



Endangered Wolf Center  
ST. LOUIS, MO

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## *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

In recent months, I've watched the zoological community struggle with the concept of relevance, and how it relates to conservation, animal care and their mission. With so much of the wild in a state of crisis and our planet in the midst of its sixth extinction cycle inarguably brought on by humans, the great irony and tragedy is that the very institutions capable of affecting positive change for wildlife and wild places may themselves be on a path to extinction.

Over the last several years, animal rights extremists have devised powerful social media campaigns, in conjunction with agenda-based films positioned as documentaries, that have led many people to question how they feel about animals in zoological facilities.



It's not hard to convince a cynical society that most any corporation or institution is the bad guy, especially when the accuser operates under the auspices of an advocate. But by zoos attempting to take the high road and not enter into a fight with the playground bully, the bullies are winning. And in the end, without zoos and aquariums to inspire a connection to wildlife and wild places, it's the animals who will lose. And us, who will lose wild animals – those irreplaceable wonders who share our planet.

Zoological facilities are so much more than just the display of animals. They are institutions that:

- aid in species research, especially behavioral research that can be difficult if not impossible in the wild.
- inspire millions of guests each year to become environmental stewards, not just for the animals within the zoo but for the planet as a whole.
- provide boots-on-the-ground conservation, with specialized staff, veterinarian skills or funding.
- manage and breed endangered species for introduction back to the wild.
- provide enrichment activities to help keep the animals mentally and emotionally stimulated.

A nationwide study including more than 5,500 visitors from 12 AZA-accredited institutions found that visits to zoos and aquariums prompt individuals to reconsider their role in environmental problems and see themselves as part of the solution.

We cannot let a loud, ill-informed minority opinion manipulated by extremists create long-lasting policy changes, such as shutting down zoos. Yes, that is a strong statement but one that I truly believe can happen at an accelerated pace with the way social media can influence and drive decisions.

The Endangered Wolf Center is just one of many zoological institutions that directly interfaces with conservation in the wild. Our Mexican and red wolves are active candidates for release to the wild. Would the very same animal rights groups that are so against zoos want to shut us down? Absolutely. There is no gray area for groups like these.

Zoos and facilities such as ours have a responsibility to remain relevant. With 143 million combined visitors each year, no one else can replace their ability to engage, inspire and educate guests through up-close connections with animals. No one else has the expertise to research, breed toward species survival, study and advocate for animals through firsthand knowledge like zoos. We must remain on their side. Our living planet and her amazing animals are counting on us all.



Virginia Busch  
Executive Director

## 2016 Events

**Aug. 27:**  
Polo

**Oct. 8:**  
Wolf Fest

**Dec. 3:**  
Holiday Boutique

**Dec. 13:**  
Volunteer Holiday  
Potluck

### Messy Play Dates

July 17

Aug. 21

### Summer Camp Dates

July 11-15

July 18-22

July 25-29

### Fall Camp

Oct. 15

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](http://www.endangeredwolfcenter.org).

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**Design by Jim Kuchar  
Editing by Steve Parker**

**On the cover:** Fezz, one of our two fennec foxes. Endangered Wolf Center photo by Erin Kipp.



## Jewell Earns Volunteer Honor

Longtime volunteer Larry Jewell was honored as recipient of the 2016 Harrison Award for extraordinary contributions



to the Center. Guests see evidence of his contributions on every visit: The wood signs that identify buildings are his handiwork. He also is a frequent host (dressed in pioneer garb) of Campfire Wolf Howls and has served as the gate keeper and greeter for many years at Wolf Fest.

The Harrison Award was initiated in 2015, when it was given to its namesake, PJ Harrison, herself a longtime volunteer and former member and officer of the Center's Board of Trustees. During the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner April 10, Volunteer Coordinator Leslie Valdez unveiled a sign that honors the five volunteers who donated the most hours in 2015: Gail Meyers (1,026), Debbie Yauch (452.5), Michelle Steinmeyer (425.5), Sue Berra (357) and Karen Zelle (246.75).

## Wolves and Wine Auction Debuts

On Saturday, June 11, the Center held its first-ever Wolves & Wine Auction in St. Louis' Central West End neighborhood. Wine tastings and information booths were held at three art galleries: Duane

Reed, Philip Slein and projects+gallery, with the auction and wine tasting at Selkirk Auctioneers and Appraisers at 4739 McPherson Avenue in St. Louis.

