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| SOCIAL MEDIA HAPPENINGS |

While we are all coping with our new way of life, you can still stay up to date with the animals here at CWWC. We are working to keep you involved in the work we are doing here, knowing how our animals are doing, and staying educated about wildlife news.



Subscribe to our YouTube Channel:
ColoradoWolf&WildlifeCenter

We post bi-weekly videos of the training and enrichment we are providing for our animals. Our bi-weekly educational vlog about wolves—*Wolf Wisdom with Erika*—talks about the wolf reintroduction of wolves in Colorado, and other hot topics.



Follow us on Facebook:
Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center

Thursdays between 3-4pm we have a Ask a Keeper livestream where you can ask us all those questions you've been dying to know. Every Friday at 8pm we post a video of one of

our keepers howling with the wolves for the Go Outside and Howl at 8 movement. We also share current wildlife events and stories that are happening around the world to keep you informed.



Follow us on Instagram:
cowolfcenter

We post pictures of our beautiful animals, share stories of what we are doing around the center, and keep you up to date on everything wolf and wildlife related. Keep your eye on our story for fun videos of the day to day lives of our wolves and keepers.

We will also be doing monthly and possibly weekly giveaways and sales. These will only be announced on our social media so make sure you follow us on every platform and turn on your notifications.

We hope to give you something to look forward to every day!



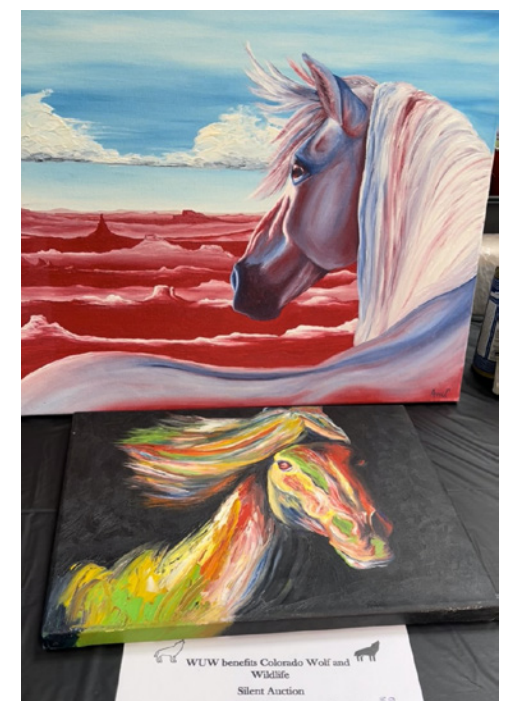
CWWC RECEIVES \$1,400 DONATION FROM LOCAL BUSINESS

"One of our core values at WishingUWell is the power of community and a greener tomorrow. We strive to protect the Earth and all those who inhabit it. We believe by building a stronger community and a healthier world, we are building a stronger organization." WishingUWell holds an annual fundraiser where employees donate their art to a silent auction and the proceeds are given to a local organization. "We choose CWWC because protecting the wildlife is extremely important to us. We believe the education you provide to our community is detrimental to the continued success of Colorado and its wildlife."

WISHINGUWELL IS AN AMAZON 3P PLATINUM SELLER LOCAL TO COLORADO SPRINGS.



