



Endangered Wolf Center
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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

As I was reading an international conservation journal, the notion of "passing it on" caught my attention. I rather like this statement and it inspired me to think of ways to put this into context for the Endangered Wolf Center.

Over the past year, the Center has started to build some exciting momentum, while still not losing sight of the growth that needs to occur. We've achieved many successes, including:

- the birth of a very genetically valuable Mexican wolf
- collaborative work with the Mexican government to transport six of our endangered Mexican wolves to three of their facilities
- a new office facility and a keeper building
- expanded Education programs and tours
- generous increased support from our donor community

Introduce the "pass it on" notion and I can already feel the momentum accelerate. How can we make conservation relevant for all levels of society? Imagine if each person reading this took a moment to pass on words about our Center within your social network? Passed on a post, an invitation to like our page, or an invitation to an event? Passed on a donation, in your name or as a gift on behalf of another? A simple action taken today could become the catalyst for enormous growth.

For 2014, I would like to initiate a challenge: Simply, pass it on. Your knowledge, your network, your donations, your partnerships, your passion – let's think big and achieve what we may perceive as out of our grasp. Reach for the moon, howl at it first if you want to, but remember the saying: Even if we miss, we'll land among the stars.



Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vi Busch".

Virginia Busch
Executive Director



Newtown, a female Mexican wolf born at the Center in May 2011, is now in a breeding pair at a facility in Mexico.

2014 Events

June 14:
Polo

September 27:
Wolf Fest

November 1:
Members' Day

November 7:
Midnight Howl 5K Run

December 6:
Holiday Boutique

December 9:
Volunteer
Holiday Potluck

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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GET SET FOR POLO

Make plans now to join in the excitement of the St. Louis Polo Club's third annual polo match to benefit the Endangered Wolf Center. This year's match is Saturday, June 14, at the Blue Heron Farms Polo Club in Defiance. The event offers guests a rare chance to see this thrilling fast-paced sport of polo. You can also meet and talk with the players, take pictures with them and get their autographs. Great food, drink and entertainment are offered. Admission is just \$25 a carload and VIP seating is \$75 a person. Call 636-938-5900 for sponsorship opportunities or to make reservations.



Freesia, a female maned wolf at the Center.

TRIVIA NIGHT SUCCESS

Trivia Night 2014 was a huge success, with a record crowd of approximately 400 playing this year at the Kirkwood Community Center on Friday, March 14. In addition to Trivia, guests had the opportunity to play two side games, bid on silent auction items, visit the mobile gift shop, enjoy complimentary Anheuser-Busch products and lots more. Two tables tied for first, with 82 correct answers out of 100, with a tie-breaker determining who finished first and second. Two other tables tied at 81, and both were awarded third-place prizes.

NEW EVENING EVENTS

The Center has added a whole new lineup of exciting evening wolf howls, in addition to the traditional Campfire Wolf Howls and Wine & Cheese Howls. Among the new events are Family Cookout Howls, a Native American Howl, a Margaritas & Mexican Wolves Howl and movie nights. See the Calendar <http://www.endangeredwolfcenter.org/calendar/> on our website for a complete list of 2014 events.

WELCOME PARTNERS

The Center thanks Chauvin Coffee Co. for providing the coffee served at all of our evening events and Mount Pleasant Winery in Augusta for providing a variety of fine Missouri wines served at our evening Wine & Cheese Wolf Howls.

NEW MINI-CAMPS

The Center closes its public events in May and for parts of April and June for puppy season. But not everything will be shut down. The Center will welcome children ages 6 to 15 during five half-day mini-camps. Each mini-camp has its own theme:

- April 5: Survival Skills
- April 19: Become a Naturalist
- May 3: Poetry in Nature
- May 27: Scat-ology
- June 7: School's Out – Get Ready for CAMP

Information and registration forms for the Mini-Camps -- and for our Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter Camps -- are on our website. <http://www.endangeredwolfcenter.org/take-a-tour/camps/> You can also call 636-938-5900.

STL250 BIRTHDAY CAKE

The Endangered Wolf Center was voted one of St. Louis' best outdoor locations in stl250's "Cakeway to the West" contest, and the Center was awarded one of 250 fiberglass birthday cakes located throughout the region as part of the yearlong celebration of St. Louis' 250th anniversary. Each cake was uniquely decorated by local artists, and ours was done by Maura Murphy-Pusateri. For a complete list of cake locations or to learn more check out www.stl250.org.



