



# COLORADO WOLF & WILDLIFE CENTER

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## | SOCIAL MEDIA HAPPENINGS |

Stay up to date with the animals at CWWC, wolves and wildlife in the news, and advocacy opportunities.



**Subscribe to our YouTube Channel: ColoradoWolf&WildlifeCenter** We post videos of the training and enrichment we are providing for our animals, and educational vlogs about wolves.



**Follow us on Facebook: Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center** to get updates on new YouTube video postings, read feel good stories from other wolf/wildlife organizations, and learn about new wildlife findings in the research field.



**Follow us on Instagram: @cowolfcenter** to see pictures of our beautiful animals, stories of what we are doing around the center, and ways you can help wild wolf populations.. Keep your eye on our story for fun videos of the day to day lives of our wolves and keepers.



**Follow us on Twitter: @Wolves\_at\_CWWC** to see photos of our animals, read fun facts, and hear about events happening at CWWC.



**Follow us on TikTok: @cowolfcenter** for the videos you won't see on our other social media pages.

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



**End of Summer Staff Weekend in Rocky Mountain State Park**



**A PUEBLO D60 SCHOOL VISITS CWWC!**







We're changing the planet faster than any other species in Earth's history. What does this mean for our future?

Over the last 10,000 years, humans have domesticated plants and animals, tapped into fossil fuels, and connected our global population through trade. These actions have helped our species flourish—but they also change the climate and transform the ecosystems we depend on.

The fossil record reveals what happened during earlier periods of dramatic change. By exploring Earth's past, we can understand the changes happening now and learn how our choices shape our future.

## THE HUMAN FOOTPRINT

Today, one species—Homo sapiens—changes ecosystems in global ways. Humans leave a "footprint" on the Earth, from our population to our built environment, our large-scale agriculture to our electric lights, roads, and waterways. These human pressures on natural systems place many species at risk for extinction.

## SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM

The Smithsonian Institution is the world's largest museum, education and research complex.

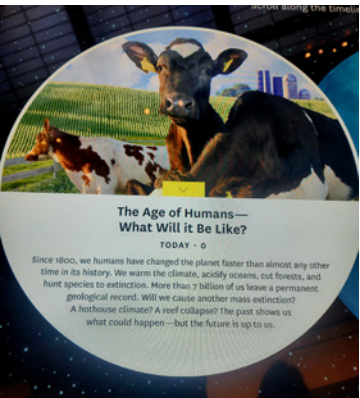
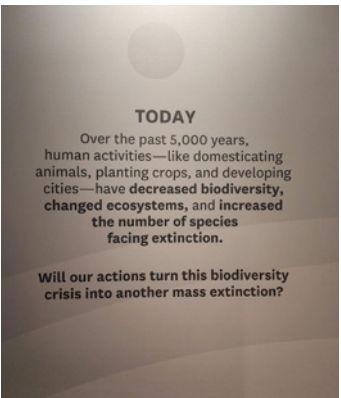
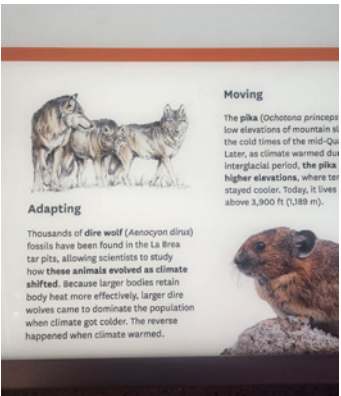
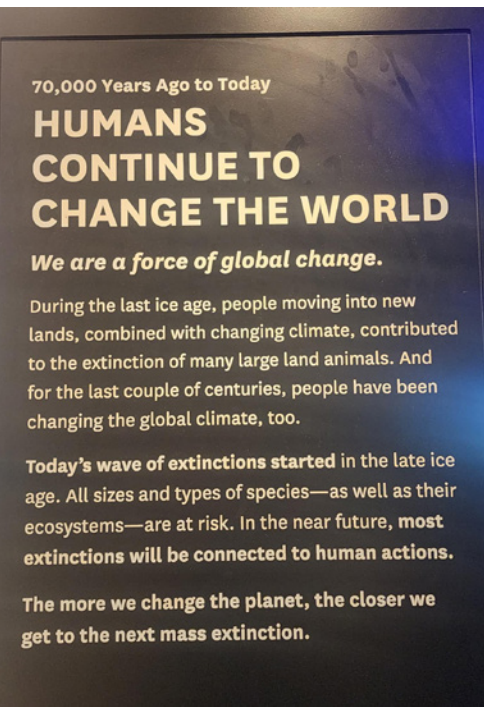
After the rally ended, I wanted to visit the Smithsonian museum. I had heard that it was an incredible place to explore and learn about a variety of topics. Kelly, my assistant director, had mentioned that I might be interested in the Natural History complex (which includes 17 museums, galleries, and a zoo), so that's where we decided to go.