SOME OF THE ART INCLUDED IN THE SILENT AUCTION

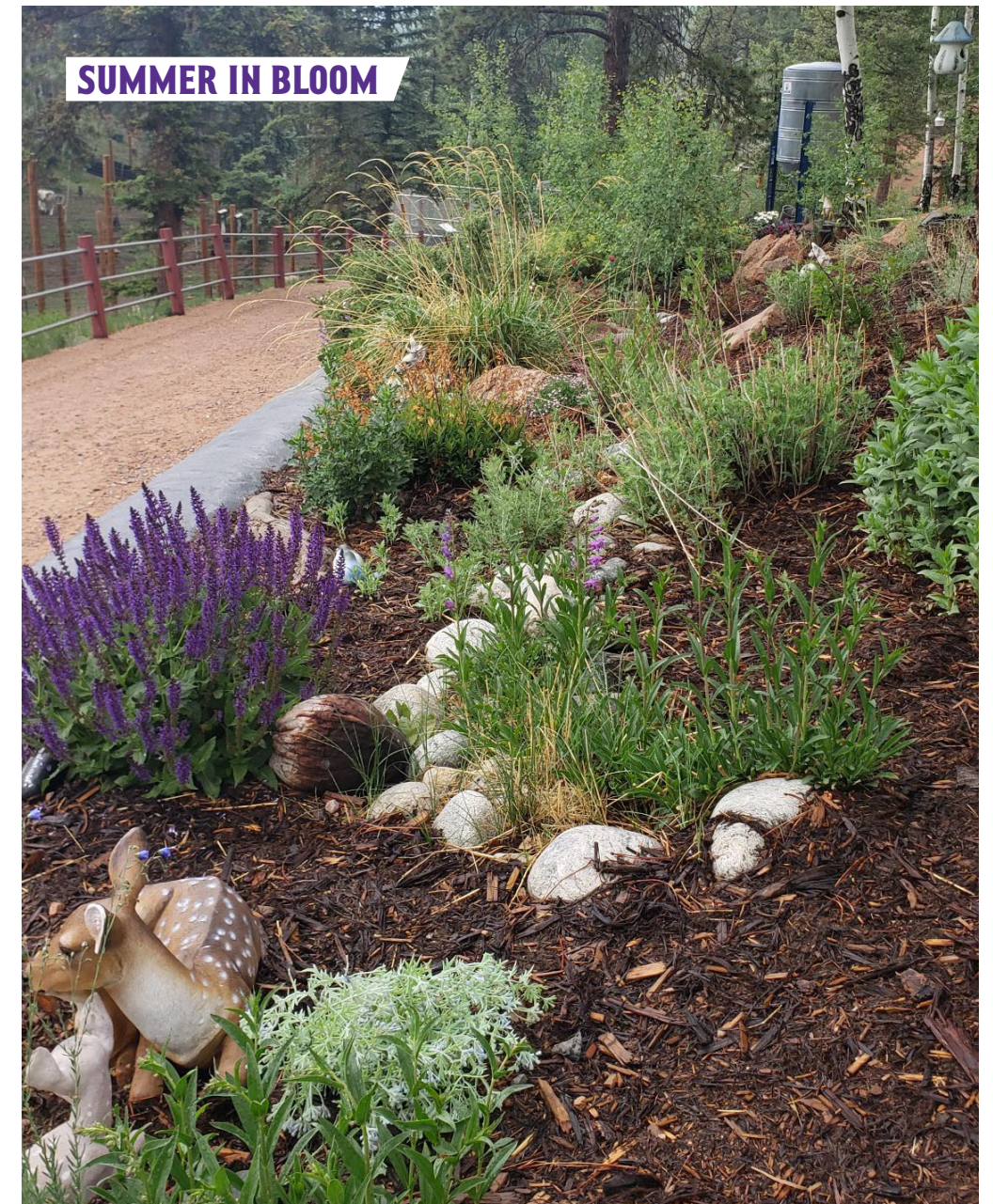




UPDATE:

This paw print was taken in North park/Walden where the known pack of wolves are. I will be learning a new side job called “Range Riding”. CWWC has teamed up with Working Circle, an organization who helps to reduce wolf/livestock conflicts. I will be taking my horse out to the range starting in July and contributing to the work of helping to keep our wolves safe and hopefully build relationships with the local ranchers showing support as a wolf advocate. I will take photos and keep you updated along the way. I would enjoy your comments and emails through this journey.

You can email: tours@wolfeducation.org and put in the subject line: Range Riding for our wolves.





It's not
easy
bein' this
cute.



***Lazy, Summer
Days For Our Pups***



Me
first,
me
first!



The American Red Wolf Enclosure Progress

▼ Special thanks to Shane Brown for arranging volunteers from his work at Kimley-Horn to help lift the 8' chain link that weighed close to 300 pounds.



