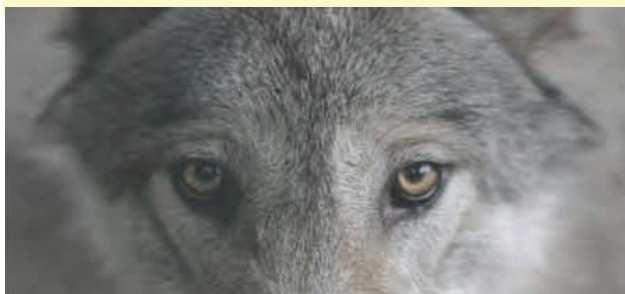


CONSERVATION: The WSC is a proud participant in both the Mexican gray wolf and red wolf Species Survival Plans. As a cooperator we follow strict instructions to either allow or prevent breeding in the red wolves and Mexican gray wolves that we house. We do not receive any federal funds to support our participation, but are delighted to contribute nevertheless.

Why Conservation? Until red wolves and Mexican gray wolves are no longer dependent upon captive space for recovery, this project is imperative to our mission.



Upcoming Events

June-August 2008

“Summer Wolf Camp!”

July 4th, 2008

WSC float in the Forest Lake Parade

July 26th, 2008

Motorcycle Ride Fundraiser

September 6th, 2008

Sporting Clays Shoot

September-October 2008

Special Youth Bow Hunt

October 4th, 2008

Harvest Howl

October 25th, 2008

Howl-O-Ween

October 30th, 2008

Wine Dinner with Ann Bancroft

December 6th, 2008

Howliday Open House

What Can You Do to Help?

Visit our website to sign up for and purchase a membership or sponsorship today. Your support will help us care for our animals as they continue to educate the public about conservation and species preservation.

The Wildlife Science Center is a nationally recognized, independent, non-profit educational and research facility whose mission is to advance the biological knowledge and understanding needed for conservation through long-term studies on captive animal populations. Currently, the Center is home to over 40 wolves of various species, several birds of prey, 8 bears, as well as other animals including lynx, foxes, raccoons and coyotes.

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Why does the Wildlife Science Center allow our gray wolves to have pups?



The Wildlife Science Center makes careful, thoughtful decisions of whether or not to breed wolves. We do not allow breeding every year, because each and every pup born here is the ultimate responsibility of the Wildlife Science Center, even if they go to other facilities. It is helpful to examine the role of pups within the context of our mission.



TRAINING: The Wildlife Science Center partners with the University of Minnesota and Argosy University to provide safe capture and chemical immobilization training to wildlife professionals and students. The training allows biologists to learn basic patient monitoring and anesthesia in a controlled setting, while providing WSC staff the chance to perform annual physical exams on the resident wildlife. Pups are not anesthetized, but provide biologists with the opportunity to learn safe physical restraint techniques, which they will later use in the field on free-ranging wolves and other animals. Examples of Agencies that have used our services: USDA-Wildlife Services/ Yellowstone Wolf Recovery Team/Wisconsin DNR/Minnesota DNR/Michigan DNR/US Fish & Wildlife Services

Why Training? Trained biologists do a better job handling our precious natural resources in the wild!

RESEARCH: WSC conducts and hosts research intended to benefit captive or free-ranging populations of animals, through improved management techniques, equipment development and testing, and physiology research. Some examples of research: WSC has been partnering with Dr. Cheri Asa since 1990 to examine techniques to increase reproductive success in Mexican gray wolves as well

as preserve DNA in the form of semen and eggs. We use our gray wolves from the Great Lakes and western U.S. for test animals. In addition, we provide wolves to test reversible forms of contraceptives for use in captive management of both red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Testing these devices sometimes dictates breeding to prove either reversibility or efficacy. The mother of the 2008 litter of wolf pups is an example of a contraceptive failure. Her mother was part of a test for a contraceptive, but had one pup!

Why Research? Controlled variables allow scientists to learn first-hand lessons that will later be applied to real-life management situations.

EDUCATION: In the United States, more people visit zoos than all sporting events put together! Because of this, WSC has chosen to loan wolves to several facilities across the country, most recently the International Wolf Center and Cleveland Metro Park Zoo. We do this to support the ethic of education about wolves. In addition, WSC conducts on and off-site science-based education programs about wolves and other wildlife. We do not take wolves off site, nor do we handle our wolves in front of our school visitors. Facilities that participate in our wolf loan programs agree with this approach, and let the wolves do the educating while the human instructor interprets from outside of the enclosure.

Why Education? Coexistence with wildlife is dependent upon a well-informed citizenry.

