



HIGHLIGHTS IN MEXICAN WOLF RECOVERY AT WOLF HAVEN

- 1994 Wolf Haven International is selected to participate in the Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan (SSP) program, a cooperative agreement designed to oversee the population management of select species in captivity and enhance their conservation in the wild. The first four Mexican wolves arrive at Wolf Haven.
- 1996 First litter of Mexican wolves is born at Wolf Haven.
- 1997 Second litter of Mexican wolf pups is born to the same parents.
- 1998 The first three packs of Mexican wolves, including the Hawk's Nest pack (a family of six from Wolf Haven), are released in Arizona's Apache National Forest. Although they have never hunted before, the Hawk's Nest pack successfully takes down a wild elk in less than a week.
- 2000 Third litter of Mexican wolves is born at Wolf Haven.
- 2000 Second pack of Mexican wolves (Cienega pack) is transferred from Wolf Haven to Arizona and released into the wild. The first Mexican wolf pup conceived and born in the wild (since their return to the wild in 1998) is from Wolf Haven's Hawk's Nest pack.
- 2007 Fourth litter of Mexican pups is born at Wolf Haven.
- 2008 Another litter of Mexican wolves is born to the same parents as in 2007. This makes a total of five Mexican wolf litters born at Wolf Haven.
- 2009 Six female Mexican wolves are transferred from Wolf Haven to an SSP facility in Saltillo, Mexico.
- 2012 Wolf Haven hosts annual binational Mexican Wolf SSP meeting, attended by representatives of participating organizations throughout the U.S. and Mexico.
- 2015 Family of five Mexican wolves are transferred from Wolf Haven to Ladder Ranch in New Mexico, for future release into the wild.
- 2015 Three litters of Mexican wolf pups are born. A total of eight litters of Mexican wolves have now been born at Wolf Haven.

- 2016 Family of 11 Mexican wolves that originated at Wolf Haven are transferred from Ladder Ranch in New Mexico and released into the wild in Mexico. Wolf Haven staff (Wendy Spencer and Pamela Maciel Cabañas) assist with the transport and release.
- 2017 Another litter of Mexican wolf pups is born at Wolf Haven. This makes a total of nine litters born since 1994 when Wolf Haven began participating in the Mexican Wolf SSP program.
- 2020 Litter of nine Mexican wolf pups is born, for a total of ten litters of Mexican wolves born at Wolf Haven.
- 2020 - 2022 In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Wolf Haven virtually hosts the annual binational Mexican Wolf SSP meeting for three years in a row.
- 2023 The SSP program transitions to a Saving Animals From Extinction (SAFE) program. Management of the recovery population under the SAFE program remains the same as it was under the SSP program.

** Since 2014, Wolf Haven's Mexican Wolf SSP/SAFE Liaison, Pamela Maciel Cabañas, has provided support to the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Team by assisting in field operations in the recovery area. She has worked the trap line during collaring season, participated in research projects, and assisted in helicopter operations for the annual survey.*