



2017 Annual Report



WOLF HAVEN INTERNATIONAL

The mission of Wolf Haven International is to conserve and protect wolves and their habitat. We accomplish our mission through **providing sanctuary**, **offering education** and **promoting conservation**.

sanctuary.

education.

conservation.

SANCTUARY

- A litter of eight red wolf pups born at Wolf Haven – the fourth since we began our participation in the Red Wolf Species Survival Plan (SSP) program. This litter increased the size of one family group to 14 red wolves.
- A litter of four Mexican wolf pups born here – the ninth litter since we began participating in the Mexican Wolf SSP program.
- Male Mexican wolf 1458 (Hodari) came from Endangered Wolf Center as a companion for F907 (Gypsy) in October.
- Female Mexican wolf 1431 went to Ted Turner’s Ladder Ranch in November to be paired with a male Mexican wolf (in hopes they would produce pups).
- Female gray wolf Mariah came from Lockwood Animal Rescue Center (LARC) as a companion for male gray wolf Yukon.
- Completed construction of two “corridors,” allowing Wolf Haven to connect enclosures and give the wolves more space (specifically the large red wolf family).
- One new staff was added to the animal care team, Marisa Pushee.

EDUCATION

- A coexistence wolf panel discussion, coordinated and facilitated by Wolf Haven staff, took place at The Evergreen State College (TESC) in Olympia, Washington.
- 260 Girl Scouts participated in Wolf Haven programs and a Girl Scouts of Western Washington/Wolf Haven International fun patch was designed and produced.
- Education staff participated in offsite activities at Wolf Education and Research Center (WERC), Leavenworth Salmon Festival, Sustainability in Prisons Project, Olympia Hands-On Children’s Museum Summer Splash, LatinX Youth Summit, Hispanic Round Table, Stillaguamish River festival, Salmon Homecoming at Seattle Aquarium, Bear Affair at Woodland Park Zoo, Passport to Wildlife (Pasco, WA), Portland Zoo, Camp HOPE, Student GREEN congresses, plus many schools, senior centers, and libraries.
- Developed (with volunteer Julie Goldsmith), an ecosystems science unit for middle and high school teachers to present in their classrooms.
- Chris Montero, Outreach Coordinator, and Wolf Haven volunteer Karen Lyon, received National Association of Interpreters Interpretive Guide certifications.
- A Spanish language version of Wolf Haven’s Wolf Journal for youth was created.
- One hundred second grade students from North Thurston schools explored Wolf Haven’s prairie as part of their U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service prairie

curriculum.

- Wildlife Handling & Chemical Immobilization course hosted by Wolf Haven was held for the 14th consecutive year with participants from the United States, Mexico and Canada, state and federal employees and local tribes.
- Wolf Haven education programs in English and Spanish reached a minimum of 6,324 people in Washington, Oregon, California and Arizona. This included 5,310 students, 1,391 adults and 374 seniors.
- Eighteen new volunteers joined Wolf Haven and 3433.5 volunteer hours were logged at onsite or outreach events.

CONSERVATION

- Wolf Haven worked with a team of reproductive specialists from St. Louis Zoo to collect and cryopreserve semen from Mexican wolves.
- Prescribed burn of a section of Wolf Haven prairie resulted in explosion of threatened native species plant golden paintbrush the following spring.
- Sustainability in Prisons Project (SPP) provided first-time educational experience for the WA Department of Corrections prairie conservation nursery team and inmate technicians.
- Wolf Haven continued as an active member of the state’s Wolf Advisory Group (WAG), a collaborative multi-stakeholder advisory group focused on creative problem solving.
- Threatened Golden paintbrush was broadcast throughout the prairie by prairie restoration specialists.

ADDITIONAL

- Wolf Haven was voted best wildlife sanctuary on Channel King5 TV (Best Northwest Escapes).
- Increased overall income by 48.6% and reduced overall expenses by 5.7%.
- Wolf Haven staff participated in Capitol Land Trust service project and community clean-up operations.
- Wolf Haven public service announcement video was produced by Thurston Community Media.
- Presentations were given by Wolf Haven staff at a variety of venues including Audubon societies, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, Chambers of Commerce and radio programs.
- Another record-setting *Wolves & Wine* annual fundraising event raised \$78,943!
- *A Midsummer’s Night* summer events (five nights) gave visitors an opportunity to more deeply engage in our mission. They sold out in less than 30 minutes.
- Received bequest gifts from 18 generous supporters. 