## Follow Us on Facebook

We frequently share news about our animals and events on Facebook. More than 935,000 people follow us. Please like us on Facebook if you haven't already. Our largest group of followers by gender and age are women ages 18-24 (13 percent), followed by men 18-24 (11 percent), women 25-34 (10 percent) and women 45-54 (10 percent). You can also follow us on Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube and Pushup Social.

## New Five-Day Summer Camps

Summer Wolf Camp this year will be a five-day camp for children ages 6 to 12. Campers will be grouped by age.

Camps are June 13-17, June 20-24, July 11-15 and July 18-22. Camp is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Teen Camp in 2016 will be a four-day camp July 25-28 with an overnight on Thursday night for teens ages 13 to 15. Teen Camp is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The overnight is from 6:30 p.m. Thursday to 8:30 a.m. Friday.

The cost for all camps is \$200 per camper and \$180 for additional campers in the same family. Before care or after care is available upon request for all camps.

For more information, call the Center at 636-938-5900, visit our website or email [mmccoy@endangeredwolfcenter.org](mailto:mmccoy@endangeredwolfcenter.org).

## Messy Play Days

Our Education team is again asking your kids to make as big a mess as they want. Messy Play Days are scheduled for June 12, July 17 and Aug. 21. Kids from just walking to age 5 will discover nature through tactile activities and sensory crafts. Make sure to dress your child in clothes you don't mind getting really dirty. The cost is only \$8 per child. Parents are free. Special mini-tours of our animal enclosures will be available for

an additional \$10 per person these days only. There's no charge for a mini-tour for children enrolled in Messy Play.



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

These events are very popular, so call 636-938-5900 or visit our website now to reserve a spot. Walk-ups are accepted based on availability.

## New African painted dog pack arrives

The Endangered Wolf Center welcomed a new pack of five African painted dogs May 24. Selous (dad) and Destiny (mom) and their three 2-year-old pups Shaba, Akili and Mikumi moved here from the Good Zoo at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center in Wheeling, West Virginia.

They have had a blast exploring their new spacious wooded habitat. Selous and Destiny are a breeding pair and we are hoping for more pups in the future. Please come meet this playful family and learn about African painted dogs.

# Educational programs near and far

Are you looking to offer your children exciting and hands-on learning opportunities? The Endangered Wolf Center can offer these interactive programs and more. You can now experience the Center in places all around St. Louis and all over the world through our outreach programs.

### School Outreach Programs

Teachers can bring the Center into their classroom. We offer 18 different fun, hands-on educational programs that will enhance the learning experience for every child. There are topics appropriate for all grades preschool through high school.

Young children can answer the question, "What does the fox say?" in a program that combines song with animal sounds.

Elementary students will learn about folklore and negative stories about wolves that have made people afraid of them. Students will be empowered to write their own positive "wolf tales" by the end of the class.

Middle school and high school students can dive into how our keepers care for the animals here at the Center. Students will also explore how the Center directly contributes to saving wolves in the wild. Teachers can upgrade their program with a fennec fox visit to their classroom.

Our ambassador fennec foxes, Daisy and Fezz, can visit your classroom during one of our school outreach programs. Having a fennec fox visit is an incredible opportunity for children to connect to nature.

To select and book an outreach for your classroom, please call the Center at 636-938-5900 or visit our website at [www.endangeredwolfcenter.org](http://www.endangeredwolfcenter.org).

### Distance Learning Programs

Schools around the world can take advantage of the Center's distance learning programs. These interactive classes take place using Google Hangouts that allow students to ask questions in real time with the instructor.

These programs give students around the world access to the Center's collection of skulls, pelts, animal photos and videos – all without leaving their classroom.

These distance learning programs allow us to reach new audiences, especially those in the recovery areas of the Mexican wolf and red wolf. Already, we have taught programs about Mexican wolves to children in Arizona. Outreach programs like these are vital to the recovery effort of both wolf species.

For any questions or to schedule a program, please contact Youth Programs Coordinator Maggie McCoy at 636-938-5900 or [mmccoy@endangeredwolfcenter.org](mailto:mmccoy@endangeredwolfcenter.org)



Students meeting Daisy the fennec fox at Holy Cross Academy, Our Lady of Providence campus in Crestwood. Endangered Wolf Center photo.

# Page for Pups

## Fennec Foxes



Fennec foxes are the newest addition to the Endangered Wolf Center. To the left is Fezz with one of his enrichment items.

Enrichment items are anything the keepers give the animals to help stimulate natural behaviors. This big heart is full of Fezz's favorite food.

Fezz has to figure out how to open the heart in order to get his food. In the wild, fennec foxes have to dig and search for food which is what Fezz has to do to get food out of the heart.

