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Wolf Haven International

Wildlife Handling

International group gathers for 3-day course

Tenino, WA - [Wolf Haven International](#) hosts their 10th annual Wildlife Handling and Chemical Immobilization course Tuesday thru Thursday, Oct. 29-31. This unique course is one of only two in the U.S. that offer hands-on experience with wolves. Instructor Dr. Mark Johnson, director of [Global Wildlife Resources, Inc.](#), is a former veterinarian of Yellowstone National Park and now travels the world presenting courses on humane, compassionate animal handling.



This year's participants are coming from Ireland, British Columbia, Alberta, Mexico, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Yakima Nation, Kalispell Tribe of Indians and several states in the U.S.

Over the course of the instruction, they will learn humane methods for animal handling, chemical immobilization, monitoring vital signs and radio collar techniques. On the final day, students will examine five of Wolf Haven's resident Mexican gray wolves, under the guidance of Wolf Haven's animal care staff and Dr. Johnson. Dr. Jerry Brown, of Yelm Veterinary Hospital and Dr. Kim Martin from Hawk's Prairie Veterinary Hospital will also provide assistance. The wolves examined must receive health exams and vaccines as part of their care under Mexican gray wolf Species Survival Plan (SSP) regulations.

This year, an optional training is offered on Friday, November 1. Former federal Wolf Management Specialist Carter Niemeyer will present a course in the morning focused on handling wolves in the field. In the afternoon, WDFW employee Rich Beausolis discusses humane cougar and bear handling.

The first Mexican wolves released back into the wild after a 30 year absence came from Wolf Haven International. As a participant in the SSP program, the sanctuary has released two Mexican wolf packs (11 wolves) in the Apache National Forest in AZ.

About Wolf Haven International

Wolf Haven International is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to conserve and protect wolves and their habitat. For 31 years, Wolf Haven has provided sanctuary to 170 captive-born wolves, offered educational programs about wolves and wildlife and advocated for wolf restoration in the wild.

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