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Endangered red wolf on display at center

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The Wolf Conservation Center's first publicly displayed endangered red wolf was released into its new enclosure on Wednesday, Sept. 30, after arriving from a zoo in North Carolina. The enclosure, built as the center celebrates its 10th year in South Salem, will put a mated pair of endangered wolves on display for the first time at the center.



Wolf Conservation Center volunteer Joe Darling, Director Maggie Howell, and Curator Rebecca Bose release four-year-old red wolf F1397 into the new display enclosure at the center in South Salem.

zoos, and so might be more comfortable as exhibit animals. F1291 had been kept in a private enclosure at the center with a mate, in hopes she might breed, but her mate was transferred earlier this year after several seasons without pups.

The center breeds red wolves as part of the Species Survival Plan, which places captive-born pups in wild litters in hopes of increasing the wild population. The center is also home to 22 Mexican gray wolves, which are kept away from human contact, as well as four "ambassador" wolves, which form the basis of the center's educational efforts.

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The first of the two wolves, a four-year-old female called F1397, arrived from North Carolina Zoological Park on Sept. 30. Her prospective mate, M1587, arrived from the Mill Mountain Zoo in Virginia the following day, and will be held in an adjacent enclosure until the two are acquainted.

The center's remaining red wolf, F1291, is to be kept in a private enclosure, and is awaiting a new mate, which is expected to arrive by the end of the month. According to Director Maggie Howell, the center decided to put the two new wolves on display because they had come from

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