



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**

What a wonderful summer we have had in St. Louis! Some of my fondest memories are linked to the hot, balmy summer weather. I grew up amongst rows of corn and soybean fields, spending my summer vacation barefoot while making mud pies, catching lightning bugs and howling at the moon in response to the pack of coyotes that lived near. Life was good.



In our fast-paced world the simple experience of spending your childhood outdoors is being lost. Getting back into nature should not just be a catchy theme that millennial parents toss about. It should be our generation's anthem to our kids. Don't let technology push your toddler, elementary-school student or even high-schooler into growing up too quickly. There are so many life lessons to be learned from engaging in the beautiful outdoors. Slow down and take it all in on a hike, around your neighborhood or even on your patio. Out at the Center, it has been so gratifying seeing our campers enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of nature.

Connecting with nature is what makes us appreciate all that she has to offer. It ultimately is what shapes our decisions about how we live in our environment and what we feel should and should not be important to protect. Connections are (not to be too tongue-in-cheek) what makes the world go around. Connecting with our guests at the Center can help give them a simple appreciation of how integral predators are to our environment. Or it can lead to a transformative change in one's outlook on how humans fit in and play a large role in the responsibility of maintaining earth's health. Every aspect is interconnected. Our health depends on the health of our planet. The role of the Endangered Wolf Center does not stop with Mexican wolf or red wolf recovery; that is just the tip of the iceberg. The Endangered Wolf Center, like all other environmental organizations, holds itself responsible for influencing members of our community to care for our planet like their lives depend on it – because they literally do.

Smell the flowers in your garden. Give thanks to the honeybees that pollinated your plants. They face a major uphill battle in the next several decades. Appreciate the monarch butterfly in your yard because your grandchildren may never see one.

To refer back to the last issue of our magazine: Have you been "passing it on?" Empowering another with your back to nature message? I hope that you all have made some exceptional memories this summer with adventures near and far and will strive to continue to "pass it on." A cool way we are working on "passing it on" and making connections at the Center is through our new partnership with Pushup Social. Check out the item on the next page to learn more and start making your connections.



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

Virginia Busch  
Executive Director

## 2014 Events

**Sept. 27:**  
Wolf Fest

**Nov. 1:**  
Members' Day

**Nov. 7:**  
Midnight Howl 5K Run

**Dec. 6:**  
Holiday Boutique

**Dec. 9:**  
Volunteer  
Holiday Potluck

## 2015 Events

**March 13:**  
Trivia Night

**April 12:**  
Volunteer  
Appreciation Dinner

**June 20:**  
Polo

**Oct. 10:**  
Wolf Fest

**Nov. 7:**  
Members' Day

**Dec. 5:**  
Holiday Boutique

**Dec. 8:**  
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](http://www.endangeredwolfcenter.org).

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**WOLF FEST IS SEPT. 27**

The Endangered Wolf Center is proud to welcome Emerson as the sponsor of Wolf Fest 2014, our annual open house on Saturday, Sept. 27. The theme again will be one of nature and wildlife and conservation. Among the exhibitors will be Conservation Ambassadors, the Butterfly House, Longmeadow



*Two of our swift foxes at the Endangered Wolf Center.*

Rescue Ranch Barn Buddies, the St. Louis Zoo, the Missouri Department of Conservation, Shaw Nature Reserve, the Missouri Parks Association, Wildlife Rescue Center, the World Bird Sanctuary, Missouri Wildflowers Nursery and Crown Ridge Tiger Sanctuary. Music will be provided by Two Brown Dogs. Gates open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Admission is just \$25 a carload. No reservations are necessary. The event is held rain or shine. Wolf Fest is a day of food, drink, music, play and great fun. There will be many games and activities for children, including a bounce house and climbing wall. Please no pets allowed.

**PUSHUP PARTNERS**

The Endangered Wolf Center is proud to announce that we will be working with Pushup Social for our social media outreach. Their platform will make it easier for wolf enthusiasts to interact, share information and learn about upcoming events. It will be the place to go for exclusive behind the scenes photos and content. Our Pushup community will live on the Endangered Wolf Center's website, so it will be easy to find. We are excited to share this with you and build a fun and welcoming community for everyone.



