



Winter 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

We tend to think of spring as the season for rebirth. However, for the Endangered Wolf Center, fall is the time of year when many new animals are welcomed to our family. This year our new members include seven red wolves, one maned wolf, two fennec foxes and two Mexican wolves. It is a time of new beginnings for the Center. As our animals settle in, we are hopeful each new wolf pair will form a loving bond and breed, as puppies in the springtime are always a highlight at the Center and important to the survival of their species.



I am most excited to introduce fennec foxes Daisy and Fezz to our family as they begin our new Animal Ambassador program. Daisy and Fezz will be joining the Education team to enhance our onsite and outreach Education programs. They will help introduce St. Louis children to the wild world of animal biology, adaptations, evolution and ecosystem health. Read more about our ambassador foxes on Page 8.

Lastly, I came across a quote from 1997 from Carol Perkins, who founded our Center along with her husband Marlin. Eighteen years later, her words still ring true to our mission and are at the heart of what the Center is all about:

"This was our passion. This was our quest. We did all that we could to save the wolves. I pray that somewhere wolves will live wild and free. Because we stayed the course."

Wolves are howling in the wild today because of visionaries like Carol and Marlin Perkins – and caring people like you. We thank you.

Warmly,

Virginia Busch
Executive Director



Daisy, the Center's new female fennec fox. / Endangered Wolf Center photo.

2016 Events

March 18:

Trivia

April 10:

Volunteer
Appreciation Dinner

June 25:

Members' Day

Aug. 27:

Polo

Oct. 8:

Wolf Fest

Dec. 3:

Holiday Boutique

Dec. 13:

Volunteer
Holiday Potluck

Messy Play Days

June 12

July 17

Aug. 21

Winter Camp

Jan. 2

Spring Camp

March 14

March 21

Summer Camp

June 13-17

June 20-24

July 11-15

July 18-22

July 25-29

Fall Camp

Oct. 15

Mini Camps

April 23

May 21

Keep an eye on the events
calendar on our website at
www.endangeredwolfcenter.org.

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On the cover: Photo of
red wolf Kai by Michelle
Steinmeyer. Story on Page 6

ANNA ON EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

We're thrilled that our very own Anna was among the photos of animals projected on the Empire State Building on a Saturday night in August during a tribute to endangered species.

The display was part of a promotion for the Discovery Channel's world premiere Dec. 2 of "Racing Extinction," a film by Louie Psihoyos. The photo of Anna was taken by Joel Sartore for The Photo Ark and appeared in National Geographic. Anna, the legendary matriarch of the Center, gave birth to 41 pups in four separate litters. She died on April 21, 2015, the day before her 14th birthday.

Read more about Anna at

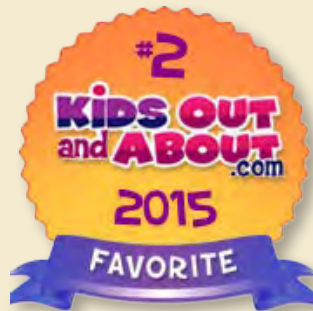
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A GREAT PLACE FOR KIDS

The Endangered Wolf Center is ranked No. 2 on the Kids Out and About St. Louis 2015 list of the Top 20 Places to Take Kids in St. Louis, finishing behind only the St. Louis Zoo.

The rankings are made by the public in midyear balloting on the Kids Out and About website, www.saintlouis.kidsoutandabout.com. In 2014, the Center was ranked No. 4 on the Top 20 list. For the second year in a row, Kids Out and About had an information booth at Wolf Fest, our annual open house, and shared ideas about other great places for kids in the region.



BOOK A PRIVATE EVENT

Looking for a unique rehearsal dinner venue? Want to be the coolest parent around and have your child's birthday party at a place the kids will never forget? Do your employees need a fun team-building experience? Need a special location for a special event? The Endangered Wolf Center is your answer for all of these needs and more.

We have recently expanded our offerings at the Center to include a huge variety of special program opportunities. From daytime programs, to evening howls, to overnight campout programs, we would love to design a custom event just for you.

Please contact Ashley Rearden, Director of Education, at 636-938-5900 or arearden@endangeredwolfcenter.org with any questions or to schedule a program today.