Hope for Mexican Wolves

As the Center prepares to host the annual SSP gathering of Mexican wolf experts, we are reminded of the challenges

By Regina Mossotti
Director of Animal Care and Conservation

At the Endangered Wolf Center, we focus a tremendous amount of our energy on the daily care of the animals. So, in February when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reported that the wild population of Mexican wolves had increased roughly 10 percent in 2013, from 75 to 83, it shook us out of our daily routine and reminded us why we do what we do. We work to save species.

The Center has been working tirelessly since its inception to raise Mexican wolf population numbers, through breeding, reintroduction, research and education. Looking back over the past 40 years of our Center's history, it is amazing to think about what our founders, Marlin and Carol Perkins, accomplished with their foresight.

The Endangered Wolf Center was founded in 1971 — before the Endangered Species Act came into existence, before studies showed how important wolves are to the health of the ecosystem, before “saving the planet” was the cool thing to do. In that time, we have helped save two species from extinction, the red wolf (*Canis rufus*) and the Mexican wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*), educated millions of people, testified before the government on wolf legislation, completed research that is helping managers and biologists all over the world, and more.

But our work is not finished. Although 83 is a great number, it is not a sustainable, independently viable population. The Endangered Wolf Center has been a member of the Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan since its inception in 1994. This year marks the 20th anniversary of this important SSP program and we are honored to be the host of the 2014 meeting in July.

Species Survival Plans are the combined effort of wildlife managers, scientists, government officials, and institutions that come together to focus on the single goal of conserving specific endangered species. SSPs exist for a wide range of animals, including the giant panda, lowland gorillas, Mexican wolves and red wolves. Each SSP is charged with establishing priorities for management, husbandry, breeding, research and conservation.

Each year participating organizations send representatives to meet, discuss, revise and reaffirm each facet of the comprehensive approach to saving an endangered species. At this year's Mexican Wolf SSP meeting, there will no doubt be excitement at the 10 percent increase in the wild population over last year, but there will also be a great deal of attention paid to helping increase the numbers in the wild — to make the wild population stable and healthy. One aspect of this year's meeting that is exciting is that we are hosting a Husbandry Workshop in combination with the meeting. This workshop will help facilitate the exchange of knowledge between organizations — an opportunity to help further the recovery efforts in managed care.

The Endangered Wolf Center was honored to be chosen to host the 20th anniversary meeting, just as we are excited for so much of what has been happening on a day-to-day basis at the Center. Although no wolf pups were born this season, we remain energized by our successful breeding pairs last year. We are also excited that wolves born at the Center and their offspring this spring got a chance to live free in the wild.

We look forward to the research going on at the Center and what the results may mean for the species we house. We are thrilled at the ongoing and expanded education programs our Center offers the public. Perhaps more than anything, we are motivated to continue advocating on behalf of the species in our care. We are a voice for the voiceless.

When other representatives from the Endangered Wolf Center and I traveled to Albuquerque, N.M., last November to testify before the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with regards to the proposed delisting of the gray wolf and changes in management of the wild population of Mexican wolves, we were given a chance to speak on behalf of the animals who desperately count on us. We brought with us the strength and history of the Center, the commitment of our donors, supporters and volunteers, and the belief that we will not stop our work until the Mexican wolf has been successfully restored to its native habitat. After all, it's the mission that continues to remind us why our daily work is so important and it is our vision that continues to give us hope for the future.



Rogue (f1300), a genetically valuable Mexican wolf, was born at the Center May 20, 2013. She was named by two generous donors, Dianne Meyer and her daughter Christine.

Our obligation to red wolves

By Regina Mossotti

Director of Animal Care and Conservation

Many visitors to the Endangered Wolf Center often ask me, “Why are wolves important? Why do we need to save and protect them?”

A classic example I give them is the story of the red wolf (*Canis rufus*). I tell them that red wolves, the most endangered wolf in the world, with only 62 known individuals left in the wild, are vital to maintaining the balance of an ecosystem. I explain that they help control what are often considered nuisance species, such as deer, nutria, raccoons, marsh rabbits and small rodents. By controlling the nuisance species, this helps reduce crop damage, car damage, and erosion damage. According to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, red wolves even lower raccoon predation on ground nesting birds and endangered sea turtles eggs.