**NEW OFFICE IN USE**

In late June, our Development and Administrative staff members moved their offices into our beautiful new oak log trailer, which was generously donated by the August A. Busch



*The August A. Busch III Charitable Trust donated the new office.*

III Charitable Trust. Many companies (such as Kolb Grading, Home Depot, Winter Brothers Materials and Orf's Hauling) and individuals had a hand in helping prepare the office site. Foremost was longtime volunteer Brad Richmond, who donated hundreds of hours of his expertise, time and labor.



*Brad Richmond led the way in preparing the office site.*

Brad provided and piloted the backhoe loader and bulldozer used to prepare the site. Through the years, the Center has relied heavily on his help with key maintenance projects.

**NEW SIGNS**

New signs have sprung up all over the Endangered Wolf Center. New educational interpretative signs are now by the classroom and animal enclosures. Art direction and design were done by Authentus Group and Brad Serum. The interpretative signs were produced by Engraphix, and fully funded by The Donald Slavik Family Foundation.

A sign noting that the Endangered Wolf Center was voted the Best Outdoors Location in the stl250 Cakeway to the West balloting was placed next to our stl250 Birthday Cake just outside the main gate. And directional signs crafted by volunteer Larry Jewel can be found at various key locations.

**GREAT PLACE FOR KIDS**

The Endangered Wolf Center was voted as the fourth-ranked location on KidsOutandAbout.com's 2014 list of the Top 20 Places to Take Kids in St. Louis.



# The Center offers many fun ways to learn about wolves

**By Ashley Rearden**

You'll never run out of ways to have fun while learning about wolves at the Endangered Wolf Center. Over the past couple years, the Education Department has been revamping and expanding programs to give guests a huge variety of choices, each providing a new experience to the people we welcome through our gates. From touring the facility during a daytime program to falling asleep to the sound of howling wolves at a campout, the Endangered Wolf Center is continually offering new ways for guests to learn about and make a difference for endangered species, all while making memories that will last a lifetime.

## Daytime Tours

**The PredaTour** and **Private Tour** both provide guests an opportunity to visit the Center on a guided tour of our animal enclosures and classroom.

The PredaTour is a 1 ½-hour public tour. It begins in our classroom (inside a historic World War II bunker) where guests have the opportunity to touch pelts of various animals and learn about the five species that reside at the Center. After the classroom portion of the program, guests take an hourlong tour of the enclosure areas where they will have a chance to see all five species.

PredaTours are offered on Fridays and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1 p.m. The cost is \$14 for adults and \$12 for children ages 4 to 14. Children 3 and under are free.

The Private Tour offers a more exclusive daytime experience. This two-hour program includes the PredaTour's classroom presentation, and also includes an extra half-hour during which guests visit two behind-the-scenes enclosures that aren't on the public tour.

Private Tours consist of just your group and your very own tour guide.

Private Tours are offered Wednesday through Sunday and can be scheduled to start anytime between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$18 for children 4 to 14 with an \$80 tour minimum. Children 3 and under are free.

## Scout Groups

The Center offers daytime programs to scout groups at a huge discount. Scouts have the opportunity to visit the Center for a Private Tour, for badge work, or a combination of the two. Scouts will learn about a variety of topics, all which can be altered for each group. They will learn about the importance of predators in an ecosystem and ways they can help us save a species. Please visit us online for specific badge options and please call the Center if you are interested in badge work that isn't listed online.

Scout programs are available Wednesday through Sunday and can be scheduled to start anytime between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person.

## Evening Programs

There are several varieties of evening programs to choose from at the Center, and all include a chance to howl with the wolves.

**Campfire Howls** are fun for the whole family. Join us for an evening around the campfire where your host will tell stories that portray wolves in an accurate light. When the stories end there is still more fun to be had while you walk down Howl Road. Your host will howl to the wolves, and invite you to howl along as well, and most of the time the wolves respond with howls of their own.

After the howl, you will visit our classroom and gift shop for cookies and hot chocolate.

**Wine and Cheese Howls** are a special twist on our evening programs and are for guests 21 and up. Instead of a campfire,

guests will be invited into our classroom for a wonderful spread of wines, cheese, meats and crackers. Your host gives a fun presentation about wolves, which is followed by a walk down howl road. Once down howl road your host will howl, and invite you to howl along, and most of the time the wolves will respond with howls of their own. After the howl, you will return to the classroom for dessert and coffee.