PETER & THE WOLF & US

On Thanksgiving weekend, guests at the St. Louis Symphony's production of Peter and the Wolf were treated to the truth



about wolves. The Symphony invited us to have an insert in their program playbill. Plus we had an information table at Powell Symphony Hall for all three performances. We're most appreciative of the Symphony's generous invitation and to Marguerite Perkins Garrick for arranging it.

NEW DATES FOR TWO EVENTS

Our list of 2016 events on Page 2 shows that some events have shifted seasons. Polo, previously held in June, will be Aug. 27. Rain has affected our Polo event each of the last two years. (In 2014, we switched from horses to golf carts and 2015's event was postponed from June 20 to Aug. 29.) Even if it's not raining on the scheduled Polo date, rain from several days before can make the field unsafe for horses and players.

And in June in St. Louis, it rains a lot. Hence, the switch to August. But June also has some of St. Louis' most beautiful weather, which makes it appropriate for Members' Day — the day we close to the public and honor our members with a day filled with fun activities. Members' Day 2016 will be June 25. We are hoping to give our members a first look at puppies.

Center offers unique opportunities for scouts

By Ashley Rearden

There is no better place to jump into nature than the Endangered Wolf Center, which is why the Center is the perfect place for your next scout excursion. Looking for badge work opportunities? Interested in camping with wolves? Trying to find the perfect place for your next den meeting? The Endangered Wolf Center is the place for all this and more.

Daytime Scout Programs

The Endangered Wolf Center is a great place to bring your scouts for a rare learning experience with the best natural backdrop in the area.

Our daytime programs are offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Reservations are required and easily made by calling the Center. The cost for each program is \$8 per person, with two leaders per program being free. There is a minimum \$80 fee per program.

Private Campfire Wolf Howls

Schedule your next group outing or meeting at the Endangered Wolf Center and enjoy an experience not soon to be forgotten. Your group will sit around a roaring campfire while you hear stories that portray wolves in a good, accurate light. After the

The cost for this program is \$12 for children (4-14 years old) and \$15 for adults, with a \$350 minimum per program.

Overnight Campouts

Camping experiences are available everywhere, but only here can you camp with wolves. Your group will have the opportunity to fulfill requirements for a camping badge, or just come out for a fun night your scouts will never forget. You will set up your tents, build a fire, lead a campfire program, cook your dinner outdoors, and listen to the majestic sound of wolves howling as you drift off to sleep. Before you depart in the morning, you will have the opportunity to take a quick trip down to see the wolves. It truly doesn't get more unique than this.

Campouts are offered Wednesday through Saturday. Reservations are required and easily made by calling the Center.

The cost for the overnight program is \$20 per person, with a minimum of 20 people or \$400 per program. Two leaders per program are free. Firewood is provided, but please bring your own tents, camping supplies and food.

Whether it's for a daytime program, a campfire wolf howl or a camping experience you will never forget, we can't wait to see you at the Endangered Wolf Center.

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

Ashley Rearden is the Director of Education at the Endangered Wolf Center.



A visit to see our maned wolves is just one possibility for your scout group./Endangered Wolf Center photo.

We proudly offer fun, high-quality educational programs to help all levels of scouts qualify for badges. Or simply come out to learn all about the conservation efforts being done at the Center and the incredible animals who call this place home.

For specific badge work available to your scout group, please call the Center at 636-938-5900 or visit our website at www.endangeredwolfcenter.org.

stories stop, the real fun begins with a walk down Howl Road where you and your group will howl to the wolves, then listen for them to howl back! The evening comes to an end in our classroom and gift shop where you can enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.

Our Private Campfire Wolf Howls are offered Wednesday through Sunday in the evenings. These programs are about two hours long. Reservations are required and easily made by calling the Center.

PAGE FOR PUPS

RED WOLVES



Red wolves are one of the amazing species you can see at the Center. Did you know that red wolves are endemic to the United States? That means they are only found in the United States and nowhere else in the world.

There used to be red wolves in Missouri so they are very good at camouflaging in the woods. Can you find the red wolf in this picture?

Come by the Endangered Wolf Center and see if you can find our red wolves!

RED WOLF POETRY

Can you write your own wolf poem?
Each word or line should start with
the letter at the beginning.

R _____

E _____

D _____

W _____

O _____

L _____

F _____

Share this poem with your friends and family!