I often forget to reflect on the fact that red wolves were once extinct in the wild, and had it not been for the Fish and Wildlife Service trapping the handful that remained back in the 1970s, and the subsequent breeding/recovery program, red wolves would be gone from this planet.

In 1987, four red wolf pairs were released into Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge in North Carolina, and whenever I mention to visitors that the first female red wolf to give birth in the wild (her name was Brindled Hope) was born at the Endangered Wolf Center, I see their eyes light up as they start to realize the impact the Center has had and continues to have on wild red wolf recovery.

I tell visitors that the 62 wolves that are roaming free today are a huge accomplishment, but that they are not out of the woods. In the past year, 16 red wolves have been killed, nine

of which were from gunshot, and losing 26 percent of this population is tragic. The fact that their population and genetic diversity are subject to such attack only strengthens the Endangered Wolf Center’s commitment to working to increase awareness and education about this critically endangered species. We’re working to save them, not just for the intrinsic value of having the wolf in its native ecosystem, but for the biological and economical benefits that they provide for that ecosystem and community.

When people finally see that a wolf is not just a wolf, but an integral thread woven into the fabric of the American landscape, the question then becomes: “How can I help save them?” I tell visitors that they can donate, volunteer, become stewards of the environment, or simply talk to family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances about the issue. Awareness and education are the two most difficult challenges these animals continue to face in the wild, and every American should feel an obligation to help protect this land, our children’s legacy—however we can, as often as we can.



Scout and Sprint, one of the two breeding pairs of red wolves at the Endangered Wolf Center.

Who knew wolves needed passports?

This winter, a few of the Mexican wolves at the Endangered Wolf Center made a big move, all the way to Mexico. Abby, Perkins and four of their daughters moved to three different zoological facilities to aid breeding and conservation education efforts. This is an incredibly exciting time for the Center and for the Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan, increasing greater collaboration between the United States and Mexico. The two countries need to work together in the conservation of this highly endangered species whose range stretches across the border.

Perkins (M950) and his daughter Newtown (F1225) have each been paired with mates in Mexico, and it is hoped that they will both have puppies this spring. Both wolves were selected for breeding because of their genetic importance to the population. This breeding season is especially important for Perkins, who is in a situation similar to his pairing with Madre last year, which resulted in the birth of a healthy female pup, Rogue.

Like Madre, Perkins' new mate at Zoologico del Bosque de Chapultepec in Mexico City is an older female who is the most genetically valuable female in the population and a perfect genetic match for Perkins. Perkins has proved through his three previous litters that he is an excellent father, and we hope that a fourth litter will contribute to his species' recovery. We also look forward to discovering whether Newtown, in her first breeding season with a mate at Museo del Desierto in Saltillo, will show that she has inherited her parents' excellent pup-rearing skills. Abby (F882) and three of her daughters traveled to Zoologico de Guadalajara to help further Mexico's conservation education efforts. Mexico is in the beginning stages of releasing Mexican wolves in the



Perkins, a 9-year-old male Mexican wolf, was born at the Center and named by actress Betty White.

wilds of their country. Largo (M1052), a male from the Endangered Wolf Center, was released in Mexico this spring. Currently, there are only five wolves in the wild there. Predators, like wolves, pumas and bears, face fear, intolerance and persecution all over the world. Abby and her daughters have the important job of helping educate the local population about the importance of this keystone species to the environment. We will miss our six Mexican wolves, especially our beloved Perkins, but take comfort in the knowledge that they are forging new ground with Mexico and furthering our Mission.

Three breeding pairs in the 2014 season

Breeding season at the Endangered Wolf Center runs from late January to early March for several of our species. The Center had three wolf breeding pairs this season — two pairs of red wolves and one Mexican wolf pair. Unfortunately, no pups were born. After showing promising signs but not producing any pups last year,

red wolves Don Mack and Inapa were approved to breed again. As a three-legged wolf, Inapa faced many challenges throughout her life, but proved herself to be extraordinarily tough and resilient. She and Don Mack mated, but sadly, two months later, Inapa passed away due to complications during labor.

At the other end of the Center, young red wolves, Sprint and Scout, were together again this year.

This year's Mexican wolf pair consisted of Madre (who mated with Perkins last year and gave birth to Rogue) and a young wild-born male named Lazarus, who was in his first breeding season.

