Wolf Visions
2024 Summer Update

Spring Brings New Ambassador Duo:

**Flash & Ydun**

Ydun Finds New Friend in Flash After His Partner, Cephira, Said Goodbye to Us in March

When Flash's partner Cephira sadly passed away this spring, he began to lose confidence and become anxious. It was a clear choice for us to see if he and young single female Ydun wanted to get along. Happily, the two took to each other immediately and romped around their enclosure like puppies. Ydun was delighted to have a friend after having been alone for a couple years. We knew that if she was paired with an unsocial male, she would not be able to have the human enrichment she so enjoys. Luckily, Flash loves meeting people too and has helped boost Ydun's confidence with strangers even more. Flash and Ydun are two of the most social and confident canines at the refuge, and we are overjoyed to see them run, play, and help educate visitors together.

Jane's Studio - Open to Visitors in 2024!

Wolves OFFICIALLY Ready for New Era of Experiential Education

Sustainable Energy. Hot water, radiant floor heating, and electricity—all from the sun!

Jane's Studio. Fire resistant, handicap accessible, and a workshop to maintain the sanctuary for decades to come.

Artist's Loft. Space and supplies for creative arts, a separate Paint Room, and adjacent Art Gallery.
Animal Updates

Zeab and Rosie Move to New Space; Zeab Gets Love On Trip to Vet

Zeab has had a few eventful months! To help stimulate them, he and Rosie have explored several new enclosures lately. For now, they’ve settled into the Visitor’s Center and Treehouse pens, combined into a large space. Zeab also took a trip to the vet and was welcomed back by our friends at North Powers Animal Hospital for another lump removal operation. The surgery went smoothly and he was able to return to the refuge the same day. After an evening in the Puppy Palace under the observation of our Animal Caretaker, he was reunited with Rosie. He recovered well and went back to greeting people the next day.

Zeab is an old pro at vet trips and has had several lumps removed now. We sincerely hope they continue testing as benign and are grateful to help care for Zeab in his golden years. We hope he continues to enjoy greeting new people and hanging out with Rosie as they bask in the warm summer sun.

-M. White / M. Schein

We recently paired two wolfdogs, Artemis and Marty, together. Both have lived solo at Mission: Wolf for a little while. Previously, staff had attempted to pair both Marty and Artemis to other companions, without long-term success. Marty struggles with others since he was isolated for a lot of his social development which means he doesn’t always know how to interact with others. Artemis is older and calmer, so she is wise enough not to fall for his goading or poor manners. Meanwhile, Marty makes Artemis more playful and confident. They balance each other well and we are hopeful for their future.

-M. White / M. Schein

Artemis & Marty (formerly named “Artemis”) Make New Partnership. Staff Call Them “MarteMis”

Rosie glances across the hillside of her new enclosure. The burn scar from 2018’s Spring Fire lingers on Iron Mountain in the background.

Zeab and Rosie look regal as they explore their new turf. They recently have gotten time in a variety of spaces for enrichment.

Songs to be sung! Zeab lets it all out up on the legendary M:W Rocks Skyline Drive in Cañon City. Views that go and go!

Dr. Markel and Zeab share a smile before surgery.
In wildness is the preservation of the world. - Henry David Thoreau

Minigan 2010 - 2024

Minigan first came to MW as a rescue from Denver Dumb Friends League. The staff spent lots of time making him comfortable in hopes he could be happy here. At first, he was mischievous, getting into anything and everything, but cautious of new people. As he adjusted to his new home he grew more confident and comfortable, though he still took months to approach new people.

As he matured and the staff continued to keep him comfortable, he blossomed into an amazing ambassador. Minigan helped teach staff patience, mirroring, mimicry, and pressure release which then helped with the resident wolves. However, his most important lesson was love; if he loved someone or something, he loved it with his whole heart.

He was a constant source of love and comfort to the staff and many visitors, touching so many lives. Minigan will be forever loved and sorely missed.

-M. White / M. Schein

FOR UP-TO-DATE WILD WOLF NEWS & INFORMATION, TWO GOOD RESOURCES ARE

Colorado Parks & Wildlife’s “Wolves in Colorado” Page
- cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/Wolves-Stay-Informed.aspx

International Wolf Center’s “Current Wolf News” Page
- wolf.org/wolf-info/wolf-news/headlines/

"In wildness is the preservation of the world."