Other specialty howls are offered sporadically throughout the year. Our evening programs are offered on



weekends throughout the year and can be found on the Calendar of Events on our website, [www.endangeredwolfcenter.org](http://www.endangeredwolfcenter.org). The cost for Campfire Howls is \$15 for adults and \$12 for children 4 to 14. The cost for Wine and Cheese Howls is \$22 a person, age 21 and up only.

## Options for Educators

**Field Trips** are a great way to bring your group out for a fun educational program. The field trip is a two-hour private tour that can be modified to fit the topic of your choice.

Field trips are available Wednesday through Sunday and cost just \$8 per person.

**School Outreaches** bring the fun to your classroom. These are 45-minute programs that are modified to fit several topic choices – such as “Wolves of the Show-Me State” – all based on Next Generation Science Standards.

School outreaches are available every day of the week and are \$75 for each program. Please call the Center for availability.

**The Week of the Wolf** program is a new offering by the Center. This program includes an outreach and a field trip, along with three lesson plans to use in your classroom. This is a great way to get your students excited about wildlife and ecosystems. A docent from the Center will join you on a Monday to teach your students about wolves. You will receive three lesson plans about wolves, covering a variety of subjects that you can use on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week. On Friday, your class will get to visit the Endangered Wolf Center to meet the animals they have been learning about. What a great deal!

The Week of the Wolf program is appropriate for ages K-6, and costs \$75 for the program, plus an additional \$8 per person for the field trip. Please call the Center for availability.

## Private Events

Private daytime programs, such as birthday parties, corporate events and more can be scheduled Wednesday through Sunday. These events are tailored to your needs and include a tour of the Center’s animal residents.

Private evening programs can be scheduled Wednesday through Sunday, depending on availability, and are great for family reunions, corporate

events, retirement parties, anniversary celebrations, birthday parties, team building outings and more. All evening events include a howl with the wolves.

Please call the Center for pricing and availability.

## Camps

We offer a camp for every season: winter, spring, summer and fall. We are currently enrolling for fall and winter camps. Our Fall Wolf Camp this year will be our first-ever parent-child camp. You can sign your child up to join us on Oct. 11 or Oct. 18 for either of our one-day camps, and this year you have the option to join them.

## Messy Play Days

Our next Messy Play Day will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12. Bring your toddler to 5-year-old for a day filled with messy educational fun. There will be tons of sensory learning stations for your child to enjoy. Reservations are not required for this event, but you may wish to make one to avoid waiting in line. The cost for Messy Play Day is just \$8 per child, and parents are free. We will be offering mini-tours to the animal enclosures that day for just \$10 for adults. Children enrolled in Messy Play Day can tour for free.

## Outreaches

The Endangered Wolf Center will travel to you for an hourlong outreach program about the endangered species that call the Center home. We send a Docent to the location of your choice with a Discovery Box, which contains pelts and other wolf artifacts that your group will have the opportunity to touch. Your Docent will teach you about the animals at the Center and what we are doing to protect them, as well as what you can do to help. If your equipment and location allows, the Docent will also bring a

presentation on a flashdrive full of photos and other visual aids.

Outreach programs are available every day of the week. Morning, afternoon and evening programs are available. The cost is \$75. We are available to travel long distances for Outreach Programs for an additional cost. Please call for details.

**All of these programs** offer you a unique way to learn about wolves while having a blast. Learning is always the most fun when it doesn’t feel like learning! The knowledge you will take away will give you the tools you need to help us protect endangered wolves, wildlife and wild places. You have the power to make a difference. Join us today to take that first step.



Please visit our website or call 636-938-5900 for more information about any of our education programs. Call the Center to check availability or to register.

*Ashley Rearden is the Education Coordinator at the Endangered Wolf Center.*

# Help protect African painted dogs

By Regina Mossotti

African painted dogs (also called African wild dog or Cape hunting dog) are one of the oldest living ancestors to modern wolves and other canids. Their scientific name *Lycaon pictus* translates to “painted wolf,” and one look at the animal is enough to understand how they got that name. One of the most social canids, they are also one of Africa’s fastest, most-efficient predators.

Originally roaming much of sub-Saharan Africa, painted dogs are now only found in small, fragmented populations. Only 3,000 are estimated to remain in the wild. Painted dogs have been revered and respected for most of human history as an essential part of the web of life, but early colonists living in Africa unfairly characterized them as vicious animals, perhaps fearing that they’d take down livestock, reduce animal populations for hunters, or hurt humans, which history points out is an unjustified view.