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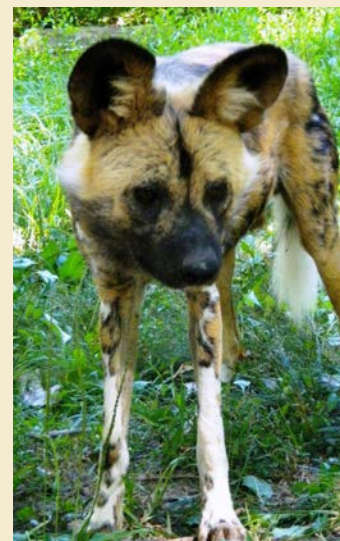
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Author of children's books says wolves are an inspiration

Karen Winnick is a philanthropist, artist and the published author of 11 children's books. The mother of three sons, she has a particular interest in literacy, education, history and animal welfare.

Karen is from California and is a graduate of Syracuse University. She has been a graphic designer and art director. Karen serves as the President of the Los Angeles Zoo Commissioners, as a member of the Board of Trustees at Fauna and Flora International, and Board of Trustees Emeritus at Brown University.

Karen first came to the Endangered Wolf Center in 2012. During her visit she learned of the plight of our animals. She decided to become part of their story by naming two Mexican wolves Wesley and Myla in honor of her grandchildren. She has also generously provided much needed supplies through our Fund & Fill It campaign and puppy appeals and has been a major

sponsor of our events. She has continued to support the animals by telling their story internationally during her travels and in her written work, "Once There Were Wolves," a story about the wolves in Yellowstone.

"Wolves intrigue and inspire me because of their devotion to family and the important role they play in nature," Karen says. "They are truly beautiful, majestic animals who deserve our protection and respect. The Endangered Wolf Center embodies this belief and puts it into action. They are doing such important work to save our wolves."



Karen with Mallory, a 9-year-old who says "Cassie's Sweet Berry Pie" is her favorite book by Winnick.

You can sponsor our 2014 charity polo event

Sponsorships are available on many levels, ranging from \$500 to \$20,000.

To be a sponsor contact Ginny Busch at 636-938-5900 or vbusch@endangeredwolfcenter.org

Saturday, June 14, 2014
3 to 6 p.m.

Admission is \$25 a carload
VIP seating is \$75 a person
Blue Heron Farms Polo Club
4020 Benne Road
Defiance, MO 63341



Join the Pack Today!

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

Yes, I want to support and save the wolves with my membership gift of:

Basic Membership Level

- ☐ **\$50 Friend of EWC (\$5/month)**
Includes free PredaTour for 2, a member gift, discounts in gift shop and select programs and newsletter subscription
- ☐ **\$95 Family Pack (\$8.50/month)**
Includes all of the above and free PredaTour for 4

Adopt-a-Wolf Membership Levels

- ☐ **\$135 Adopt-a-Wolf (\$12/month)**
Includes all of the above plus an adoption certificate, photo, bio, plush and updates from Animal Care staff
- ☐ **\$250 Animal Keeper (\$22/month)**
Includes all of the above plus an invitation to "Dine with the Keepers" and free PredaTour for 6
- ☐ **\$500 Wolf Guardian (\$42/month)**
Includes all of the above plus a beautiful photo book
- ☐ **\$1,000 Alpha Member (\$84/month)**
Includes all of the above plus a free VIP Animal Interaction Tour for 6

Payment Information:

- ☐ Enclosed is a check or money order payable to the Endangered Wolf Center.

- ☐ Please charge \$_____ to my ☐ MasterCard
- ☐ VISA ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Account Number: _____

Exp. Date _____ Security Code: _____

Signature (as it appears on the card) _____

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Email _____

My company, _____
will match my contribution.

Send via enclosed envelope to: Endangered Wolf Center, PO Box 760, Eureka, Mo. 63025

Thank you for your support!

☐ **Yes, I want to contribute to the possibilities of tomorrow by joining a growing group of people dedicated to wildlife preservation through my recurring gift!**

☐ I authorize the Endangered Wolf Center to make the following automatic monthly transfer of \$_____ from my _____

(please check one option):

☐ Credit Card/Debit Account (simply fill out credit card form)

☐ I will set up a monthly bill payment at my bank

☐ Checking Account (simply fill out and enclose a check for your first payment)

Automatic transfers will occur each month on the following day:

Please check one: ☐ 3rd ☐ 18th

This authorization will remain in effect until I notify the Endangered Wolf Center in writing that I wish to change or stop my contributions.

