



HIGHLIGHTS IN WOLF HAVEN'S HISTORY

- 1982 The sanctuary that eventually becomes known as Wolf Haven International is born in Tenino, Washington when the founders file for nonprofit status.
- 1983 First issue of *Wolf Tracks*, a quarterly magazine for members, is produced.
- 1994 Wolf Haven is selected to participate in the Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan (SSP) program, a cooperative animal program 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 After more than 30 years of absence in the wild, 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 take down a wild elk in less than a week.
- 2000 Third litter of Mexican wolves is born at Wolf Haven.
- 2000 The Cienega pack (a family of five from Wolf Haven) is transferred 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.
- 2001 Wolf Haven and partner agencies begin prairie restoration project, with ongoing removal of invasive species and ongoing planting of native prairie flora.
- 2003 Wolf Haven becomes a participant in the Red Wolf SSP program.
- 2004 Wolf Haven hosts first Wildlife Handling and Chemical Immobilization course, taught by Dr. Mark Johnson of Global Wildlife Resources. The annual three-day course includes hands-on work with endangered SSP wolves.
- 2005 First litter of red wolf pups is born at Wolf Haven in early spring.
- 2006 Wolf Haven begins including prairie conservation in outreach programs.
- 2007 Fourth litter of Mexican wolf pups is born at Wolf Haven.

- 2007 Wolf Haven is appointed to the Washington Wolf Working Group that advises the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) on a wolf management plan for the state. This group meets for the next five years.
- 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 a SSP facility in Saltillo, Mexico.
- 2011 Wolf Haven holds a series of wolf advocacy workshops to explain the state's draft wolf management plan, providing wolf supporters with scientific fact-based information and tools to enable them to support the plan's passage into law.
- 2011 Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission adopts its first wolf conservation and management plan for the state.
- 2012 Wolf Haven hosts annual binational Mexican Wolf SSP meeting, attended by representatives of participating organizations throughout the U.S. and Mexico.
- 2013 Wolf Haven is selected to join a state Wolf Advisory Group (WAG) that discusses and advises WDFW officials on wolf conservation and management policy.
- 2013 Wolf Haven achieves American Sanctuary Association (ASA) accreditation.
- 2014 Second litter of red wolf pups born but did not survive.
- 2015 Wolf Haven achieves Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) accreditation.
- 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 Third litter of red wolf pups born at Wolf Haven. Four of the five pups survive.
- 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 A litter of red wolf pups is born to same parents as in 2016. This is the fourth litter born at Wolf Haven and the red wolf family group now has 14 wolves.
- 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.
- 2018 Wolf Haven acquires and assumes responsibility of a second sanctuary, McCleery Ranch, in Bridger, Montana. McCleery Ranch is home to 20 captive-born gray wolves.
- 2019 Eight male McCleery wolves are caught-up with the assistance of volunteers from the community, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, WDFW, Mexican wolf SSP program, and Humane Society of the United States. DNA is collected for cryopreservation and genetic studies, and the wolves are given health checks.
- 2020 Wolf Haven staff and leadership steer the organization and its programs through the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. While being closed to the public, sanctuary staff care for the wolves; education staff provide virtual learning opportunities to various audiences; and conservation staff continue to coordinate prairie restoration and wolf conservation activities. Virtual fundraising events help the organization remain healthy through the shutdown.
- 2020 Litter of nine Mexican wolf pups is born, for a total of ten litters of Mexican wolves born at Wolf Haven.
- 2021 Red wolf F2216 (born at Wolf Haven in 2017) is released into the wild in North Carolina. This is the first red wolf from Wolf Haven to be released into the wild.
- 2022 After being closed to the public for two years, Wolf Haven reopens to the public for visitors and education groups.
- 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.