## Try making your own enrichment

You can make enrichment for your pets at home just like our keepers make for the animals at the Center.

1. Find a paper towel tube.
2. Put your pet's favorite food items in the tube.
3. Fold down the ends of the tube to seal it.
4. Give it to your pet and let them enjoy.  
Remember to watch your pet while they play with enrichment so they do not eat the cardboard.
5. Try it again by adding something new. Poke holes in the tube or add a dash of spice.

You can always add something new or try something different. By changing the enrichment, you will keep your pet engaged and interested.

*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*

## Student Poems

### Fennec fox

*A fennec fox likes to talk  
While he stalks  
On a walk watching hawks  
Wearing his Crocs without socks*

*He clocks the walk  
And squawks the talk  
While the canid jocks may gawk  
At the fox while he rocks out  
With his boom box*

*'Watch for aftershocks!'  
While he's on that walk  
Watching hawks,  
picking up shamrocks*

*He hits a roadblock from a seahawk  
Wearing a Mohawk  
He Sherlocks the gridlock  
And avoids pulling a flintlock  
To changes his socks  
to wear at the boardwalk  
Bringing it home with Goldilocks  
And asking you what happens when a  
Fennec fox stalks and talks*

*By Zach, 3rd grade, Lindbergh Schools*



*By Cristina, 3rd grade, Lindbergh Schools*





# Four Mexican wolf pups fly to freedom

Pups born at the Center are cross-fostered into litters in the wild in New Mexico and Arizona

By Regina Mossotti

Endangered Wolf Center staff members flew with two groups of critically endangered Mexican wolf pups from St. Louis to the Southwest to cross-foster them into wild packs. One pair of pups flew to New Mexico on April 23 and the other pair went to Arizona on May 9.

This historic collaborative effort between the Endangered Wolf Center and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service represents the first time that Mexican wolf pups born in captivity have been “adopted out” into the wild. Cross-fostering is a technique where wolf pups from one litter are placed into another litter. The wolf mother will adopt the additions as her own.

Lindbergh (male pup mp1461) and Vida (female pup fp1462) were among pups born at the Endangered Wolf Center on April 15, 2016, to Sibi and Lazarus.



Their remaining brothers and sisters are doing great, and Sibi and Lazarus have been spectacular parents. Linda (fp1480) and Valeria (fp1481) were among a litter of four produced May 2 by Mack and Vera.



Lead Keeper Tracy Rein and Board Member and veterinarian Rhiannon McKnight with precious cargo (pups Linda and Valeria) at 5 a.m. before their flight to Arizona. Endangered Wolf Center photo.

After the litters were born, the Center got the call that wild litters might have been born about the same time. The Center has been hoping for and preparing for a cross-foster opportunity for several years, so it was ready to go once given the green light.

"Years of work went into this moment," said Regina Mossotti, Director of Animal Care and Conservation, "and we are elated to be a part of history and to work with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Getting these pups from a den in St. Louis to a den in



Regina Mossotti and Emma Miller of Animal Care hiking to the den in New Mexico with wolf pups in the backpack. Endangered Wolf Center photo.

New Mexico and Arizona successfully was a milestone and nothing short of exhilarating — and exhausting!"

Lindbergh and Vida flew to New Mexico under the care of Mossotti and Animal

Keeper Emma Miller. Valeria and Linda flew to Arizona with Lead Keeper Tracy Rein and veterinarian Rhiannon McKnight, who is a member of the Center's Board of Trustees.

"Our staff is the best in the field," said Virginia Busch, Executive Director of the Endangered Wolf Center, "and they did an excellent job of making sure these pups were warm, safe and healthy every step of their way to the wild."

Once Center staff arrived on the ground, they drove a long way with a Fish and Wildlife Service team to get as close to the den as possible. The staff then hiked — with very precious cargo being carried on their back — about a mile-and-a-half at approximately 8,000 feet elevation up the side of a mountain, to get within about a half mile of the den. There, the staff checked on the pups one more time and then handed them over to the Fish and Wildlife Service veterinarian and field biologist so they could take them the rest of the way and put them in their new den.

In both cases, when the field team arrived at the den they found five pups in the wild litter. The field team moved quickly and took extra care to minimize any disturbance at the den. When the Center's pups were put in the den, they were rubbed with dirt, fur and urine from the wild pups to help them smell like the wild pups.

The field biologists were able to check the mother's locations via her GPS collar, and were able to tell that both mothers went back to their families and have stayed after the field team left. The Fish and Wildlife Service is also supplement-feeding the packs with elk near their den site to help them handle the slight increase in their litter size.