2017 at a *glance*



5,310

minimum number of school children reached through educational programs in WA, OR, CA and AZ



33

number of SSP animals

Red wolves **18**

Mexican gray **15**

3,991

Total donors

3,093

Members

1,503

Adopters

48.6

percent of increase in overall income

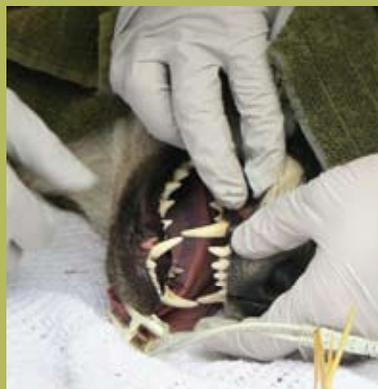
5.7

percent of decrease in overall expenses



61

number of sanctuary residents



14

number of consecutive years Wildlife Handling has been offered

69,000

followers on Facebook

3,433.5

volunteer hours logged



\$78,943

amount raised at the 2017 *Wolves & Wine* fundraiser

35

number of years in existence

Watch for Wolf Haven's Annual Membership Meeting in April of 2019!

Sanctuary

Since 1982, Wolf Haven has rescued over 250 wolves and wolfdogs and provided them with compassionate care, companionship with fellow wolves, and a safe home for the rest of their lives. These animals come primarily from wild animal breeders and private ownership. Once they arrive at Wolf Haven, they are allowed the opportunity to "just be" and reclaim their sense of self. We examine every human action or procedure to ensure that it is in the best interest of the animals living here. Wolf Haven is both an American Sanctuary Association (ASA) and Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) accredited facility, and maintains the highest standards in our care of animals, operating in a responsible and ethical manner.

Education

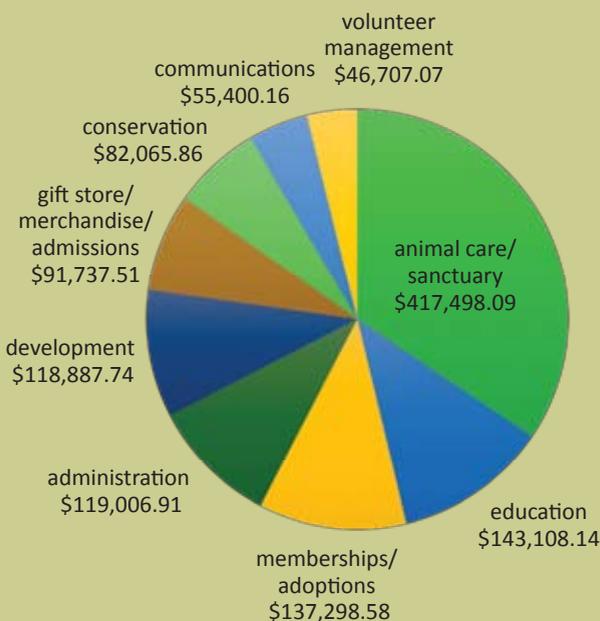
Wolf Haven offers a variety of educational programs in English and Spanish about wolves and the value of all wildlife. Guided 50-minute sanctuary visits offer guests an opportunity to learn more about wolves and their role in the wild. Our programs include classroom presentations, guided walks in the public portion of our sanctuary, on and offsite presentations, online virtual classes in English and Spanish, and community outreach efforts. Wolf Haven curriculum is designed to raise environmental

awareness in people of all ages. We are also committed to communicating the message that wolves and wolfdogs are not appropriate by biology or temperament for private ownership and often suffer as a result of human interference.

Conservation

Wolf Haven was a member of the original Washington Wolf Working Group, which collaborated with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to develop a statewide wolf recovery and management plan. We continue to advocate for wolves as a member of the state Wolf Advisory Group (WAG). Wolf Haven is a member of two U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Species Survival Plan (SSP) programs and a captive-breeding site for the Mexican gray wolf and the red wolf. We are proud to be one of only three U.S. pre-release breeding facilities for a multi-agency, binational effort to restore Mexican gray wolves to the Southwest and Mexico. Wolf Haven is also a captive-breeding site for the critically endangered red wolf, as well as the Mexican wolf. Wolf Haven cooperates with a variety of state, federal and conservation groups in the restoration of our rare mounded prairie and its native flora and fauna. 

2017 expenses: \$1,211,710.06



2017 income: \$1,724,188.74