The experience at the museum was truly eye-opening. I was so moved that I actually cried after reading some of the environmental panels detailing what is happening to our planet. Despite being aware of these issues, it was shocking to see them depicted before my eyes. I observed the reactions of both adults and children as they read the information, trying to understand if they truly grasped the severity of the crisis our planet is facing.

Upon completing the tour, I felt a mix of sadness and determination to share the knowledge I had gained with others who might be willing to listen. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit this incredible museum, I highly recommend doing so if you find yourself in the DC area.

Below are some photos that I captured during my visit that had a profound impact on me. I hope they will have a similar effect on you.

- Darlene





# NEW FOX & WOLF ENRICHMENT ENCLOSURE

Thank you Rick for creating this beautiful fox enclosure that our Silver fox will totally love and enjoy in a couple of weeks and for building and installing the double gate, electric wire and other parts to make a beautiful and secure place for the wolves to have a new enrichment enclosure.

Thanks to Kelly, and staff for doing all of the finishing touches to make it complete.







A Utah outfitter of a mountain lion trophy hunt was ordered to report this week to the Federal Correctional Complex in Florence, Colo., to start a two-month sentence for rigged mountain lion hunts.

Wade Lemon admitted that he called in clients to shoot mountain lions – but only after the mountain lions had been tracked by dogs, located, and held in what amounts to a canned hunt.

That's about the same picture of what is happening right now in Colorado. But rather than appeal to a judge, we can appeal to 4.5 million Coloradans to put a stop to the entire, ugly, scandalous practice by voting YES on Prop 127.

Trophy hunting outfitters in Colorado also use dogs with GPS collars to track cats and hold the mountain lions until the shooter arrives.

A prime example was Derek Wolfe, a former Denver Bronco, who admitted he had to travel a mile to even find the "hunting party" where a cat was held at least an hour for him to shoot.

Like his counterparts in Colorado, Lemon specialized in big game hunts for bear and cougars, and he boasted on his website of a "nearly 100%" success rate for his mountain lion hunts. Lemon would charge between \$5,000 and \$7,000 for cougar hunts, according to prosecutors.

*In Colorado, we know that outfitters do the exact same things:*

- Charge upwards of \$8,000 for a head.
- Guarantee almost 100% success.

This outfitter in Utah says he wants to fight a higher-profile felony charge from an earlier hunt in which Donald Trump Jr. killed a bear and mountain lion. That hunt was part of the inauguration of a political group called Hunter Nation. The outfitter is charged with using a pile of grain, oil, and pastries to lure in the poor bear that Trump Jr. then shot.

Dogs also had located and trapped a mountain lion, which had crouched in a small cave for hours before the client was called out, court documents said.

Beth and Merritt Clifton at Animals 24-7 are right to call this guy "the international godfather of unethical hunting."

But Lemon is not any different from Colorado outfitters of mountain lion hunts, or fur trappers, because they all make a profit, personally, from an industry grounded on unsporting conduct and sheer cruelty.

This is just one more reminder that mountain lion trophy hunts and fur trapping of bobcats are bad for Colorado.