RED WOLF FREESTYLE

First, let me tell you about
the red wolves,
Haven't been in Missouri
since 1950,
When you think about that it's
been over 50 years,
So let's bring them back
to the wild,
So let's bring them back!

By Michael, Kale, Matthew, Evan and Anthony,
Endangered Wolf Center Campers

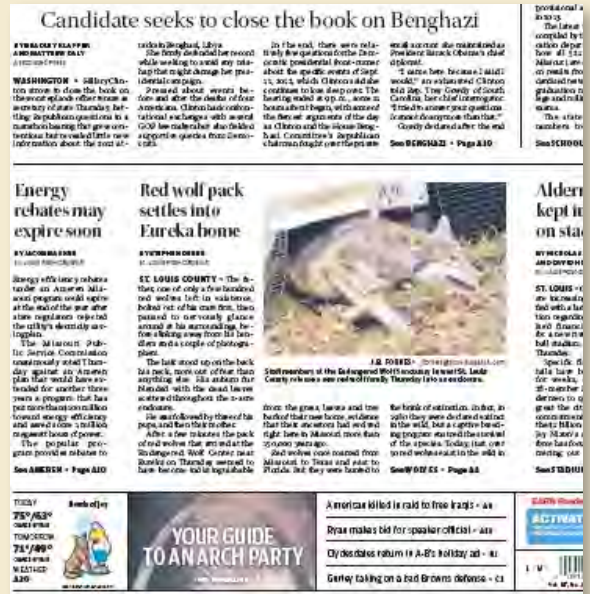
The Center welcomes poetry submissions from local grade and high school students for upcoming newsletters. Poems should be about wolves or nature, and no longer than a half-page. Selected poets will get a free tour. Please send poems, with your name, grade and school, to Regina Mossotti, P.O. Box 760,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

Red wolf pack finds a new home at the Center

The Center became the new home of a red wolf pack on Oct. 22, 2015, when Mom (Kai), Dad (Paco) and their four pups (then 6 months old) moved in.

The pack moved to the Center from the Niabi Zoo in Coal Valley, Illinois. Because the parents have unique genetics that are important to the survival of their species, the Red Wolf Species Survival Plan asked that they remain as a breeding pair. The Endangered Wolf Center was selected as their home because it is one of just a few facilities with enclosures large enough to house a multigenerational pack.

Multigenerational packs are extremely important because the yearlings can help the parents raise a new litter. The yearlings learn valuable skills such as how to protect, feed, discipline and care for the pups. These skills translate to successful pack leaders when they are released into the wild. News of this pack's arrival made the front page of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, helping spread the word about this critically endangered species.



A new pack of six red wolves arrived at the Center in October 2015./Endangered Wolf Center photo by Michelle Steinmeyer.

We can save a wolf that's truly 'Made in the USA'

By Regina Mossotti

This past summer, the Center was chosen to host the national Red Wolf Species Survival Plan Annual Meeting. Biologists, zoo professionals and government officials from across the nation came here with one goal: Save the critically endangered red wolf. The meeting was successful and inspirational — it lit a fire in everyone who attended...and it could not have come at a more important time. Just one month before the meeting, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that it would suspend all red wolf releases into the wild, and some management efforts, until an evaluation of the overall program was completed.



Bumper sticker available in our gift shop.

Sadly, this was a result of pressure on North Carolina from a few individuals in the state who do not want wolves near them. With only 50 known individual red wolves left in the wild, any loss of conservation efforts for this critically endangered species is devastating.

And I have to add a note: All of these actions have occurred because of a few individuals who don't want wolves on or near their land or who do not want the political pressure that comes from protecting a carnivore.

A few individuals, with very loud voices, spreading misinformation, have somehow pushed for ending the red wolf recovery program.

This is heartbreaking because the red wolf, to me, is more American than apple pie and baseball combined. It is the only large carnivore that is solely native to the United States, meaning it can't be found in any other country. It is truly "Made in the USA."

We judge other countries and say, "How can you let your lion, your panda or your rhino go extinct?" Yet in our very own nation the red wolf is edging closer to the brink of extinction. This species' fate rests solely on our shoulders. But I am full of hope. We have started to rally our troops. The Center's staff, in collaboration with other Species Survival Plan members, designed a new conservation campaign for the red wolf: REDiscover WOLVES. This campaign was launched just a few months ago nationwide and we are asking the public to step up and get the word out about the world's most endangered wolf.