Misconceptions about the painted dog and human encroachment have pushed this animal closer and closer to extinction, but now through a mixture of concerted education efforts and managed breeding and recovery programs their wild population has the opportunity to rebound. The African Painted Dog Species Survival Plan acts as an ark for the dogs by preserving the genetic viability of the managed population and promoting conservation of the dog in the wild.

Here at the Center, we’re working hard to help save these animals in a number of ways:

- We teach about them through our on-site education programs and out in the community through our outreach programs.
- We’ve installed webcams in their enclosure and den boxes and broadcast that stream worldwide.
- We regularly present information about painted dogs and the recovery program to our half-million Facebook followers.

The Center has had painted dogs since 2004, and with the addition of a female (Dillon) we began breeding in 2012. This year, we’ve witnessed breeding behavior and we’re hoping to see puppies in the coming months. In the meantime, the dogs are enjoying the new zip-line that’s been added to their enclosure as part of their nutrition/behavior enrichment. By running their food through the enclosure along this zip-line, we’re able to mimic

the chase they’d have in the wild, while simultaneously building teamwork, giving them exercise, and increasing their problem-solving skills.

We’re also excited about our research on captive pup survival that was completed at the Center and presented this past spring at the 2014 African Painted Dog Workshop held at Brookfield Zoo in Chicago. Facilities across North America have experienced poor pup survival rates in managed breeding efforts (we



discovered that it is a lower success rate than wild populations) and our research has helped to correlate a number of potential causes for this phenomenon. This workshop was attended by scientists, conservationists and zoo professionals from around the world and is an example of how collaboration can help protect endangered species.

African painted dogs are an essential part of their native habitat and everything staff, volunteers and donors do at the Center on their behalf directly increases their chances for survival. You can continue to help by visiting the Center and seeing them in person, going online to see them on the webcams, telling their story through word of mouth, and sharing Facebook updates on important news regarding these animals.

*Regina Mossotti is the Director of Animal Care and Conservation at the Endangered Wolf Center. She is a member of the African Painted Dog Species Survival Plan management team.*

# International conference on Mexican wolves is a huge success

Saving an endangered species is a huge task. Once animals are brought into managed care to start a recovery program, decisions regarding their care and a long-term conservation plan need to be made and constantly updated. A Species Survival Plan (SSP) is formed to oversee such a program. Each SSP has a coordinator, a management group consisting of expert advisers and the facilities that house the population. The SSPs have regularly scheduled meetings to share information, set standards of care, put together breeding pairs, create thoughtful education plans and work on conservation of the wild population.

In July, the Endangered Wolf Center was honored to host the 20th anniversary meeting of the Mexican Wolf SSP. The international meeting July 16-18 was attended by experts from both U.S. and Mexican facilities. With more than 60 attendees, the 2014 meeting set a record for the Mexican Wolf SSP.

Experts from Mexico and the United States reported on their respective release programs, the current managed care populations and needs, medical care

and research. Information sharing leads to future successes in the program: At this year's meeting, experts from Mexico City reported their first successful birth of



Mexican wolf pups as a result of artificial insemination. The mother, an 11-year-old female whose genetics are considered invaluable to the program, has health issues that impeded a natural breeding. Utilizing techniques developed at the Endangered Wolf Center, they were able to artificially inseminate her, and the result was two beautiful pups that will contribute greatly to saving their species.

The father of those pups is Perkins, a male born in 2005 at the Center.

Mexican experts also presented video footage of the first litter of pups born in the wild in Mexico in more than 30 years. A representative of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reported the first attempt to cross-foster Mexican wolf pups into a wild litter this spring, which was successful. These are truly huge milestones.

Once the reports were given, a breeding and transfer plan for the upcoming year was created. Working with population geneticists and facility representatives, a number of breeding pairs were recommended for next year. Some of the pairings involve an exchange of wolves between the United States and Mexico, which maintains genetic diversity in both countries, keeping the overall population healthy.

The successful and productive meeting was attended by people who are passionate and dedicated to the conservation efforts for this species. The support of our amazing staff and volunteers and our generous sponsors helped make this meeting a tremendous success.

## Animal updates

### Red Wolf Breeding pairs 2015:

Director of Animal Care and Conservation Regina Mossotti and Education Coordinator Ashley Rearden attended the Red Wolf Species Survival Plan meeting hosted by the Akron Zoo in Ohio. It was decided that the Center will house two breeding pairs next year. Sprint (F1586), our female red wolf, will be paired with Don Mack (M1402). The second pair of red wolves will be a female from Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago and young male from Chehaw Wild Animal Park in Albany, Ga., that will be transferred here in the fall. We are excited to welcome our new residents!

