



WOLF HAVEN
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2022

ANNUAL REPORT

A well-worn wolf path in an enclosure at
Wolf Haven's Tenino sanctuary. JULIE LAWRENCE.

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AS WE REFLECT ON THIS PAST YEAR and begin to plan for the next one and beyond, we find ourselves extremely grateful for the unwavering support of the Wolf Haven community. In 2022, we were able to continue our important work of conserving and protecting wolves and their habitat, in no small part thanks to each of you!

The impact of our sanctuary, education, and conservation efforts is measurable, significant, and growing. While caring for the nearly 90 animals at our sanctuaries in Washington and Montana is not an easy task, we continue to be deeply honored by the opportunity to provide wolves, wolfdogs, and coyotes with peace and comfort in their forever home. From sharing informative educational content to thousands of people, to restoring our mounded prairie that supports a myriad of wildlife, we want you to know that you've played an integral role in each success.

Please take a few minutes to read through our 2022 Annual Report. The story it tells is one we hope you read with a pride of belonging. We are excited by what's ahead, and we look forward to reaching higher. Together.

SANCTUARY: Over the course of the year, we welcomed three new rescues to our Tenino sanctuary: female gray wolves Shasta and Ash, and female wolfdog Quin. Wolf Haven's Sanctuary Director also coordinated with the Mexican Wolf Saving Animals From Extinction (SAFE) program to facilitate transportation of Mexican wolf M1832 (Hawk) to Wolf Haven from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Sevilleta Wolf Management Facility in New Mexico. The transfer was made possible by the nonprofit volunteer pilot group, LightHawk, which supports conservation efforts by providing private flights for animals in need. Red wolf M2235 (Ben) was transferred to Wolf Haven in 2022 as well, to be a companion for F2189 (Pika), and the pair were recommended for breeding by the Red Wolf SAFE program.

By adding an additional Animal Care Specialist to the team, our staff were able to maintain and upgrade numerous enclo-



Red wolf M2214 (Cedar).
JULIE LAWRENCE.



2022 at a *glance*



7,535

people reached with
wolf education and
outreach initiatives



2,871

hours of work donated
by 73 volunteers



24,000

pounds of meat
consumed by McCleery
Ranch wolves

3,364

Total donors

2,947

Members

1,376

Adopters

83

Lifetime members



514

bats documented using
Wolf Haven maternity
roosts



128

generous gifts received
during our Howlathon
fundraiser

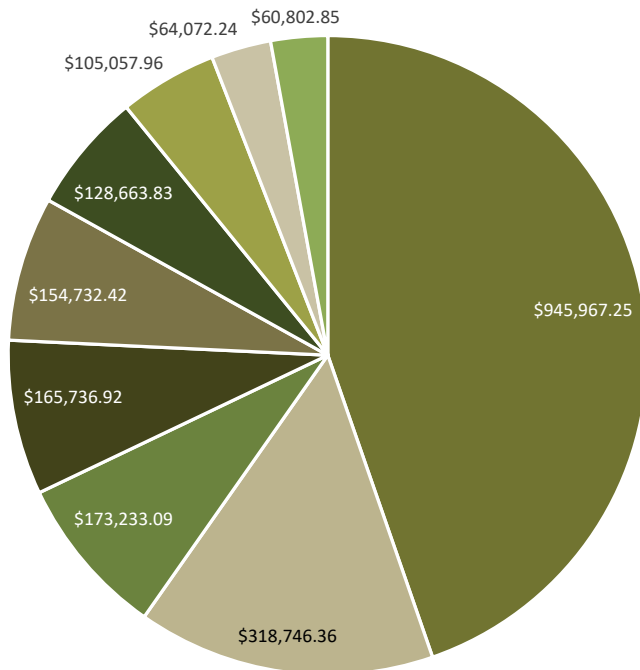


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new resident animals
welcomed to our
Tenino sanctuary

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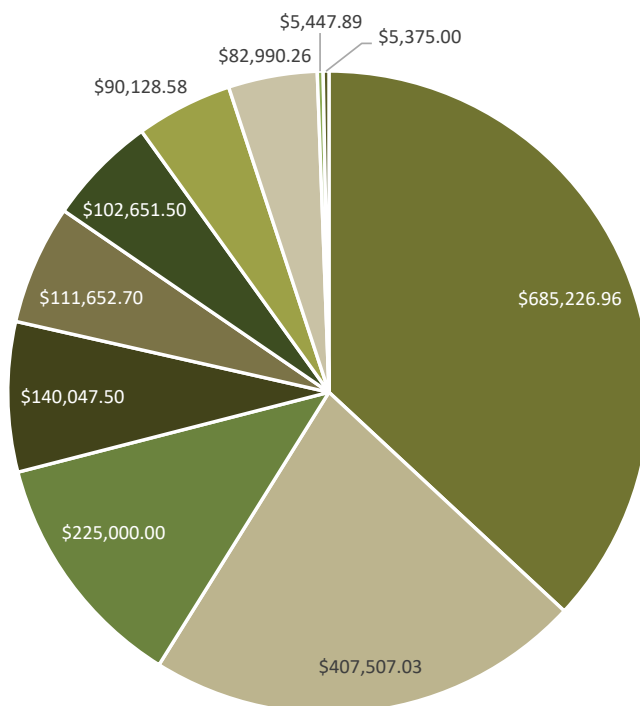
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Expenses

