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.
Animal Care

- Animal Care staff successfully conducted three health checks and rounds of vaccinations on Mexican wolf pups born at Wolf Haven.
- Maintained high quality care for all our sanctuary residents through the pandemic closure (maintained our Animal Care staff and our supply chains).
- Secured food donation in the form of 2000 pounds of high-end meat and six pallets of high protein kibble (for supplementing SSP’s diets). We purchased a 13’ x10’ shed to store dry food.
- Built several new capture boxes and multilevel platforms for Species Survival Plan wolves and rescued gray wolves and wolfdogs.
- Concluded a three-decade long professional relationship with retiring Dr. Brown at Yelm Veterinary Hospital and began a collaboration with Evergreen Veterinary Hospital with Dr. Kristin Ripka as our new head veterinarian.
- Organized and hosted the first online Mexican Wolf SSP Binational Meeting, in both English and Spanish.
- Purchased a used Kubota to help with management of our 378-acre property in Montana, McCleery Ranch.
- Repaired and insulated burst pipes following heavy Montana snowfall.
- Repaired fence that a resident elk herd broke through at McCleery Ranch.

Education

- Adapted student and adult educational programs to virtual ones; gave 70 online presentations to total of 2,150 people.
- Held 20 in-person education experiences (onsite/offsite/booth) pre-pandemic, during the first quarter of 2020.
- Created a virtual sanctuary video visit.
- Created educational packets in collaboration with WET Science Center/LOTT Clean Water Alliance’s “Scientists on the Go” for virtual, at-home learning.
- Designed, built, and virtually presented “Best Practices in Interpretation” training for Wolf Haven volunteers.
- Forged new connections with schools in California, Colorado, Kansas, North Dakota, North Carolina, Massachusetts, and Wisconsin, and continued existing relationships with schools in Florida, Oregon, and Washington.
- Provided material for virtual events: Nisqually Watershed Festival, WET Science Center, Salmon Homecoming, Arlington Stillaguamish Eagle Festival, and others.
- Four Wolf Haven staff and five volunteers attended the virtual National Association for Interpretation conference.
- Gave virtual presentations at two California wildlife conferences.
Conservation

- Continued ongoing work started by the Washington Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Working Group by partnering with state agencies and other nonprofits to identify and prioritize gray wolf corridors and rank core habitat important to a reestablishing gray wolf population.
- Executive Director continued to serve on the Washington Wolf Advisory Group that provided input to Director Susewind (WDFW) on wolf management in Washington.
- Operations Director served on the management teams for the critically endangered red and Mexican wolf Species Survival Plan programs.
- A large litter of endangered Mexican wolf pups was born in the spring.
- Transferred two critically endangered red wolves, F2161/Aster and F2161/Sassafras, to Endangered Wolf Center and North Carolina Zoo, respectively, to be paired with genetically suitable males as part of the Red Wolf SSP captive breeding program.
- Annual prescribed burn conducted on Wolf Haven mounded prairie to control invasive plants and promote growth of native prairie ones.
- Center for Natural Lands Management (CNLM) planted starts of Yarrow (Achillea millefolium), Golden paintbrush (Castilleja levisecta), Western buttercup (Ranunculus occidentalis), Slender cinquefoil (Potentilla gracilis), and Missouri goldenrod (Solidago missouriensis) on Wolf Haven prairie.
- Survey of federally protected Mazama pocket gopher conducted at Wolf Haven by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Developed partnership with Ecostudies Institute to promote collaborative conservation goals for native Pacific Northwest habitat.

General

- Hosted first-ever Howl-a-thon, a live and interactive virtual fundraising event which successfully raised $176,530 for Wolf Haven.
- Wolf Haven staff made smooth transition from onsite location to working remotely, with core animal care team remaining at sanctuary to care for the wolves.
- Seamlessly began offering optional digital membership and adoption benefits in addition to postal service option.
- Webstore was redesigned and successfully launched in November, resulting in increased holiday sales (even as the onsite gift shop and sanctuary remained closed to the public).
- Retained volunteer engagement by establishing and hosting recurring virtual meetings (22), with animal care, education and volunteer staff as well as Wolf Haven’s Executive Director in attendance.
Sanctuary Since 1982, Wolf Haven has rescued over 300 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 wolf and the red wolf. We are one of only three U.S. pre-release breeding facilities for a multi-agency, binational effort to restore Mexican 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.

2020 expenses: $1,486,753.94

2020 income: $1,325,883.60