



Houston has room to roam now at his forever home. *Julie Lawrence photo.*

SANCTUARY UPDATE

COLD AND ICY greetings from the Northwest!

To start with sad news, Nieta (F962) has passed away. Nieta was a pre-release Mexican wolf who lived with her mate Coal and daughter Vida. On September 8, we noticed Nieta in a lot of discomfort. We took her to the clinic, where it was discovered she had a ruptured hemangiosarcoma (a malignant tumor of the blood vessel cells). The kindest thing we could do for Nieta was to help her pass. We are grateful to have been able to care for Nieta and we will remember her through her daughter Vida.

Onto some happier news; this October we welcomed three new rescues to the sanctuary in a week and a half!

Houston is a three-year old male wolfdog who was rescued by the Houston SPCA as part of a cruelty investigation. Houston spent the first years of his life as an attraction in a filthy kennel at a feed store. We're very thankful to the Houston SPCA for their work rescuing him. Houston is a cautious guy but he's getting more and more comfortable with his new life as the days go on.

Angel and Zoe both came from the

same backyard breeder – a terrible situation where the animals were paying the price for their owner's inability to care for them.

Angel is a six-year old female. While learning about where she was originally purchased, we found out that she is Wolf Haven resident Shadow's sister! Angel is very comfortable with people but has some severe food aggression issues that we manage closely.

Zoe is a six-month old pup. She is a wolfdog – in this case, a mix between a pure wolf and a pure malamute. Zoe is small (she came to us severely underweight) but she has a fierce appetite



Left: Zoe still maintains a safe distance from her caretakers. Below: T and Angel (left) get to know each other via their communal fence.

Julie Lawrence photos.

Wolf Haven sanctuary guided visits are approximately 50 minutes and cover a variety of educational information about wolves, including biology, their role in a healthy ecosystem and recovery programs

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and is starting to put on some healthy pounds at Wolf Haven. She's comfortable with us for the most part, but mostly she just looks to us for food.

Zoe was introduced to Houston. Neither of them has much in the way of social skills, but they are at least living peacefully together. Zoe also has some food aggression issues and we currently have to separate the two during feedings.

Willow and Senna were separated from Tecumseh (or "T"). The sisters had begun teaming up on T, and Senna especially had taken to chasing him around when food was involved. Willow and Senna were also testing and posturing at each other a lot more than normal – something that we saw as time went on when they lived with Riley. Now that Willow and Senna live only with each other, we believe there will be less competition between the two (and give some relief to T). T won't be alone for long however, since Angel was moved in next door. Angel and T share a communal fence; once we feel the time is right we will open the gates and let the two be together.



– Erik Wilber, *Animal Care Specialist*