### Mexican Wolf Breeding Pairs 2015:

The Center will receive two genetically valuable male Mexican wolf brothers from Mesker Park Zoo in Evansville, Ind., to be

paired with our female Rogue (F1300). She will be able to choose a mate between the two brothers. Our second pairing will be between a female wolf traveling from Mexico who will be paired with our male Lazarus (M1177).

These four pairs have extremely valuable genetics that will help in the success of the recovery efforts for these critically endangered species. The Center is one of the most successful facilities in the world at breeding endangered canids because of our large, quiet, natural enclosures, our unique husbandry practices and our ability to close during whelping season — a very sensitive time for mothers and newborn pups. We are keeping our fingers crossed for lots of puppies in the spring!

# Red Wolf Recovery Program is at risk

This summer in North Carolina, a state rule allowing the public to hunt coyotes at night was reversed by a court there because it put the critically endangered red wolf in



danger of being shot accidentally. A few members of the public, outraged by the reversal, pushed the state's Wildlife Resources Commission to request the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct a review of the Red Wolf Recovery Program. According to Leopoldo Miranda, Assistant Regional Director of Ecological Services in the Service's Southeast Region, "Once we receive the final evaluation, we will review it and make a decision to continue, modify, or terminate the Red Wolf Recovery Program non-essential, experimental population in North Carolina."

With only 62 known red wolves left in the wild and fewer than 190 in captivity, the red wolf is critically endangered. If the USFWS

terminates the recovery program it will put red wolves in an immediate threat of extinction.

The public has been invited to submit comments, concerns, or information regarding the Eastern North Carolina non-essential, experimental red wolf population and the program evaluation to the following e-mail: [redwolfreview@fws.gov](mailto:redwolfreview@fws.gov). The Wildlife Resources Commission also is conducting a brief voluntary online survey that does not request any personally identifiable information. Interested individuals may submit input to either or both. To access the survey visit the following link: <http://jgassett.poll daddy.com/s/red-wolf-restoration-recovery-program>.

## Celebrating our interns

The Endangered Wolf Center Animal Care Intern Program is designed to give valuable, real-world experience to current or recently graduated biology (or similar field) college students. Our highly competitive program hosts interns from all over the world. Animal keeper interns make a huge difference in the life of the animals in our care, while also providing students with valuable experience with our expert Animal Care staff. Intern responsibilities include monitoring behavior and health of animals, maintaining food supply, learning about conservation initiatives, developing enrichment for the animals, learning proper nutrition protocols, learning husbandry training techniques, assisting with education programs as well as enclosure and facility maintenance.

We'd like to highlight our two most recent interns, Laura Kellow and Amanda Garrick, who were exceptional and hard-working. Knowing that our wonderful interns will represent the

future of animal health and welfare is a wonderful gift.

Amanda is from St. Louis and is studying biology on the pre-vet track at New York University in Manhattan, New York. A graduate of Clayton High School, Amanda's family has been intensely involved with the Endangered Wolf Center since she was a child. Her most interesting experience while serving as an intern was having the chance to attend the Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan meeting that was held in July at the Center. "It was so amazing seeing so many coming together from all over America and Mexico to discuss the future of the species and share their research," she said.

Laura is originally from Melbourne, Australia. She is a member of the honors program and biomedical science student at Colorado State University. Laura plans on graduating a semester early to further her education in veterinary science. "I

want to be a predominately large-animal veterinarian. The ultimate dream is to work with wildlife in exotic places, hopefully on infectious disease community studies like on reindeer herds," she said.



Laura Kellow and Amanda Garrick

We thank Amanda and Laura and all of our amazing interns for their selfless service. If you are interested in applying for our Animal Care or Education Internships, please send your resume to [info@endangeredwolfcenter.org](mailto:info@endangeredwolfcenter.org).



**JUDITH CIEGEL**  
Membership Coordinator

Judith Ciegel has led an interesting life. After retiring from AT&T, she did what most people only dream of: spending time living in the picturesque country of Switzerland after living on “island time” on a boat in the Bahamas. But a growing family back home in St. Louis brought her back to the Midwest. Seven children call her “Nana” and she loves to take them on adventures like zip-lining, go-cart racing and mechanical bull-riding.