The truth is we can save this species. If a handful of loud voices can nearly shut down a recovery program, imagine what the voices of everyone reading this article could do! No, don't just imagine. Stand up and join us in the fight to save the red wolf, our one-of-a-kind American treasure.

You can make a difference. You have already helped change the world. The Center has literally helped save the Mexican wolf and red wolf from extinction. As a St. Louisan, I am so proud to know that we have done that



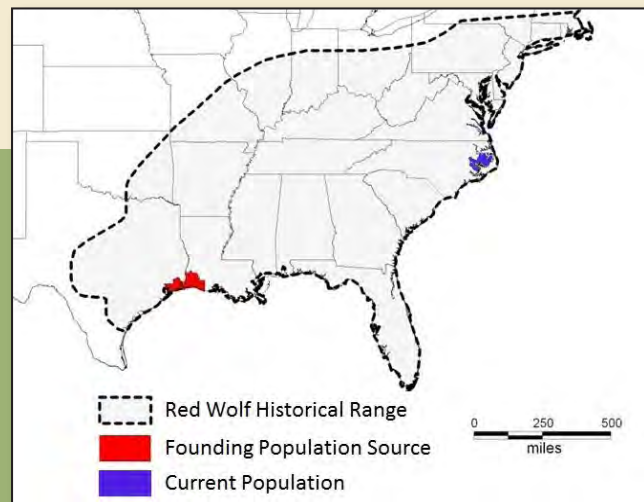
Endangered Wolf Center photo.

in our own backyard ...but we could not have done that without you. But as you can see, our work is not done and our passionate staff, volunteers and supporters are ready to stand and make a difference. We CAN and we WILL continue to pave the way in conservation and ensure that our children grow up in a nation where the howl of the wolf still echos across the landscape, especially the beautiful howl of the red wolf.

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

Did you know?

Red wolves used to be native to Missouri, Arkansas and the Southeastern United States. Today, they can only be found in a tiny area on the coast of North Carolina.



Fennec foxes join our family as ambassador animals

We are thrilled to announce that the Endangered Wolf Center has joined the Fennec Fox Species Survival Plan. The fennec fox, native to the deserts of North Africa, is the smallest canid species, weighing on average 1.5 to 3 pounds as adults.

This spring we were able to partner with the St. Louis Zoo and assist with caring for two little kits, Daisy and Daphne. Their mother had been trying to care for them but was very nervous. Eventually the decision was made by Zoo staff to pull the litter and hand-rear them. Hand-rearing, however, is very time-intensive and the Zoo had a commitment to complete an AZA grant studying differences between fennec foxes in breeding and education roles. Therefore the Species Survival Plan coordinator asked if we would help the Zoo raise the kits. The goal was to raise the girls at the Center until the Zoo had completed the grant and was ready to take back one of the sisters. Because they are genetically important, one or both sisters will eventually receive a breeding recommendation, but until then, they would serve another important role as animal ambassadors.

In the month that we were waiting for them to be old enough to transfer here, our staff, volunteers and donors helped prepare the Center for their arrival. First, an indoor enclosure was built

to keep them safe at night and during severe weather. Then, construction was completed on one of the largest outdoor fennec enclosures in the

Joining the Fennec Fox Species Survival Plan is exciting. Not only do we have a desert species for guests to see, but it also adds a new element for the



Fezz, a male fennec fox./Endangered Wolf Center photo.

United States. Once the girls were a few months old, they came to the Center. This summer, as the girls grew, we worked with them to ensure they would be good ambassadors. In October, as planned, we said goodbye to Daphne, who returned to the Zoo.

We then said hello to Fezz, a 4-year-old male ambassador fennec who had been living at Busch Gardens in Tampa. Fezz and Daisy have been bonding over the past few weeks and Fezz is quickly getting used to his new surroundings and caregivers. He is a playful and handsome fox and weighs a whopping 3 pounds, 3 ounces.

Center since the fennecs can join us at outreach events. It has been shown that ambassador animals help increase connections with and empathy for endangered species.

So we hope they will raise awareness about our outreach programs — who doesn't want to meet the cutest little foxes in the world! — and help raise awareness about the critically endangered species we are working to save. These foxes will help us change the future for Mexican wolves and red wolves by teaching people why they should love and care about wildlife and nature.

