

Will you help us continue our work with the Mexican wolf program?



Wolf Haven's Veterinarian, staff and assistant administer a Parvo test and paw care during the pup's third health check. Wolf Haven.

Pup life

On the night of April 29, Vida entered her den and wasn't seen again until the following afternoon. When she came out, she was a different wolf – her belly, which had grown significantly rounder over the last 62 days, was now sunken. She gave her body a good shake and walked up the hill to drink fresh water. Her life would never be the same; inside her meticulously dug den were newly born pups, whose lives depended solely on their mom's care.

In the summer of 2019, the Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan management group selected two Mexican wolves living at Wolf Haven – M1360 (Kochi) and F1422 (Vida) – as a genetically suitable and highly valuable breeding pair for 2020. And on a cool night in April 2020, Vida gave birth to

nine Mexican wolf pups – the largest litter ever born at Wolf Haven! Living in the pre-release area of our sanctuary, these wolves get minimal exposure to humans. Through a remote camera system, our animal care team carefully monitored the family. By six weeks of age, all of the pups were out of the den. Their eyes were fully open and their teeth impressively sharp.

The little ones continued to grow at an amazing rate (sadly, one from the litter did not survive) – and eventually consume an amazing amount of food! Now, seven months later, the pups are the same size as their parents, and have successfully completed three rounds of medical exams. These included general health checks, vaccines, dewormer, parvovirus testing, blood collection for analysis and being microchipped for identification.

No federal funds

Since the average litter size for Mexican wolves is four pups, Vida's large litter was a major contribution to the conservation of the critically endangered Mexican wolf. Your donations help provide food, shelter and medical attention for this group, as Wolf Haven receives no federal funds to pay for these expenses. We remain hopeful that these rare and beautiful wolves *can* recover in the wild.

Your gift allows Wolf Haven to continue to care for all of the 61 animals living here, yet also remain in this program that ensures the genetic health of the rare, yet critical Mexican wolf.