

Wolf Centre Updates

The air is crisp, the leaves are falling, the wolves' fur coats are returning, and the kids are back to school... sounds like its time for our next newsletter! We have had, another wonderful summer spreading wolf awareness to many people from all over the world. Thanks for visiting and of course thanks to our passionate and knowledgeable staff. A BIG HOWL TO ALL ahroooooo

Howl Nights

Over the last year we have been howling with the public every Thursday Night. We have taken this out of our schedule do to low attendance. Sorry for any inconvenience or disappointment to our supporters.

Celebrating our Staff

This year we tried something different and decided to have a friendly staff golf tournament to celebrate another successful summer season. Though most of us are not golfers even in the loosest sense of the term, we all had a



blast!



Caribou Sign-On Letters

Anyone who's visited us this summer has heard about our Caribou Sign-On Letters. For those of you who haven't, the BC government is currently considering a plan to kill wolves in BC in the name of caribou conservation. Though the mountain caribou is in fact threatened and declining, there is a growing body of evidence that indicates killing wolves will not help to protect the caribou. A number of scientific and environmental organizations have already sent a letter to the government stating these facts and their opposition to the planned kill. Since then, a similar letter has been created for public use by the Animal Alliance of Canada and we made it available for our visitors to sign so that we can collect and send them to the government as well. We are pleased to announce that we have collected over 3,800 signed letters and will continue to collect more, at least until we reach our goal of 5000 letters. We are also aware that other groups and individuals have collected and sent more letters independently. If you haven't signed a letter yet you can find a copy on our website. You can mail it directly to the government (address on letterhead) or send it to us so that we can include it in our tally. We'd like to send out a great howl of appreciation to everyone who has supported this campaign!

Important Dates!

- Oct 11: Thanksgiving
- Oct 17-23: Wolf Awareness Week
- Oct 31: Halloween
- Nov 11: Remembrance Day

Northern Lights Wildlife Wolf Centre is open every day of the year, even throughout the holidays. Come by for some spooky, sweet Halloween fun on Oct 31st!



Wolves and Schools

It's that time of year again... kids are back to school. If you are interested in having Shelley and Aspen visit your school to teach kids (and teachers!) about wolves give us a call. We have programs tailored to both the BC and Alberta curriculums and have taught kids from kindergarten to college level. Ask us about customized programs for other groups too.

Time to start thinking about the holidays!

It's never too early to start thinking of that perfect holiday gift. Sponsorship of a wolf is a perfect gift for any wolf-lover in your life. We have a sponsorship levels to suit every budget; they range from as low as \$20 to as much as \$1000. Sponsors receive an initial package and then our newsletter throughout the following year, updating you on our wolf pack and the wolf centre. Contributions go directly towards helping to feed and care for our wolves as well as allowing us to continue to spread the message of wolf conservation. We have also been able to send our Alpha Female, Shelley, to Red Deer, Edmonton, Calgary and to many communities in southern BC, where she educates people and works towards changing legislation to protect our wilderness.

Adopt a Wolf \$ 75

Pack Membership

- \$250 = Wolf Pack
- \$100 = Alpha Member
- \$ 50 = Beta Member
- \$ 20 = Puppy Member

New

- \$1000 = Wolf Guardian
- Receive a walk with a wolf in thanks



Looking for something a little different as a gift idea? What about a walk with the wolves? Gift certificates for our **Photo Sessions** are available. But call us soon, we don't take credit cards so make sure you give yourself time to get that cheque or money order to us well in advance of the holidays! Give us a call or send us an email to inquire further.

Reminder to Sponsors: Don't forget to Renew!

If your sponsorship started sometime last fall or winter, don't forget to renew your sponsorship. We are so grateful to all sponsors for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you, so THANK YOU!!!

Creative Kids

We are always pleased to receive wolf artwork from talented kids and so impressed too! Below are two that we have recently received (right by:

Mataya;

below by:

Bailey). If you have wolf artwork or poetry that you'd like to share, just mail or email it to us!



Don't forget you can find us on **Facebook!** A good way to keep current on upcoming events and learn what we're up to! Just look up **Northern Lights Wolf Centre.**



Wolf Awareness Week! OCTOBER 17-23

Did you know that Canada is home to one of the healthiest wolf populations in the world, and yet our Rocky Mountains Region has one of the lowest densities of wolves in the world? Did you know that while wolves are considered an essential component of our environment, grey wolves have no protection in Canada? Wolf awareness week is almost upon us; Oct 17th-23rd. Take this opportunity to learn more about wolves; the important role they play and how our activities and laws affect them and as a result the health of our environment. We will be celebrating wolf week by visiting a local school and hosting activities in the Golden area. For anyone within range, we hope you will join us at **Kicking Horse River Lodge on Wed Oct 20th at 7:30 pm** where we will be featuring the film "Lords of Nature" and speaking about issues regarding wolf conservation and management. Admission is by donation. For those of you not in our area, we encourage you to organize an event in your community to help raise awareness towards wolves. Let us know what you come up with!