Signature _____

Date _____



LEGACY GIFTS

We are deeply grateful for the significant commitments our friends and supporters make through their estate plans in the form of bequests or living trusts. For information on establishing a legacy that reflects your dedication to wildlife preservation, please call Rachel Broom at 636-938-5900.

SCHNUCKS ESCRIP PROGRAM

You can help the wolves when you purchase groceries! Here's how: Pick up a free eScrip card at Schnucks or we'll mail one to you. When you register via phone or online, choose the Endangered Wolf Center as your charity recipient, then present your card to the cashier during checkout. Schnucks will donate up to 3 percent of your purchase at NO cost to you.

RELOCATING YOUR DEN? KEEP THE PACK INFORMED!

We try to ensure that our members never miss a newsletter or any of our mailings. 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 welcome your calls.

BE A MATCH-MAKER

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! Some companies also have a matching gift program for your volunteer hours. To learn more, contact your HR department.

We are excited to announce The Boeing Company Gift Matching Program is now matching gifts to the Endangered Wolf Center. You can find us listed as the Wild Canid Survival and Research Center. Call 636-938-5900 for more assistance.

Officers

Diane M. Maixner Chairman

Term: May 2011-May 2017
(Chairman 2013-2015)

Occupation: Certified Public Accountant at Maixner, Maixner & Company, LLC. CPAs.

Education: B.A. from Lindenwood University.

Other: Diane lives in south St. Louis County with her husband Albert. They have two sons and two daughters. She is an adjunct faculty member at St. Louis Community College at Meramec and at Maryville University.



Shy Patel Vice Chairman

Term: Jan. 2012-Jan. 2018
(Vice Chairman 2013-2015)

Occupation: General Manager of Brio Tuscan Grille.

Education: Bachelors in Computer Science.

Other: Shy was born and raised in Kenya. He lived in England for several years while in high school. He loves animals and flying.



Trustees

Julia Brncic Trustee

Term: July 2013-July 2019

Occupation: Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Litigation, at Express Scripts Inc.

Education: B.A. from Purdue University, a J.D. and executive M.B.A. from Washington University.

Other: Julia and her husband Steven live in University City with their two dogs.



Jeremiah Dellas Trustee

Term: July 2013-July 2019

Occupation: Vice President Wealth Management Advisor at Fifth Third Investment Advisors.

Education: Educational background in biological sciences.

Other: Jeremiah is a former CFO and beach volleyball pro.

He spends his spare time serving the community on the board of Kids Rock Cancer, teaching Junior Achievement, and participating in his sons' scouting programs.

Hobbies include producing music and helping create very fast pinewood derby cars.

Jeremiah lives in St. Louis with his wife Marjorie and three sons, Spencer, Tyler and Walker.



David Grabe Trustee

Term: Aug. 2013-Aug. 2019

Occupation: Assistant Vice President and Controller at St. Louis University.

Education: B.A. from the University of Missouri at St. Louis; MBA from St. Louis University. Certified Public Accountant in the state of Missouri.

Other: David and his wife Kristi live in Columbia, Ill.



Mike Lipel Trustee

Term: June 2011-June 2017

Occupation: Executive Multi-Media Executive at Village Voice Media. Executive Multi-Media Executive at the Riverfont Times.

Other: Mike is the very proud father of two wonderful children, enjoys their three dogs, and continues to play handmade guitars after 50 years.



Officers

Craig E. Austin Treasurer

Term: Jan. 2012-Jan. 2018
(Treasurer 2013-2015)

Occupation: Regional Director, Business Development & Global Technology Licensing for The Boeing Co.

Education: B.S. in Finance and Master's degrees in Business Administration and Economics from St. Louis University.

Other: Craig lives in St. Louis. He enjoys golf, photography, woodworking and being outdoors. He also enjoys building and racing sports cars with his son, Colin.



PJ Harrison Secretary

Term: June 2010-June 2016
(Treasurer: 2010-2013; Secretary 2013-2015)

Occupation: A Financial Analyst who has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the area of finance and administration at a nationally recognized fortune 500 company.

Education: Summa cum Laude with an MBA/Finance degree and membership in the Alpha Sigma Lambda honors society.