Cephira 2010 - 2024

Cephira came to Mission: Wolf in November 2011 from an animal shelter in Utah, after she was confiscated from her owners by animal control. Luckily, we were able to take her in before she was to be euthanized. When she arrived, she was paired with a rambunctious young but unsocial male wolf named Ash. They bonded well and lived together without much human interaction for 6 years until Ash passed away. Cephira was then paired with a social low-content wolfdog, Flash. Upon meeting Flash, Cephira melted and began behaving like a happy puppy again, playing and greeting people. Flash and Cephira gave each other confidence and adored greeting their human visitors. Cephira remained happy and social, even when fighting kidney failure in winter 2023.

Sadly, her illness eventually progressed, and Cephira was helped across the rainbow bridge in March 2024. Cephira will be lovingly remembered for her sweet, gentle spirit and is greatly missed.

-M. White / M. Schein

In the 70s it seemed like an impossible mission to return wild wolves across the landscape. Thanks to motivated and passionate people, 50 years later we find wolves freely ranging many areas of North America as we learn how they improve our own health and ecological diversity. Due to eons of sensational media reporting, emotions still run high when somebody mentions the word wolf. Some see the wolf as evil and believe the only good wolf is a dead wolf. Others see the wolf as a God that should never die. Reality is the wolf is no different than you or I and it’s just another amazing form of life that simply deserves a chance to live.

So it is not really the problem that a wolf dies, but more so the reason. By definition, hunters are individuals who seek food and provide protection to survive. As a child in a sustainable hunting community, I was horrified to watch our society change from killing for survival to killing for fun and corporate profit. It is time to end the tragedy of “sport” hunting, trapping and killing animals in the name of fun and money. It’s not that wolves should not die, it’s just that to kill things for fun, to destroy life due to ignorance is wrong. We have taught our children that it’s OK to kill things for fun and now we wonder why we have mass shootings in schools. Hmm.

-K. Weber
Compassion + Empathy
a gift of interspecies connection

It takes over $3,000 a year just to feed and care for Ydun. By giving $5 or more a month, you can become a Wolf Caretaker and take her to dinner once a month!

visit missionwolf.org to become a Wolf Caretaker for Ydun
In 1986, we were elated to provide the wolves a 36 acre sanctuary. We have worked hard and are honored to announce there is an opportunity to secure the wolves their 500th acre this year! A vital piece of property has become available that also provides our winter access known as the “shortcut”. The owner has offered it to Mission: Wolf at a reduced rate. We are in need of help securing a down payment soon.

Preserving the “Last Best Places” for Generations to Come

If you would like to participate in Mission: Wolf’s Land Conservation Program, please contact us at info@missionwolf.org or call Kent at 720-320-7410
Join the Mission: Wolf Team

At Mission: Wolf, we operate on solar power, grow food in geodesic domes, and build with recycled materials. We value education, sustainability, and improving relationships between people, animals, and the world around us.

Around 5-10 on-site staff give their time to the sanctuary and in turn are provided with a roof over their head, food to eat, and a multinational community to be part of. We live together in a 3-acre eco-village designed to be an inspiring example of sustainable living.

The sanctuary is in particular need of skilled, competent individuals to join our dedicated team of Sanctuary Caretakers. The wolves don’t need a lot other than food, water, and a clean space to live. Maintaining the facility & vehicles, operating the office, and educating the public are full-time jobs.

visit missionwolf.org/staff or email info@missionwolf.org for more information & to apply for a staff position.
Mission: Wolf operates on contributions from Wolf Caretaker members

With roughly 25 hungry canines to feed, we go through around 500 pounds of raw meat each week

Please consider becoming a member of the Mission: Wolf family today and help keep the wolves happy, healthy, and well-fed! Your contribution goes directly toward the care of the animals as well as the education of thousands of visitors.

Wolf membership packets make GREAT GIFTS for birthdays, holidays and memorials.

We send you a tax-deductible receipt and your friend or loved one receives a wolf membership packet as a gift from you in the mail.

Visit missionwolf.org/become-a-wolf-caretaker to order, or use the form below to sponsor a canine of Mission: Wolf included in a Mission: Wolf membership packet:

- Personalized certificate honoring your annual membership
- Sample of naturally shed wolf fur
- 8x10 color photo of your wolf
- Subscription to Wolf Visions
- Mission: Wolf decal/sticker
- Biography of your wolf

Take a Wolf to Dinner! Become a Caretaker at Mission: Wolf

Which wolf would you like to sponsor? (please circle) Apollo, Aria, Arrow, Artemis, Batman, Buku, Faelen, Farah, Flash, Illianna, Maeve, Marty, Nashira, Obsidian, Oreo, Rosie-Valkyrie, Saurya, Ydun, Zeab

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