Sadie will be traveling to **Langly, BC on the 23rd of October**. She will be speaking at a fundraiser hosted at the Burnaby Mountain Golf Course, Eagle Creek Banquet Hall - 7600 Halifax Street, Burnaby, BC. The event begins at 5pm, with entertainment too! She's excited to spread the word of how important wolves are and what needs to be done to protect them.

We'd like to send out a big howl of thanks to all the kids from Mr. deBoer's class at Nellie McClung School who came to visit us this summer. You guys are amazing, keep up that passion!



Silent Auction

Our silent auction, for the first of three paintings donated graciously by Bev Potheary is closed! Cindy Vanier of Ontario is the lucky new owner of "Young Curiosity". As of October 1st we're accepting bids for the second piece, a pastel entitled "Peeking Thru" as illustrated above. Bev Potheary is a Vernon artist better known to some as "Potheary's Paintings". To make a bid on this original artwork, you can call, e-mail us or visit the centre. All proceeds will go to caring for our wolves, furthering our education programs and subsidize transportation costs to schools. Auction is NOW open... start your bidding!



Conservation Corner **MOUNTAIN CARIBOU UPDATE**

On September 16th, we met with Columbia River-Revelstoke MLA Norm Macdonald for the second time to discuss BC government wolf control programs in the name of mountain caribou recovery. Mr. Macdonald will be hand-delivering the sign-on letters we have collected from visitors over the summer to BC environment minister Barry Penner, and REVISITING the issue of Karelian Bear dogs for wildlife shepherding too. The sign-on letters have accumulated. As of September 11th, signees included:

BC residents = 672
Canada = 1,525
International = 1,308
TOTAL = 3,505

For more wolf conservation news and information on how you can help, visit the **Canadian Wolf Coalition:**
www.canadianwolfcoalition.com

Carbon Capture

Preserving wolves means preserving their habitat, and in this region of Canada that's forests. Pavement is increasing throughout the world...bigger and blacker surfaces for transportation of people and our "stuff". We have started a new initiative for people to offset their own carbon footprint by having US plant a tree! For each \$20 donation to this campaign we will replant a doomed tree to a place where it can thrive and contribute further to biodiversity: cleaning the air, housing songbirds and insects, becoming communication trees for bears, wolves, and other animals.... Twice each year we will replant trees, fall and spring. We will begin planting in October, so get a tree planted in YOUR name or someone else's to keep the future clean, green, fresh, and growing. Get us busy planting!



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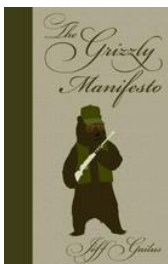
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How often can you say that your job changed who you are?

I can honestly say that the Northern Light Wildlife Wolf Centre has done exactly that. When I started working here in the summer of 2009, I knew very little, if anything, about wolves and nature in general. However this experience has opened my eyes to an entirely different world of balance and responsibility. At this day in age, near the pinnacle of our technological advancements, we have forgotten who we are and where we came from. We forgot that we are as much a part of nature as the flora and fauna that surround us. This facility has grounded me to the fact that we are above nothing and protecting nature is the only road to recovery.

Recommended Reading

There's nothing like cozying up with a good book on a cold and stormy day. If you're looking for a good read we highly recommend "The Grizzly Manifesto" by Jeff Gailus. Focusing on the Grizzly Bear, Gailus exposes the twisted interrelationship between policy, politics and wildlife management, and sheds light as to why our species often don't have the protection they deserve, and why science and knowledge aren't the driving forces they should be in management decisions. Using sharp criticisms such as "Canada's lack of progress in legally protecting species at risk is an international embarrassment", Gailus holds nothing back. He also emphasizes how important it is that we vote, something Casey Black has long expressed. As written in the book: "It's easy enough to blame governments [...] but ultimately it's not just them who are failing us. We are failing ourselves. The only way to turn things around in Canada is to begin paying attention to the environmental politics that whirl around us like snowflakes in an East Coast storm. We must incorporate these politics into the way we live our lives and especially into the way we vote. [...] Our governments are beholden to corporate interests, and they have become unresponsive and unaccountable beasts."



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