Other: PJ is a native of Fargo, N.D., and has been a resident of West County since 1998. Her interests include travel and the arts. PJ is also an avid photographer providing many of the photos and videos used by the Center.



Trustees

Barbara Schaal Trustee

Term: Aug. 2013-Aug. 2019

Occupation: Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the Mary-Dell Chilton Distinguished Professor at Washington University.

Education: Degree in Biology from the University of Illinois-Chicago and a PhD from Yale University.

Other: Barbara lives in Clayton with her husband Joe. She was born in Berlin, Germany, and grew up in Chicago. She currently serves as chair of the Division on Earth and Life Studies at the National Research Council and is a member of President Barack Obama's Council of Advisors for Science and Technology.



Virgil VanTrease Trustee

Term: Aug. 2013-Aug. 2019

Occupation: President of Eagle Wealth Management, LLC.

Education: B.A. University of Missouri at Columbia.

Other: Board member of the St. Louis Zoo Association. Member of the UMSL World Ecology Center Council. Virgil is a St. Louis native and lives in Ladue with his wife Sandra.



W. Paul Zemitzsch Trustee

Term: September 2010-September 2016

Occupation: President of Sequel LLC and founder and President of Explore Green.

Education: Graduate of the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University.

Other: Paul is a collector of contemporary and primitive art. He is also a classically trained chef, expedition mountaineer and outdoor enthusiast. He previously was Director of Policy and Planning for the Illinois Attorney General's Office. He also was an investigative reporter, bureau chief and political columnist for the Globe-Democrat.



PROFILES



Walter Volk was honored for his 15 years of service at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 6 at Shaw Nature Reserve. Fifty-four volunteers attended the dinner.

LARRY JEWELL Volunteer

Larry was born in a farmhouse in Sikeston, Mo., while Harry Truman was president. He retired from the Navy in 1969 after serving for 20 years, and then got a master's degree in History from Purdue University at what he calls "a leisurely pace."

Shortly after marrying his wife Robin by the lake in Lone Elk Park, he discovered the Endangered Wolf Center. "The combination of helping to restore the wolves to the wild and the chance to be in one of the few remaining unspoiled places in St. Louis County was irresistible," Larry says. "I love telling people about the wolves and their importance to the natural balance of an ecology."

Larry frequently hosts Campfire Wolf Howls, wearing pioneer garb, and does considerable woodworking and maintenance work for the Center.



OBITUARIES



Apache May 1998-January 2014

"He was one of the toughest wolves I have ever worked with and he had a strong spirit and he will be greatly missed," said Regina Mossotti, Director of Animal Care and Conservation at the Center. Apache was born on May 2, 1998, at the Center to Cheech and Juanita.

LAUREN TOIVONEN Volunteer Coordinator

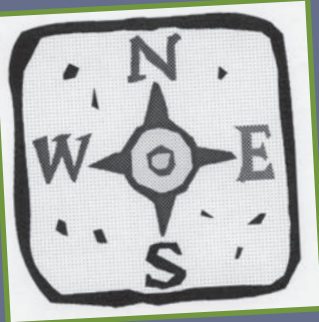
Lauren Toivonen says her two biggest passions are conservation and travel. The travel bug has taken her to locales as widespread as Belize, Australia, Thailand and Finland.

The conservation bug didn't require the native St. Louisan to travel quite so far: Since April 2013, she's been the Center's volunteer coordinator. In that role, Lauren is responsible for recruiting and coordinating the many volunteers who perform key roles on behalf of the Center and the animals that live there.

Lauren is the staff member present at most evening wolf howls. Lauren has a degree in Wildlife Biology from Missouri State University.



SPRING INTO WOLF FUN



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- Color each square as you travel with the pack.
- Color the START square, the wolves travel 2 squares north and 7 squares east
- After howling with some of their pack they travel 2 squares north and 2 squares east
- They howl again when all the pack members are together, then they travel 4 squares west and 1 square north
- They are successful on their hunt, so they travel 2 squares north and 4 squares west
- After a good drink, the wolves travel 5 squares north and 2 squares east
- They stretch from their nap and travel 3 squares east and 1 square south
- The wolves howl one last time before traveling 5 squares east and 1 square north to their den

Maggie MacFarlane
4th grade
age -10
Evergreen Park, IL

Voices in the wind
moonlit songs echo in the dark
A midnight chorus
The wolves are up
tonight



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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



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