Having been a longtime member of the Endangered Wolf Center, and living right in Eureka, it just seemed natural for her to volunteer. In 2003, she became a Docent. She joined the “Puppy Naming Club” and has given names to six of our canids. She’ll proudly tell you that red wolf 1402 was named in honor of her late husband, Don Mack, who was an animal lover and a devoted volunteer at the Center.

Since January 2012, Judith has been the Membership Coordinator. Her passion for our mission and our animals has made her a wonderful part of our team, a passion she loves to share by helping to grow the membership of our Center.

**JANET L. CONNERS**  
Board Trustee

**Term:** September 2014-September 2020

**Occupation:** Broker with The Daniel and Henry Co.

**Education:** Graduate of Louisiana College



**Other:** Janet is a native of Lafayette, La. She moved to St. Louis in 1993 and spent the last few decades in the health and hospital industry before going into insurance. She’s licensed in Life, Disability & Health Insurance; Medicare and Medicare Part D; Long-Term Care planning; and Property & Casualty.

She recently joined The Daniel and Henry Co., and insurance and risk management firm. Janet is married, has one daughter in college, and loves to cook her Cajun food for them and her friends.



**INAPA**  
April 2007- May 2013

The name Inapa (E'-nah-pah) is Lakota Sioux for “one who has overcome hardship.” Just three months after the beautiful red wolf’s birth on April 26, 2007, Inapa was found missing part of her leg. She was rushed to the St. Louis Zoo for veterinary care. Her injuries put her at risk for infection and her leg had to be amputated. Even with only three legs, Inapa had a spirit that could not be broken and nothing slowed her down. In winter 2011, Inapa was paired with Don Mack. He was an amazing companion to her, often carrying treats to her on enrichment days. In spring 2014, Don and Inapa mated. Sadly, Inapa passed away two months later due to complications during labor. Don, a devoted partner, remained faithfully by her side until the end.



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 636-938-5900.

## 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. Members whose names appear in bold have increased their support.

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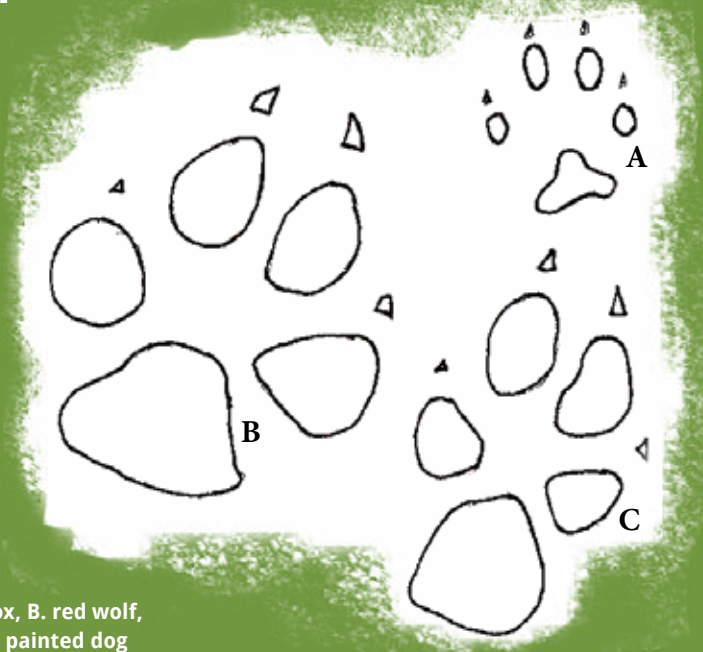
# FALLING FOR WOLVES!

## Poetry Corner

### Empress of the Forest

My feet leave pawprints  
Sitzmarks in the soft dirt  
To some I rise like fata morgana  
To some I pose  
as omens of Death.  
Some fall to their  
knees  
In prayer.  
To me,  
The Empress of Forest.  
Some raise  
Rifles  
Try to stifle  
my life  
But after  
Guns ring out  
I will still remain poised  
And my spirit shall  
Enter  
Moon,  
Forest,  
And cloud.  
*By Halle Donovan  
11 year old from California*

Identify the species that made each paw print, then color.



A. swift fox, B. red wolf,  
C. African painted dog

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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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.

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*Freesia, one of our two female maned wolves.*