\$2,117,012.92

Animal care / sanctuary	\$945,967.25
Administration	\$318,746.36
Memberships / adoptions	\$173,233.09
Development	\$165,736.92
Conservation	\$154,732.42
Education	\$128,663.83
Gift store / merchandise / admissions	\$105,057.96
Communications	\$64,072.24
Volunteer management	\$60,802.85



Income

\$1,856,027.42

Contributions	\$685,226.96
Bequests	\$407,507.03
Grants - restricted	\$225,000.00
Grants - unrestricted	\$140,047.50
Events	\$111,652.70
Memberships / adoptions	\$102,651.50
Gift store / merchandise / admissions	\$90,128.58
Appeals	\$82,990.26
Education programs	\$5,447.89
Conservation programs	\$5,375.00

asures throughout the sanctuary, including building capture boxes, multilevel platforms, and straw platforms for over ten enclosures! Land grading and flood control was performed in a red wolf enclosure as well as on sanctuary roads, and an old nonfunctioning pond was removed from the enclosure belonging to resident wolfdogs Layla and Tecumseh. With the help of Southgate Fence, the Wolf Haven animal care team also conducted a full revamp of an enclosure that had sustained damage from a windstorm.

At Wolf Haven's McCleery Ranch sanctuary in Montana, staff maintained exceptional, high-quality care for the wolves. Our Director of Montana Operations continued to improve conditions for the wolves, sustain operations, and work toward earning Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) accreditation for McCleery Ranch by upgrading enclosures. The solar battery bank was also fully replaced in 2022 – an important upgrade since the ranch is completely off-grid and relies on solar power to operate! The wolves' day-to-day lives are continually filled with quality food, a variety of enrichment items, and the seclusion of nature in the only home they have ever known.

EDUCATION: After an extended pandemic closure, we reopened our Tenino sanctuary gates for weekly educational visits and saw the return of in-person outreach experiences that had not taken place in the previous two years. Groups we met with previously via virtual programs began scheduling visits to the sanctuary, and Wolf Haven's staff and volunteers resumed participating in offsite events across the country, reaching 7,535 people with 127 experiences.

We assisted with three workshops throughout the year featuring renowned Wisconsin wolf biologist, Richard Thiel, two of which Wolf Haven hosted for staff, volunteers, board members, and guests. To keep current on best practices, education and conservation staff attended multiple webinars, including *Changing the Narrative on*

Wolves and Environmental Education Through an Indigenous Lens, as well as the International Wolf Symposium conference in Minnesota. Wolf Haven's Education Coordinator also completed her National Association of Interpretation's (NAI) Certified Interpretive Trainer certification, which opens the door for us to train interpreters and teach NAI Certified Interpretive Guide courses.

Wolf Haven's educational coloring book (now sold in the Visitor Center and online store) and wolf-based student science kit were completed in 2022, the latter in collaboration with Colorado State University. Our relationship with the Oregon Humane Society's summer camp program was reestablished after being paused during the pandemic, and several new relationships branched from existing events and educational experiences. More Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops are hearing about Wolf Haven, an event in Kennewick led to an event in Selah, and so much more! We are particularly excited about our EcoNetwork connections, which have expanded to include a prairie education partnership with Garden-Raised Bounty (GRuB), a nonprofit organization working at the intersection of food, education, and health systems to grow healthy communities. Wolf Haven also joined the Camas Collaborative, which facilitates meaningful co-stewardship between tribal communities and other caretakers of our increasingly rare Pacific Northwest prairies and oak woodlands.

CONSERVATION: In the spring of 2022, Wolf Haven hosted a BioBlitz (a type of biological census) on the Patrick Vance Dunn Memorial Prairie, where local conservation partners, staff, and volunteers documented 171 wildlife species. Among the documented species, for the first time, were two breeding pairs of western bluebirds (*Sialia mexicana*). And during our annual bat count, 514 little brown bats (*Myotis lucifugus*) and Yuma bats (*Myotis yumanensis*) were documented using our maternity roosts, signifying Wolf Haven's highest bat count to date!