▼ The secured fence — Thank you Rick and Shane



UPDATE: Rick and Darlene will be flying out to Tacoma Washington in July to meet with the teams with the Species Survival Plan. There we will be part of choosing 2 Red wolves who will make CWWC their home this fall.

WHY IS THIS SO SPECIAL?

The American Red Wolf are critically endangered and the most endangered wolf in the world due to poaching, trapping and habitat loss. There are only 8 American Red wolves left in the wild. There are only 44 accredited zoos out of 239 who have these wolves. CWWC will be the only facility to be holders in the state of Colorado to have American Red wolves. We feel that this is such an excellent opportunity to be able to educate the public about this very special wolf Canis Rufus.



Gates still need to be installed. This photo will be 3 stalls for feeding and capture when needed. We are still grateful for donations to help with the costs of this project. *Thank you!*

HELP US TO BUILD OUR NEW RED WOLF ENCLOSURE



We are in the process of building our new American Red Wolf enclosure! It is quite the process as it starts with completely demolishing the old enclosure, cutting down and removing dead trees, and then rebuilding it. The main difference on this one is that the new enclosure will need to meet SSP/ AZA/CPW standards because the Red wolf is a federally endangered wolf. That means 8' high chain link, 3' cantilever tops and two catch pens. This enclosure will cost in the upper \$30,000 range. If you are interested in donating to help us financially with the costs, please send to the address to the left. Any donation of \$250.00 or more, your name will be added to our Red Wolf monument.



WAYS TO CO-EXIST WITH WOLVES

www.woodriverwolfproject.org/tools



<https://tinyurl.com/RestoreWolfProtection>

Proposition 114 - now state statute 33-2-105.8 - directs the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to develop a plan to introduce gray wolves in Colorado west of the Continental Divide, passed on November 3, 2020. The statute directs the CPW Commission to restore and manage gray wolves in Colorado no later than December 31, 2023.

As planning and implementation move forward, CPW is providing various ways for Coloradans to stay informed about, and involved in, the reintroduction process. Comments can be made online or you can attend the monthly meetings in person. The Stakeholders Advisory Group meetings ends this August. The next one will be held in Denver at the CPW Hunter Education Building at 11:00am on Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022. Sign up is 1st come 1st served. You have 3 minutes for public comment. This is your chance to be a voice.

This can never happen in Colorado! Speak out against recreational hunting.



Please make a comment to
wolfengagementco.org

PASTIMES: THE LAST RED WOLVES

On Louisiana red wolves, and the hunters who decimated them.

Country Roads Magazine | Terry L. Jones | July 22, 2021

After thriving in Louisiana for millennia, the red wolf (canis rufus) population began to plummet during the mid-twentieth century. Hunting helped contribute to the decline.

Thirty-five years ago, Homer Martin shared his wolf hunting knowledge with the Calvin Folklore Society’s publication “The Sassafras.”

Martin explained how hunters located the wolves by blowing on a cow horn about sun rise. The horn was normally used to call hunting dogs, but any wolf in the area would immediately respond to it with a howl.

Once the wolf was located, hounds were put on its trail. Wolf hunts were communal affairs with large groups of boys and men following the dogs on horseback.

According to Martin, the wolf sometimes turned on the dogs. “I’ve seen as many as three dogs in a pile. The wolves could just eat them up.”

Because of the wolves’ sometimes aggressive nature, Martin explained that it was too dangerous to hunt them at night. “You couldn’t see and you’d get yourself hurt and the dogs killed. The wolves were lots bigger than a German Shepherd dog, smart, and hard to track and kill.”

The state government also contributed to the red wolves’

decline. When wolves preyed on farmers’ livestock, state predator control officers were called in to trap and kill the pests. The state also offered a ten-dollar bounty for each wolf killed, which encouraged private citizens to hunt down the wolves, as well.

My friend and fellow outdoor writer Glynn Harris became quite familiar with wolves while growing up near Goldonna because his father, Thomas Ernest “Doc” Harris, was a predator control officer.

