy and family you left behind. You will be desperately missed, but you have our promise — your story will continue...

For more about Anna, please visit
www.endangeredwolfcenter.org/legacy/anna



*Anna was photographed for National Geographic Magazine by Joel Sartore
 Joel Sartore/The Photo Ark*

N.C. commission's proposal threatens red wolf recovery

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has asked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to shut down the recovery program for the critically endangered red wolf. Specifically, North Carolina wants the only remaining wild population, comprised of a mere 62 known red wolves, removed from their state. They want the Fish and Wildlife Service to end a conservation program that's been in operation for over 30 years, and to declare the red wolf extinct in the wild.

The resolution comes on the heels of a thorough review of the red wolf recovery program by the Wildlife Management Institute (WMI), an independent organization that has conducted over 70 independent reviews of state and federal fish and wildlife programs.

The North Carolina commission claims that the review found "flaws" in the recovery program and that they were the basis for their decision. Virginia Busch, Executive Director of the Endangered Wolf Center near St. Louis, called the

commission's proposal "the antithesis of the WMI report."

Busch said that "it could effectively usher in the end for the red wolf species. It would be an unprecedented loss to America's natural heritage and landscape." In fact, contrary to the commission request, Busch points out that the WMI report asks not only for the program to continue but also for it to include "additional restoration areas to provide redundancy and resiliency for the program." However, Tom McKenzie of the USFWS said they're taking North Carolina's resolution seriously.

Regina Mossotti, Director of Animal Care and Conservation at the Endangered Wolf Center, said that if the Fish and Wildlife Service "follows through with this request, they will set a dangerous precedent that could negatively impact many endangered species." A decision was expected in March 2015. As of June 1, however, no decision has been announced.

Red wolves are the only large carnivore that is solely native to the United States, meaning it cannot be found in any other country.

Mossotti added, "If the red wolf goes extinct, it will be because American laws and practices were not strong enough to save it." This American species is a vital component to keeping the ecosystem healthy. You can help by asking your state and federal officials to protect the red wolf.



Itabi, one of the Center's four red wolves/Endangered Wolf Center photo

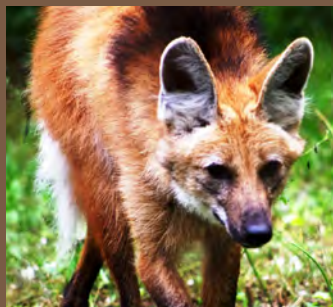
OBITUARIES

Freesia

Nov. 27, 2009 - May 11, 2015

Freesia and her sister Nina were born Nov. 27, 2009, at the Alexandria Zoo in Louisiana. They arrived at the Endangered Wolf Center on Aug. 13, 2010. Freesia had a distinct playful and curious personality — especially when keepers were present. She had a sweet and shy nature too that was complimented by her food motivation.

She could often be heard roar barking in the morning, requesting that keepers bring her breakfast. Being motivated by food and by keeper presence also meant that she excelled in her training. Freesia developed a rare bladder cancer that took over her bladder in just a few weeks. We were shocked at the suddenness of the loss, but we feel lucky to be able to still see a bit of her in Nina.



Torgerson

April 2004 - March 19, 2015

Mexican wolf male Torgerson, nicknamed Torgy, was born in the wild in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area. He was a member of the Francisco Pack, which unfortunately had depredated on livestock. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued a removal order. It is rare for wolves to take livestock, according to the USDA, with less than one percent of all cattle losses nationally attributed to wolves.

At age one, Torgy, his parents and their new litter were brought into managed care in New Mexico. Later, Torgy and one of his brothers, Amadeus, moved to the Endangered Wolf Center. Here they met Anna and the three bonded and formed a new pack. Animal keepers discovered a small cyst on Torgy's back during his annual exam and he was taken to the St. Louis Zoo to have it surgically removed. Sadly, Torgy passed away the day after surgery due to complications. He was such a fun wolf, always playing, scent rolling and acting as sentry. He will be greatly missed.

MAGGIE MCCOY

Youth Programs Coordinator

Maggie McCoy has always been passionate about animals, learning, and education. When Maggie isn't at the Endangered Wolf Center, she enjoys traveling and visiting any zoo or wildlife center she can. Her travels have taken her as far north as Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo and as far south as New Zealand's Orana Wildlife Park.



Before joining the Center in May 2015 as Youth Programs Coordinator, Maggie spent two years as a docent leading PredaTours on weekends. She has also worked for many years at the St. Louis Zoo at day camps, overnights and outreaches. Maggie is the staff member responsible for camps, Messy Play Days and other youth programs. Maggie has her bachelor's degree in Biology and her master's degree in Secondary Education from Loyola University in Chicago.

MICHELLE STEINMEYER

Volunteer

Michelle Steinmeyer's first encounter with the Endangered Wolf Center was at a school outreach program when she was in the eighth grade. Years later, in February 2007, she began her volunteer service at the Center.



She considers being at the Center her "de-stressor," as it involves being outdoors and around animals. "There is nothing like the howl of a wolf," she says.

Michelle is known for leading tours, hosting Wolf Howls and being a photographer for events at the Center.

Michelle enjoys hiking, kayaking, biking and camping. She also has a passion for photography and travel, which she does both for work and for pleasure.

Conservationist Leo Drey dies

Leo Drey, one of Missouri's greatest conservationists and philanthropists, died May 26, 2015 at his home in University City. He was 98. His obituary in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch stated succinctly: "... he became Missouri's largest private landowner. Then he gave it all away — to a foundation he set up to protect the land for the public." Mr. Drey was also a great friend and supporter of the Endangered Wolf Center.