We know that trophy hunting produces orphaned kittens, given that 47% of all lions killed for trophies are females. Cats can breed at any time of the year, and the kittens and juveniles stay with their moms for 18 months for a reason.

Baited cages set across the wild are indiscriminate. We've seen fur trappers shaking out an injured and traumatized eagle from one of their baited cages.

There is no concern for the suffering of animals in an activity centered around killing majestic creatures for their heads and doing it with the crudest and more unsporting tools. What's next for Colorado? Legalizing the running down of wolves with snowmobiles to crush them, or to resume spring bear hunting, or to allow baiting of waterfowl?

Colorado must win this battle not just for wildlife. It must make a statement against cruelty to animals in its ugliest expressions.

There is too much at stake, and we must not lose.

**Please donate generously today.**



## FALL AT THE CENTER

photos by: Erika Buckley

## COSTA RICA CLINIC UPDATE:



**Katja**

**Today Spayday**

61 animals fixed, we helped with 18 surgeries – 12 dogs (5 males, 7 females) and 6 cats (4 males, 2 females).

It's really easy working with the vets at the mobile clinic, the only thing one has to take care of is organizing the tent and chairs for the owners and collecting payments. The animals recover inside the truck and can be picked up once ready to leave. No volunteers needed. The tent and the chairs are provided by our municipality, as well as the lot with access to electricity and water, so no additional costs like in the past, when the Herradura association would charge for using their Salon Comunal.

5:29 PM



## WOLF SMOOCHES

*Photos by Erika Buckley*



## SUNRISE at the CENTER

*photo by: Darlene Kobobel*



## ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY TURKEY TOSS

We will be feeding our wolf, coyote, and fox families.

Watch them enjoy their turkey dinners.

(No turkeys will be alive or harmed with this event)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH | 9-11AM**



\$40 · 12 and older | \$20 · ages 6-11

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED 719.687.9742**

Pre-paid event. Limited space available

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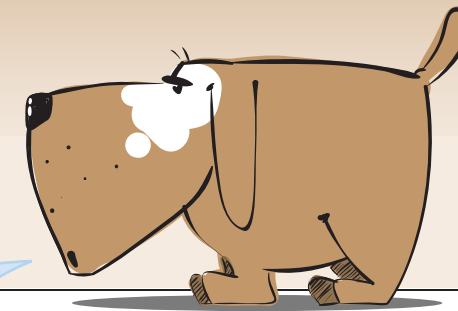
# Adoption corner

## 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. ]**

### CATIER »

Hello. No my name is not a typo, I'm my own designer kitty! Sounds like "Cartier" but I made it my own! I'm a shy girl, very sweet but need my own time to open up. I'd love a quiet home that is all my own where I can be spoiled with all designer kitty accessories!



### « SASHA

I'm a sweet older girl who needs an emotional support human in my life. I work hard at the shelter each day to become more comfortable with new things. Lately, I have really enjoyed going for long walks with staff and volunteers. I like to meet people more than once, as it makes me feel more comfortable. If you want to adopt me, I hope you can meet me a few times here at the shelter so I have plenty of time to warm up to you. Once I know you, I'm a happy girl and I love to be right by your side and get lots of love and attention!



### PUNKIN »

Hi, I'm Punkin, a Great Pyrenees mix, and ready for a home around Thanksgiving. I love to play with my 3 siblings. I will be neutered, chipped, vaccinated.



### « MOLLY

Hi there, I'm Molly! I may be a bit shy at first, but once you earn my trust, you'll find a heart of gold beneath all this fluff. I love quiet spaces, soft blankets, and the occasional gentle ear scratch. I'm the perfect companion for someone who appreciates the beauty of patience and love. I'm looking for a patient and understanding family who can help me build my confidence. A calm environment with lots of love and gentle encouragement is just what I need to shine! I'd do best in a home without loud noises or a lot of hustle and bustle. 4 years old, spayed, chipped.

