



July Adoption Newsletter

WOLF CONSERVATION CENTER



Hello June!

Happy July, everyone! We hope the middle of your summer has been splendid and you've been staying cool in these record heat waves. It's been a stormy, steamy season and your adopted wolves have been mostly trying to reserve their energy and take this July one paw at a time. In exciting news, Silas has officially joined us in his ambassador enclosure with Nikai, so a fresh face has been a welcome addition! Unfortunately, we also mourn the loss of our beloved ambassador wolf, Alawa, as well as sweet Mexican gray wolves Rhett and Rosa. They will all be incredibly missed as cherished wolves in the WCC pack.



Nikai

Nikai has had a bittersweet month. While he welcomed Silas with open paws, he mourns the loss of his beloved sister Alawa. While there's no question he misses his sister, he has been taking his role as big brother to pup Silas very seriously. He's shown him all the ropes: which spots are best for sunning, what time of day is optimal for finding frogs to scent-roll on, and most importantly: the best fence placement for scoring program snacks from educators. Silas has been more than happy to learn, and we love the enthusiasm he brings to every interaction with his big brother Nikai.



Sage & Jacques

Sage and Jacques have been splitting their time between relaxing and staying energized. Sage, ever the enthusiast, was spotted running after a snake that had slithered into their enclosure. Her curious nature led her to continue to inspect the snake after it escaped to take shelter underneath a log. Jacques came over to see what all the fuss was about, but he quickly deemed his energy was better spent cooling off from the sun in their den. Realizing the snake wouldn't be coming out anytime soon, Sage decided to see what her neighbors were getting up to instead. Many reptiles are out and about in the summertime, as they require sunlight to maintain their body temperature. So, this time of year is sure to give Sage and Jacques some interesting creatures to find.



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Did You Know?

FACT: THE LONGEST RUNNING PREDATOR-PREY STUDY IS BETWEEN WOLVES AND MOOSE IN ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK, AN ISLAND OFF OF MICHIGAN



Tyke & Lava

Tyke and Lava have preferred to spend their July alternating between relaxing on top of their log cabin perch and digging a new den! Staff found the location of a very narrow, but fully functioning den that the two had been working on together towards the back of their enclosure. Sounds like these two are keeping the passion alive through DIY den dates. Other than their creative endeavors, Tyke and Lava have been intrigued to hear a new howl here at the center! Silas is just “down the street” from them, so they have been spotted standing on their cabin some days to get a better listen as he tries out his howls.



Sam & Family

Sam and family have been spending lots of time snoozing on top of their log cabin, like many of their wolf neighbors. Sam has been monitoring his pups to make sure not too much mayhem goes down during these record-breaking hot months. Notch was spotted getting some affection from his siblings, which was sweet to witness. Meanwhile, Max and Martha were observed engaging in some sibling competition, as Max stole some leftovers from Martha while she was off scent marking. SkyRae had the last laugh, though, when she dug up the buried evidence the next day and became the final owner. Patience sure can pay off!



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Did You Know?

FACT: ALTHOUGH WOLVES MAINLY STICK TO A DIET OF UNGULATES, THEY HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED EATING BEAVER AND FISH, AS WELL



Valentia

Valentia has been spending most of the hottest days of July taking it easy and resting under the shade of her favorite tree. However, she certainly hasn't passed up the opportunity to frolic in the summer storms when it rains. It's been a pretty stormy season here in the Northeast, and Valentia has definitely had her fair share of downpours. She's used her den during heavier storms, but seems to enjoy the lighter showers. She provides a good reminder to us all to take excitement in all the little joys of life. After all, sometimes you just have to splash in a puddle! She's also been favoring her log cabin perch lately, preferring to watch her neighbors Tyke and Lava from a farther distance.



Belle & Family

Belle and family are missing their dear Rhett, as he passed away this month at 15 years old. He had the opportunity to experience life both in the wild and captivity. He leaves behind an amazing legacy, having fathered 6 pups with partner Belle and also inspiring countless members of the public who grew to know and love him. Belle is taking it all as well as she can, especially since she has Nita, Jean, and Maus who still look to her for guidance and leadership. These sweet siblings have been extra compassionate with their mom, frequently laying close by her on their favorite rock wall. Nita was even spotted giving her a gentle grooming session! Maus brought Belle some leftover deer leg to show his support while Jean kept watch over the pack. We love seeing how strong this family's bond is.



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In closing, we hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits and your July has been a memorable one surrounded by your own pack of family and friends. As we round the corner to August, we are sending you well wishes during our final month of the summer season! We'll see you back in your inboxes then.



Your friends at the WCC



Rosa & Family

Diane started out July deciding to scent roll on a frog she found while Bria looked on unamused with her efforts, preferring to keep her hair frog-free for now. Hélène was too preoccupied finding a place to stow some beaver to be bothered with Diane's frog fiasco or Bria serving Diane some major side eye over it. Sadly, the second half of this month has been tough for these three, as they lost their mom Rosa on July 21st. These sisters share a strong bond with each other, so we know that they will support each other through this loss. Rosa was the longest-tenured wolf in WCC history. She had spent her entire life on-site here in South Salem. Her fierce love for her pups and her wild spirit will be dearly missed.



Trumpet, Lighthawk, & Family

Trumpet, Lighthawk, & family have been observed having "meetings" where they gather around together to be affectionate, play, and relax during the summer heat. Kazoo has been keeping his older brothers youthful this July by engaging them in playtime any chance he can get. Joe Darling, George, and Mosby were spotted by staff racing Kazoo through the enclosures while Lighthawk looked on with curiosity. Trumpet and Nicholas laid on some tree roots nearby, preferring to live vicariously through watching their shenanigans. Sonda was keen to figure out what was going on, but by the time he sauntered out of the den, they'd decided running in the heat back and forth might not be the most sustainable way to play. Meanwhile, Kral busied himself by digging a little dirt pit to cool off in.