When locals complained about a pack of wolves in Madison Parish, Doc took Glynn and his brother Tom with him on the hunt.

According to a “Glynn Harris Outdoors” article, Doc located the pack’s den and came up with a plan. Having taught Glynn how to howl like a wolf, Doc left him and Tom with the Jeep while Doc and another man set up in the woods between the Jeep and the den. Glynn was to howl to attract the wolves, and Doc and his companion would ambush them.

When Glynn howled, the wolves immediately responded but they managed to avoid Doc’s ambush. Glynn howled again and the wolves responded just fifty yards away.

“In a matter of seconds,” Glynn recalled, “here came



T. E. "Doc" Harris (left) with a Winn Parish wolf he killed in 1947. T. E. "Doc" Harris (left) with a Winn Parish wolf he killed in 1947.

three loping wolves toward where two scared little boys were sitting on the hood of the Jeep. Tom remembered dad’s pistol he kept under the seat, grabbed it and fired a shot, not trying to hit one but to let them know they needed to skee-daddle, which thankfully, they did in a hurry.”

By 1964 there were only a few red wolves left in Louisiana, and a Canadian biologist came to study them. The only wolves he found were three small packs in northeast Louisiana’s East Carroll, Morehouse, and Madison parishes. The man also examined the wolves that were trapped by predator control officers and declared that they were actually coyotes.

The Canadian’s research began a controversy across Louisiana. Farmers, ranchers, trappers, and predator control officers insisted red wolves continued to live in Louisiana, while state wildlife biologists claimed that coyotes were being mistaken for wolves.

When the red wolf was placed on the threatened species list in 1967, the only free ranging red wolves left in America were a few dozen that roamed southwest Louisiana and East Texas.

To save the species, a trapping program was carried out in the 1970s to remove the wolves from the wild and place them in captivity. More than four hundred canids were

captured but only forty-three were identified as wolves. The rest were coyotes or hybrids. When the captured wolves were later used for a breeding program, biologists discovered that only seventeen were pure blooded red wolves.

Today, the red wolf is considered to be the world’s most endangered wolf. The free ranging red wolf was declared extinct in 1980, but biologists bred the wolves that were captured earlier to reestablish them in North Carolina.

In 2019, the twenty-four animals in this pack were the only red wolves left in the wild (approximately two hundred live in captivity). Some wildlife officials do not believe they can sustain themselves much longer and want to place them in captivity, as well, to save the species.

Interestingly, recent studies have indicated that some red wolves must have escaped the biologists’ traps back in the 1970s. In southwest Louisiana and on Galveston Island, Texas, hybrid coyotes have been discovered that have as much as 40 percent red wolf genes. Over half of the coyotes sampled had at least 10 percent red wolf genes, and one canid might have been a pure-blooded wolf.

The average lifespan of a red wolf is six to seven years. That begs the question, where did these wolf genes come from if the last wild red wolves were captured nearly fifty years ago?

SAY NO TO LETHAL MANAGEMENT OF OUR WOLVES!

Now more than ever, you need to be a voice as the SAG meetings will come to a close August 2022. In developing the plan, there is talk of lethal management and recreational hunting of our wolves. I believe that we do not need to kill wolves for recreation and I believe that there are other methods that we can do for wolves that may become troublesome with livestock such as translocation and producers who can benefit from using non lethal-deterrents such as fladry, fox lights, range riders and various other practices before lethal control.

Below is a link that is not a survey nor a petition, however it is a tool that can be used to present to CPW to make them aware that we want our wolves to live and they deserve our respect as a native species, an animal who is intelligent, who lives as family, and is an ancestor of your best friend.

WWW.TINYURL.COM/NO2LETHAL

HOW TO BE A VOICE RIGHT NOW

Written comments are encouraged to be provided through the online comment form available at

Wolf Engagement CO Comment Form | tinyurl.com/weo-comment

Verbal comment opportunities are available in person at the **SAG meetings** as well as in person and/or virtually on Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting agendas

Wolf Engagement CO | tinyurl.com/weo-advgrps

CPW Meetings | tinyurl.com/cpw-meet

I will also keep you updated on the progress that is being made (good or not so good) from every SAG meeting I attend for the next 14 months. I can tell you that now is the time to speak up and become part of this process as it is being formed and it will become the way Colorado manages our wolves.