In the fall, our annual prescribed burn was

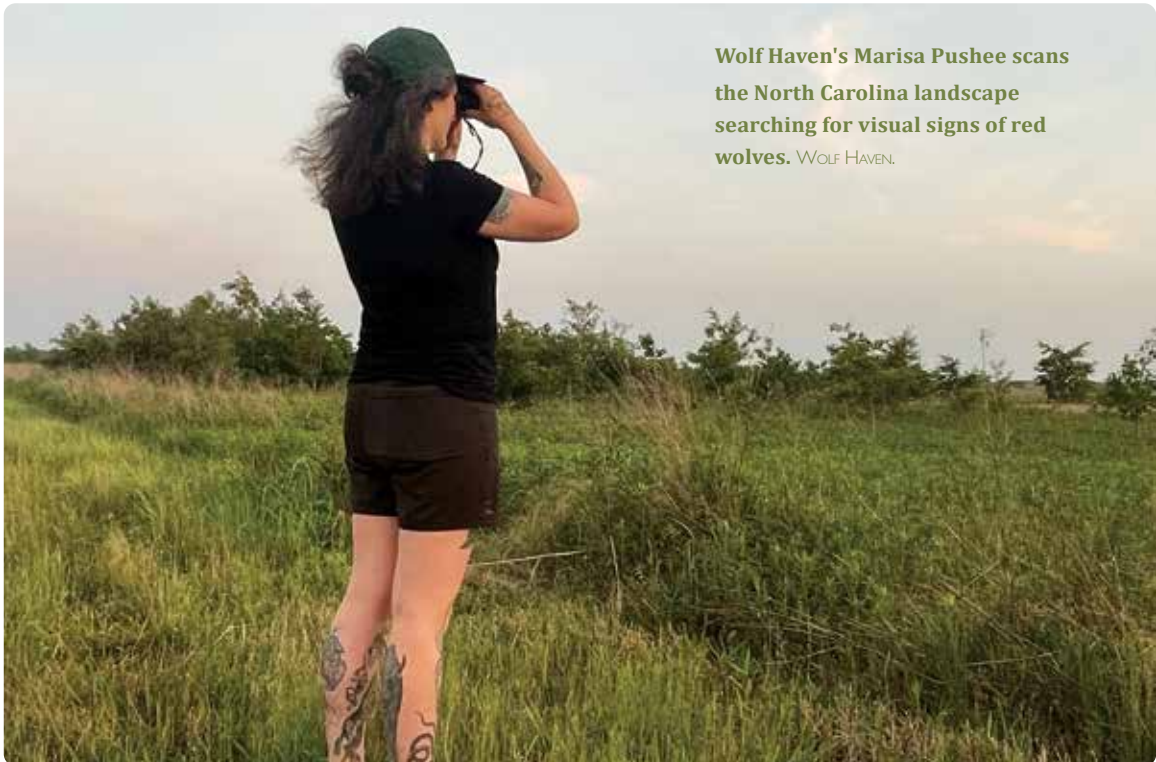
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conducted by Ecostudies Institute and Center for Natural Lands Management (CNLM). This year, drone footage of the burn was captured by an Evergreen State College professor and graduate student, and was used to create a prairie story map – the map will remain an ongoing project and collaboration for Wolf Haven in coming years. CNLM planted starts and seeded the prairie following the burn to increase native plant abundance, while also pulling invasive species like Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*). 2022 saw Wolf Haven's first ever Promise for the Prairie virtual fundraising event too, which raised over \$5,000 as part of the campaign to establish a fund for protecting and maintaining our prairie.

Many of Wolf Haven's conservation and animal care staff gained valuable experiences over the course of the year through workshops, field work, and conferences. This included supporting the USFWS Interagency Field Team with collaring Mexican wolves in the Gila National Forest; joining

the red wolf recovery team in the field in eastern North Carolina; and assisting the Washington Department of Transportation on connectivity model validation. Staff also attended the Cascadia Prairie Oak Partnership conference in Washington and the Pacific Wolf Coalition annual meeting in Oregon.

Wolf Haven continued to participate on the Washington Wolf Advisory Group (WAG) and collaborated on the western Washington gray wolf habitat and landscape connectivity analysis. We also organized and hosted the third virtual Mexican Wolf SAFE Annual Meeting, with live translation and over 100 participants from the United States and Mexico. In collaboration with recovery program reproductive specialists, Mexican wolf semen collection was performed at the Tenino sanctuary as well, and our annual Wildlife Handling and Chemical Immobilization course with Dr. Mark Johnson returned to Tenino for the first time since 2019!



Wolf Haven's Marisa Pushee scans the North Carolina landscape searching for visual signs of red wolves. WOLF HAVEN.