Center is helping test expandable collars for pups

The three Mexican wolf pups born April 17 to Sibi and Lazarus are almost full grown and are doing great. The two females, Rachel and Isabella, are a little bit bigger than their brother and all three are playful.

The Center is helping the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) research a new expandable radio collar that can be used on growing pups. Sadly, some Mexican wolf pups are not surviving in the wild, which can be devastating to a population that only has 110 wolves in the wild.

It has been difficult for FWS to determine what causes the deaths because it cannot locate the tiny bodies in over 7,000

square miles of wilderness in Arizona and New Mexico.



Mexican wolf pup Rachel wearing a test collar. /Endangered Wolf Center photo.

So scientists designed a collar that can grow with the pups. After the collars are put on wild pups, biologists may not see them again for a year. Because of this, the collars need to be tested first to make sure they work properly. Our Animal Care team can see the pups several times a day, including watching them closely through our webcams, and can make sure the collars are expanding properly. This research is vital in helping FWS better manage the wild population.

Meet the Keepers

Jen Wouk is from Missouri and has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Jen completed an internship at the St. Louis Zoo, where she worked on restoring the endangered Ozark hellbender. She also managed a pet store and was a professional animal trainer.

Emma Miller grew up in a small agricultural community in Missouri where she raised sheep and swine for the county fair. She graduated in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and a minor in Captive Wild Animal Management from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She had internships at the St. Louis Zoo and Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield, Missouri.

Sarah Holaday grew up in New Jersey and Florida. She has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Florida State University. She worked with wild



Animal keepers Sarah Holaday, Jen Wouk and Emma Miller.

animals at a rehabilitation center and interned at the Naples Zoo in Florida and Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Before she came to the Center, she was a keeper at the Wildcat Sanctuary in Sandstone, Minnesota.

Rein is new coordinator of Swift Fox SSP

Congratulations to Tracy Rein, the Center's lead animal keeper, who has been named the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Species Survival Plan Coordinator. Rein joined the Center's staff in 1997. Since 2007, she has been a full-time animal keeper.

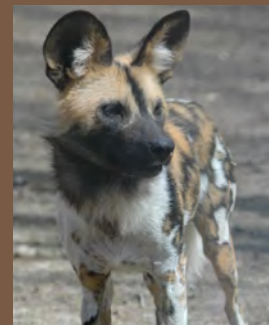


Tracy Rein and one of our swift foxes.

Datoga

Jan. 30, 2003 - July 29, 2015

Datoga, one of five African painted dog brothers who lived for many years at the Center, died in July at age 12 ½, which is extremely old for a painted dog. All who knew Datoga miss him deeply, but we are able to feel comfort in the fact that he was able to experience so many things in his time here. He lived an extraordinarily long and healthy life, he lived with his family the entire time, had a large enclosure with lots of enrichment and was well-cared for at the Center. Our camp kids nicknamed him "Super Dog" because he had an "S" mark on his back leg. And to us, he will always be a super dog.



Walter Crawford, Feb. 3, 1945 - July 17, 2015

Walter Crawford, our good friend and founder of our neighbor World Bird Sanctuary, died in July from complications after surgery. As the World Bird Sanctuary noted on its website: "With the blessing and support of the Zoo's Director Emeritus, Marlin Perkins, in 1977 Crawford founded what eventually came to be known as the World Bird Sanctuary." His strong voice for conservation will be greatly missed.



OBITUARIES

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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.

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Our 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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Large Wolf Fest crowd sees fan favorites, new attractions

More than 2,000 people spent a beautiful fall day at the Endangered Wolf Center for Wolf Fest 2015, on Saturday, Oct. 10. Emerson sponsored the event for the second year in a row.



Jonathan Offi and his agility dogs thrilled the Wolf Fest crowd. Endangered Wolf Center photo by Michelle Steinmeyer.

Wolf Fest 2015 featured more exhibitors and vendors than ever before, including many of the fan favorites. David Jackson and his Conservation Ambassadors returned, as well as Jonathan Offi and his high-flying agility dogs.

Other exhibitors & activities included:

The Butterfly House
Crown Ridge Tiger Sanctuary
Kids Out and About
Ladybug Snow Cones
Longmeadow Ranch Rescue Barn Buddies
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Here were the sponsors of Wolf Fest 2015:

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Linda Straubinger meeting a porcupine at the Pre-Wolf Fest Party.