RHIANNON E. MCKNIGHT

Board Trustee

Occupation: Veterinarian and owner of Vet Stop Animal Clinic P.C.

Education: BS and DVM at the University of Guelph, Canada. Internship in Large Animal Medicine and Surgery, University of Georgia.

Other: Rhiannon was born in England and grew up in Canada. She practiced large animal medicine in Georgia for several years before finding her home in Missouri in small animal medicine. She has two children, Raechel and Rhys.



BETH CAMPBELL

Board Trustee

Occupation: Retired accountant, most recently with SSM Healthcare.

Education: Graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis with a BSBA in Accounting.

Other: Beth says she is kept very busy as the mother of five active boys between the ages of 29 and 13. She enjoys traveling, scuba diving and trying about any adventure. She has dabbled in sailing, smooth water kayaking, flying and ziplining. She says she plays a little really bad golf, but enjoys doing anything to be outside. Beth is an active volunteer for charities, including Missouri Jaycees, Wentzville Lions, Boy Scouts and Wings of Hope.



ANDREW BAUR

Board Trustee

Occupation: CFO of Gladitood.com, an online platform for goodwill projects around the world to raise funds and rally volunteers. Former banking executive for more than 20 years with Boatmen's Bank, Southwest Bank and Enterprise Bank.

Education: Washington and Lee University, 1990. BA in History with a minor in Sociology/Anthropology. Salisbury School in Salisbury Connecticut, 1986.

Other: Active in numerous civic and philanthropic causes, including Matthews-Dickey Boys Club and Make a Wish Foundation. He has served on the Board of Trustees of Southwest Bank, Salisbury School, Muny Theater and the St. Louis Zoo.



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Our wild canids give a big "Howl of Recognition" to our new and current members who have increased their support to the Center.

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Barb Stampfli-Savill and Gary Savill, wonderful volunteers and supporters of the Center, offered a unique opportunity to Regina Mossotti, our Director of Animal Care and Conservation. She was given 90 seconds and one shopping cart to fill with anything she needed for the Animal Care Department. It's expensive to buy weed eaters, chainsaws, ladders and other tools needed to maintain the wolves' habitats. The shopping spree at the Home Depot in Sunset Hills helped immensely.

Check out the "Canid Cart Challenge" video www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vk7rpZU4UOw on the Center's YouTube channel. The Center thanks Barb and Gary for this thoughtful and wonderful donation. The "Canid Cart Challenge" is out there... can anyone else match Barb and Gary's challenge? Help save the world's most endangered species of wolves.

Donate online at www.endangeredwolfcenter.org or call 636-938-9306 for more information.



Regina Mossotti, Director of Animal Care and Conservation, with Barb Stampfli-Savill and Gary Savill, donors and volunteers, after the "Canid Cart Challenge" at Home Depot/Endangered Wolf Center photo

It's no secret: Polo Club is a great friend of the Center's

The Endangered Wolf Center is not the only organization trying to break out of being the best-kept secret here in St. Louis. There is another local secret known as the St. Louis Polo Club. The club was established in 1883 and it is the second-oldest existing polo club in the United States.

Ten years into the club's success, the first benefit match was held in October 1893 and benefited the St. Louis Children's Hospital. Polo players and their ponies have fascinated spectators while helping support amazing organizations for over a century. St. Louis Benefit Polo Inc. was then founded in 1982 to coordinate charity polo matches in St. Louis.

Steve Johnson is a dedicated volunteer at the Endangered Wolf Center and the

President of St. Louis Benefit Polo. He was able to combine his two favorite passions by forming a partnership between the two organizations. Since 2012, St. Louis Benefit Polo has included our Center as a recipient of their benefit matches to raise awareness and funds for the Center.



Susie Von Gontard (at right), Director of St. Louis Benefit Polo, and Peter Von Gontard present a check for \$5,000 to Executive Director Virginia Busch/Endangered Wolf Center photo

Recently the St. Louis Polo Club went above and beyond expectations when Susie Von Gontard, Director of St. Louis Benefit Polo, presented a check for \$5,000 to support the Endangered Wolf Center.

Join us, on June 20, 2015 for the Endangered Wolf Center's 4th Annual Charity Polo Match. Not only will this event feature world-renowned polo players, it will have mouth-watering food, entertainment and lots of activities for kids. It's unique family fun perfect for celebrating Father's Day weekend.

Until then, don't forget to let the secret out that the Endangered Wolf Center and the St. Louis Polo Club are great organizations located right in your backyard.

Trivia Night draws 340 players, raises more than \$23,300

Trivia Night 2015 was a huge success, attracting almost 340 players and setting a fundraising record for our annual trivia. The March 13 event at the Kirkwood Community Center raised more than \$23,300. Jay Smith was the Event Sponsor.

Virgil and Sandra VanTrease were Gift Shop Sponsors. Harvest Plaza Animal Hospital and St. Charles Animal Hospital and Clinic were Beverage Sponsors. Grey Eagle Distributors and Krey Distributing donated the Anheuser-Busch beer that was

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You can help us save resources and keep our records up-to-date by notifying us of new or incorrect mailing and email addresses. Together we will continue to keep you informed on wolf conservation issues.

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Small steps make big gifts! We heard you and we're responding to the many requests for a monthly donation program. We are proud to report that we have partnered with Caring Habits Inc. to make giving easy and safe for our members. Donations may now be made via credit card or bank account transfers either one-time or as a recurring gift.

How will the program work? Donors may visit our website at www.endangeredwolfcenter.org and click on the "Make A Donation" button. Just fill out the online form. If you'd like to learn more or have questions, our Development staff welcomes your calls.

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Havoc, one of our swift foxes



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