

WOLF SANCTUARY OF PA, INC

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Dear Friends,

It seems like April has arrived in the blink of an eye. The wolves certainly enjoyed their winter wonderland on the few occasions with snow, but now nearly everyone is starting to shed their winter wear and we know that hot days are just around the corner.

Fall and winter has kept everyone incredibly busy around the Sanctuary. There are so many projects currently going on and so many that still need to be done. We hope to continue to build more enclosures, update some of our older ones and allow for more access to our wonderful family of wolves. Since our last letter we have completed some major projects, like the addition of a beautiful wooden porch to the information center that has allowed for easier access to all our visitors. We have also put in a new enclosure that houses our most recent pack, the Penny Pack.

The Penny Pack is home to four playful youngsters: Rogue, Jasper, Liberty and Sky. They have a nearly insatiable need to bounce about, chase one another and just stir up a great time among themselves. Liberty and Sky are a couple of newcomers to the Sanctuary. They both arrived last July and have formed a strong bond with Rogue and Jasper. The Penny Pack received their name from Liberty who was released by his owner in Pennypack Park in Philadelphia. There he roamed for months feeding off scraps people threw him, or from cat and dog dishes people placed in their yards for their own pets.



Our lovely Liberty out and about at Pennypack Park in Philadelphia after being released by his owner.

Our caretaker and volunteers were called in to rescue the poor guy before any mistakes occurred and wildlife agents would have to put him down. After a few days of trying and many failed attempts, the PA Game Commission managed to trap Liberty and brought him to the Sanctuary. After health scan at the vet, we found that Liberty was severely malnourished from his time

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fending for himself. Liberty is now well fed and happy with his new companions and passes the days playing with his pack mates and exploring their new enclosure. We are so happy that we can give such beautiful animals, discarded and forgotten by their owners, a place to run free and food to fill their bellies.



Liberty all settled in and home in his new enclosure at the Sanctuary.



The Penny Pack (in order from left to right): Rogue, Liberty, Jasper and Sky



Our other new addition, playful Sky, lounging in the shade of a tree.

Along with our new arrivals, we also had to say good-bye to some greatly loved wolves that passed away this year. Delilah, the omega in Smokey's Pack; our beautiful wolf with one blue and one orange eye, passed away in February. We also must say farewell to Kydro, who was only with us a short time, but immensely loved nonetheless.



Delilah



Kydro

The care and welfare of our wolves is paramount to the Sanctuary and we are always working towards giving our animals more room to roam and less stress in captivity by enlarging their enclosures and ensuring ample separation between the packs. The only way for us to provide such a high level of care and room for our wolves is by visitors like you. Without your help we would not be able to take in more neglected and mistreated wolves from people unable to care for them.

For many wolves kept as pets there are only two options when the state or federal authorities get involved: euthanasia or a sanctuary, and we here at the Wolf Sanctuary of PA will do anything in

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our power to ensure the former does not happen. It breaks our hearts to consider the standards of living that some of our wolves were rescued from. One case that we told you about in our last letter was Achilles, who has joyously been accepted into a pack here at the sanctuary. He can run and play with his pack mates to his heart's content. We just love a happy ending.

So much of our financing comes from our wolf adoption program. When you adopt one of our wolves you will receive an information packet in the mail that explains the background of your wolf, how he or she arrived at the sanctuary, their personality, likes and dislikes and so much more as well as an amazing picture of your wolf. If you are interested in adopting one of our wolves, please visit our website for details and while you're there check out our new membership page! There you will find new membership levels with the benefits that accompany your donations.

We would like to thank our staff and volunteers whose time and labor make the Sanctuary such an incredible place for wolf and visitor alike. Without their boots on the ground and your donations, we could never accomplish any of our lofty projects.

Our wolves are our life; we spend every day with them and are with them from beginning to end. They are beautiful creatures that have been misunderstood by man for thousands of years and the fact that their natural range in North America has been reduced by over 90% is a reflection of that misunderstanding. The Wolf Sanctuary of PA prides itself on the educational value from our tours and hope that we can give our visitors a better understanding of wolf behavior in the wild and why owning a wolf should never be a private undertaking.

Wolves are part of our heritage, both our national heritage and the heritage of the future generations. We provide our animals with the love, care and attention they deserve while allowing visitors to marvel at their beauty and poise and we want to continue doing just that and with your help we can! We hope you can contribute (or continue to contribute) to the Sanctuary and help us in our continual duty to provide a secure future and a refuge for these magnificent animals.

Thank you, and thank you for caring! Please visit us during our regularly scheduled tours, the full moon tours, or our big event, Music and Art with the Wolves which is May 18th from 11 AM-3 PM and is \$10 per person (kids under 12 are free!).

JOIN IN OUR MISSION – WE NEED YOUR HELP

No Contribution is ever too small. Should you have any questions, please contact Dawn or Darin at the B&B 717-626-1760 or W/S at 717-626-4617.

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Thank you for your donations and enduring support. We hope for your continued patronage and we always enjoy return visitors. We recently found out that nearly 40% of our visitors hear about the Sanctuary by a friend or family member so please continue to spread the word about our wolves and the Sanctuary! If you're interested in some extra time with our wolves, be sure to check the website for our special tours (a private tour or photography tour) or consider a stay right here at Speedwell Forge Bed and Breakfast. With only a short walk from the B&B, you can see all of our wolves at your own pace outside of our regular tour hours.

There has been a lot of change since the Sanctuary came into existence in 1980, but the mission has always been providing a home for the wolves. Please help us to continue with that mission so these incredible animals will continue to awe and inspire future generations.

One more way you can help us put more of your donation directly into caring for the wolves is by recording your contribution information on the bottom portion of the response letter and tearing it off to keep as a receipt for your tax records. Simply return the top section with your donation. This will reduce our administrative expenses and the money saved in time and the cost of paper, envelopes, and postage will instead go directly to wolf care. If you are also interested in our email option to stay connected with the news here at the Sanctuary please email us at wolfsanctuary@gmail.com with your name.

Remember every penny counts.

Sincerely,



Dawn Darlington
President

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I want to help the Sanctuary through the year by making automatic monthly payments of
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Our goal remains the same for 2013. Your donation is greatly appreciated and necessary to continue operating to protect and allow freedom for the Wolves of Speedwell in PA.

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