"Wolf mothers are very nurturing; their maternal instincts are strong," Busch said.

This technique of inserting captive born pups into wild dens had never been tried with Mexican wolves. With fewer than 100 individuals left in the wild, these four pups represent a vital new component of the

recovery effort and hope for the future of this species. Most importantly, placing pups from captivity into a wild litter helps increase genetic diversity in the small population, which is needed to keep the population healthy. It is also a perfect way to have wild parents (with an established territory and experience) raise and teach the pups how to survive.

Cross-fostering has been extremely successful with wild red wolves for many years. But intense mountainous terrain and logistics make it a challenge in Mexican wolf habitat. Timing also has to be just right. Wild and captive litters have to be born within a few days of each other, and generally the transfer from captivity to the wild has to occur before the pups are 10 days old. This means the wild den location needs to be known, a flight



Mexican wolf pups Linda and Valeria. Endangered Wolf Center photo.

needs to be scheduled, perfect weather conditions need to exist and many other logistics need to be coordinated.

We cannot wait to follow these four pups on their journey with their new families. You can follow Lindbergh and Vida in the SBP Pack in New Mexico and Valeria and Linda in the Panther Creek Pack in Arizona through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's monthly updates ([http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/mexicanwolf/brwrp\\_notes.cfm](http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/mexicanwolf/brwrp_notes.cfm)). Look for the pup's studbook numbers to see how they are doing. The Center is proud to have helped in developing a new conservation tool for the critically endangered Mexican wolf and we hope these pups' howls can echo across the landscape for years to come.

Regina Mossotti is Director of Animal Care and Conservation at the Endangered Wolf Center.

## Experts gather to discuss status of swift foxes

Lead Keeper Tracy Rein, coordinator of the Swift Fox Species Survival Plan, was among the biologists and wildlife managers from the United States and Canada and Native American tribes at the SSP meeting in April in Fort Collins, Colorado. Tribal lands have played an important role in saving this species by providing land to do releases and restoration.



Lead Keeper Tracy Rein.

Swift fox experts shared reports and updates on research, species populations in the wild and in managed care, and monitoring projects. Discussions regarding

challenges that swift foxes face focused on issues involving both humans and animals.

Humans are still playing a major role in limiting the recovery of this tiny fox. Climate change has had a negative impact on this species. Areas that once were short-grass prairies with limited rainfall are now enduring heavy rains, which have changed the type of grasses and increased the density and height of foliage in many areas. Swift foxes use short-grass prairies for hunting and denning and are not doing well on the new landscape or have been pushed completely out of the area by the taller grass. Many swift foxes are also being hit by cars or poisoned.

Predation by coyotes is another major issue. Studies will be looking at the relationship between coyote numbers (which are not being kept in check by larger predators like wolves because wolves have been extirpated from many of these areas) and swift fox numbers. In areas where coyotes are actively being removed, swift foxes are doing better. The bubonic plague went through the prairie dog populations in



Sly, one of six swift foxes at the Center. Endangered Wolf Center photo by Andy Wilson.

recent years decimating an important food source for the foxes and decreasing habitat. Swift foxes often use prairie dog towns for den sites.

Through many challenges, it seems as though the swift fox population is staying steady and has even naturally moved back into some of its former historic range. North Dakota reported that a breeding pair has recently moved into the state. Education and conservation programs like the one at the Endangered Wolf Center are critical to keeping this keystone prairie species on the landscape.

## Mexican wolf and red wolf groups to hold historic joint meeting

This summer members of both the Mexican and the Red Wolf Species Survival Plans will converge in Yellowstone National Park for a historic joint meeting. The joint session Aug. 1-3 marks the first time the two SSPs will come together to work on conservation efforts for two of the most endangered carnivores in the world.

The meeting will be co-hosted by the Endangered Wolf Center along with Wolf Haven International in Tenino, Washington, and the Wolf Conservation Center in Salem, New York. Biologists, geneticists, veterinarians, government officials and zoo professionals will share information and work on a conservation strategy both in the wild and in managed care.

About 40 red wolves exist in the wild, all in North Carolina. The Mexican wolf has about 100 wolves left in the wild, mostly in

New Mexico and Arizona. Fifty-four institutions house Mexican wolves across Mexico and the United States, and 45 facilities house red wolves in the United States.

The backdrop is perfect for this meeting. Gray wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park in 1995 and, although they have faced many challenges, are recovering in that area. Yellowstone Wolf Project Leader Doug Smith, who was on the ground when the first wolves were reintroduced there, will be the keynote speaker.