YOU can help prevent our wolves from being like what has happened in Idaho and Montana. Be their voice now.

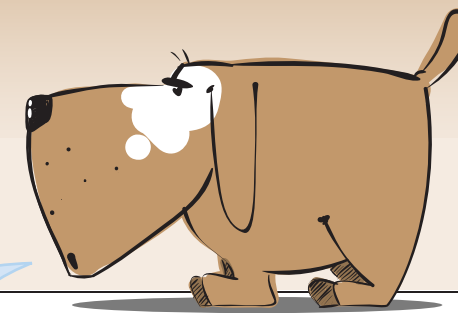
Adoption corner

TCRAS

Teller County Regional Animal Shelter
tcrascolorado.org · 719.686.7707

SLVAWS

San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society
slvaws.org · 719.587.woof (9663)



[NOTE - Our shelter is still open for adoptions, but we are asking that you call ahead and make an appointment before coming in to the shelter - 719-686-7707.]

LUCY »

AGE: 5 years 3 months
SEX: Female/Spayed
Black Grät Dane

This beautiful lady looking for a new beginning where she can be safe and at peace. Housebroken and very sweet. Previous owner said she does well with cats and some dogs. Recommend older or no children in the home. Her favorite toy is a stuffed duck. She will need a secured yard.



« ALYSSA

AGE: 2 years 2 months
SEX: Female/Spayed
Domestic Medium Hair/Mix

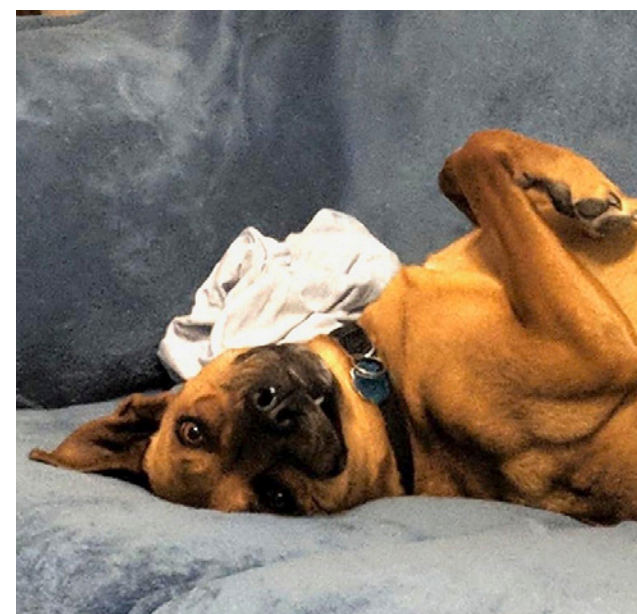
Bring a cat toy and Alyssa will be your friend forever. A sleek black beauty with a fluffy tail, she's two years old and looking for a playmate for life. Call 719-686-7707 to meet this beautiful cat.



SLVAWS ADOPTION FAIR

Every 1st Saturday of the month 11:00am-3:00pm
at the Petco in Colorado Springs
5020 N. Nevada

SADIE



Sadie is an 8.5 year old, 50 pound spayed mix. Fully housetrained, walks well on a leash. Loves going on walks, hikes, snuggling on the couch. Intelligent, athletic, knows many basic commands. With daily walks she would do fine in an apartment, but she would love a yard. Good with older children. Best as an only pet. If you're looking for the best companion, Sadie is it!

BUFFY



Pup Buffy was abandoned at a construction site. A Great Pyrenees/ Golden Retriever mix, gentle, mellow sweetheart, gets along with other dogs & loves to play. She must have a young playmate in her new home. Totally house trained, doggie door & leash trained. At 5 months old, 50 pounds, spayed, all vac's, chipped. Knows sit, stay, come, loves to ride in a vehicle.