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Members enjoy their day with three separate events

Members' Day 2015, on Saturday, Nov. 7, was a huge success, with more than 400 people taking part.



Jeffery Dudding and Dianne Meyer posing in front of Rogue at Members' Day.

Next year's Members' Day will be Saturday June 25, 2016. On Members' Day, the Center closes to the public so that members can be treated to a special day of fun and appreciation. Members' Day features three separate events based on membership levels.

The first event, Dine with the Keepers, lasted from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Members at the Animal Keeper level or higher enjoyed an outdoor dining experience with our Animal Care staff, with delicious food provided by Brio Tuscan Grille. About 200 guests listened intently as our animal keepers provided updates on the individual animals.

Board Chairman Jeremiah Dellas welcomed the crowd, and Director of Development Rachel Broom ran through an impressive list of 2015 accomplishments by the Center's Board, staff, volunteers and members.

The second segment was our Daytime Celebration from 1 to 4 p.m. The final fun on Members' Day was our Evening Campfire Wolf Howl.



Henry and Peg Kaltenthaler and Julie and Bill Gerlach honoring Anna at Members' Day. Anna's memorial provided by Lisa and Rick Houska and Dino and Lisa Tucci.

To get in on the fun next year, please call 636-938-9306, email membership@endangeredwolfcenter.org or visit the "join" page on our website at www.endangeredwolfcenter.org.

Thrilling Charity Polo Match raises close to \$100,000

The 4th Annual Charity Polo Match was a huge success, raising close to \$100,000 for the Endangered Wolf Center and its vital mission of preserving endangered wolves, foxes and other canids.

More than 500 people were present at the Saturday, Aug. 29, event hosted by the St. Louis Polo Club at the Blue Heron Farms Polo Club in Defiance, Missouri. Guests were treated to an exciting polo match, in which Team Red Wolves topped Team Mexican Wolves 6-4.

In addition to Event Sponsors Kevin and Betty, sponsors included:

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In addition to seeing the action-packed sport of polo, visitors were also treated to many fun attractions on the sidelines, including Admiral the Clydesdale, the Longmeadow Rescue Ranch Barn Buddies, a climbing wall, bounce house and photo booth. There was also a



champagne toast, kids parade and divot stomp at halftime. Admission was just \$25 a carload. About 100 people upgraded to VIP tickets at \$75 a person. VIPs had access to elevated seating, and enjoyed free food and drinks, including Anheuser-Busch beer and specialty cocktails for adults. VIPs also had free access to all activities. Next year, be sure to call our Development Office at 636-938-9306 and sign up as a VIP or Sponsor.

Guests had the opportunity to meet and photograph the polo players, and get their autographs. Playing as team Red Wolves were Doug Sansone, Peter VonGontard, Horacio Onnetto and Billy Busch. The lineup for team Mexican Wolves was Austin Figge, Gaston Raimonda, Brent Mirikitini and Tomas Obregon.

Please visit our Facebook page to view a Photo Album of the 4th Annual Charity Polo Match.



Shy Patel and Susie VonGontard at our Charity Polo Match.

Show your smarts at Trivia Night 2016

Don't delay in booking your table for Trivia Night 2016 ... the event usually sells out early.

Trivia Night 2016 will be Friday, March 18, at the Kirkwood Community Center,

111 S. Geyer Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the game starts at 7 p.m. The price remains the same as last year: \$30 a person, or \$240 for a table of eight.

Free Anheuser-Busch drinks, sodas, water and snacks are included in the price of admission. Discounts for tables of eight are available to sponsors.

Please call our Development Office at 636-938-9306 to discuss sponsorship opportunities. Sponsorship details will be arriving soon in the mail and will be posted on our website, www.endangeredwolfcenter.org.



Sharlla Smith and Jay Smith



Stephen Kriegh and Pamella Gronemeyer Kriegh were round sponsors at Trivia Night.

Trivia Night 2015 attracted almost 340 players and set a fundraising record for the annual event, raising more than \$20,000.

We thank everyone that participated in this year's event and look forward to another successful Trivia Night in 2016!

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Contribute to the possibilities of tomorrow. Join a growing group of people dedicated to wildlife preservation through your membership gift today.

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RELOCATING YOUR DEN? KEEP THE PACK INFORMED!

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.

MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM

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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