If you would like to support the Endangered Wolf Center in hosting this conference please visit [www.endangeredwolfcenter.org](http://www.endangeredwolfcenter.org) or call 636-938-9302 to make a donation.



## JIM KUCHAR

### Volunteer

Jim Kuchar's creative talents were discovered in the fifth grade, when he was inspired by an ambassador wolf visit from the Center to draw the wolf's portrait on the classroom chalkboard. His teacher thought the portrait was so good she would not allow anyone to erase it for weeks.

This set a spark in him to follow a creative path, and eventually use his talents to create newsletters, banners and other graphics for the Endangered Wolf Center. He also volunteers at the Center's events and work days. And he has volunteered for years with Missouri Stream Teams and Missouri River Relief.

Kuchar is a native St. Louisan and graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a master's degree in Education. He says he is a graphic designer at heart, with cross-training in education technology and website management. He also taught at Jefferson College. He currently does web content management and social media at Joyce Meyer Ministries.

He loves to do what he calls "somewhat long-distance road bicycling," usually about 50 to 100 miles.



## ANGELENA MATHES

### Receptionist

Growing up in a small family, Angelena Mathes' passion for animals as a child soon caused her family to grow with the addition of numerous pets — ranging from guinea pigs, gerbils, to cats and dogs, she enjoyed a plethora of furry friends in her childhood.

Her love of animals never waned in adulthood, though her interest in learning languages proved to be strong competition. Japanese, German, Spanish, Latin, and most recently Tamil are just some of the languages she has studied. With the goal of becoming a language teacher, she studied education at Webster University.

In September 2013, she took an internship with the Endangered Wolf Center. After her internship ended in December 2013, she graduated from Webster with a B.A. in Educational Studies along with a certificate in German and a minor in Spanish. She continued volunteering at the Center as a docent, and it wasn't long after that Angelena happily accepted the position as a receptionist and is now living her dream of being the "voice and face" of the Center.



## OBITUARIES

### Dogo

Jan. 30, 2003-March 5, 2016



### Tsavo

Jan. 30, 2003-March 17, 2016



**Tsavo and Dogo** were the last surviving of the five African painted dog brothers who came to the Center almost 13 years ago from the Denver Zoo when they were 10 months old. We lost these two boys due to severe arthritis that caused them to lose their ability to move around well and it was decided to humanely euthanize them.

They had a strong bond their entire lives. One of our favorite memories is when they would play tag with a piece of fur they received for enrichment. One of the boys would run around and the four others would chase him, then he would drop it and another brother would grab it and they would all chase him.

Dillon, our remaining painted dog female, just moved to her new home at Albuquerque Biopark Zoo and met her new family of three males.

We make every effort to acknowledge all gifts received and to maintain accurate records. If you discover a discrepancy or have questions please call Judith at 636-938-9306.

## NEW AND UPGRADING MEMBERS

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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Ms. Donna King  
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The Endangered Wolf Center Trivia Night 2016 was a huge success. Make plans now to be at 2017's event.

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Polo and Members' Day have new dates on the calendar. In past years, the Charity Polo Match has been held in June and Members' Day has been held in November. This year, they've shifted seasons, in hopes of making Polo less dependent on weather.



Action at the 2015 Polo match. Endangered Wolf Center photo by Michelle Steinmeyer.

Rain affected Polo each of the past two years. Even if the sun is shining bright on the day of the event, rain in the days

beforehand can make the field unsafe for horses and players. In 2014, days of heavy rain forced us to switch from horses to golf carts. In 2015, rain postponed Polo from June 20 to Aug. 29.

This year, Polo will be held Saturday, Aug. 27, again on Kräftig Field at the Blue Heron Farms in Defiance, Missouri. It runs from 3 to 6 p.m. We'll be sending updates on our website, via mail, email and social media. Or you can call 636-938-9306.

Taking advantage of the open date in June, we switched Members' Day to Saturday, June 25. On that date, we closed to the public and honored our members with a day filled with fun. Members got their first peek at the newborn wolf pups.

It was a hot day and we are evaluating switching back to fall.

Wolf Fest 2016 will be Saturday, Oct. 8. More than 2,000 people typically attend our annual open house, which runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Watch for more news on our website and social media.



Jonathan Offi and his high-flying agility dogs appeared at Wolf Fest 2015. Endangered Wolf Center photo.

Call 636-938-9306 or visit [www.endangerewolfcenter.org](http://www.endangerewolfcenter.org) to learn about membership and sponsorship opportunities these great events offer.



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Nopal, one of two maned wolves at the Center. Endangered Wolf Center photo by Andy Wilson.



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