



*Wolf Park is a 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of wolves in the wild and in captivity through behavioral research and public education.*

December 1, 2009

Dear Wolf Park Members and Supporters:

Many of you have heard about the wolf hunt going on in the Northern Rockies this fall. In recent years we have been celebrating the returning wolf populations in the Midwest and Northern Rockies. But the hunts taking place in Montana and Idaho are proof that not everyone is celebrating this amazing recovery. Instead they are focused on removing as many wolves as possible. Wolf Park has been educating people about the nature of wolves for almost 40 years. With this news about wolf hunts coming so soon on the tail of delisting, it is clear that **our work is not done**.

The next few years are crucial to creating good management plans for our recovering wolves, and it is the work of intelligent, compassionate organizations like Wolf Park that will help **make sure that the wolves remain safe for generations to come**. In order for Wolf Park to continue to do our part in protecting the wolf population in a time when people are free to hunt and kill these misunderstood animals, we need each and every one of you to help us with this mission! When you consider how you will direct your year-end charitable giving, please know that **you do make a difference** to us achieving this mission — please help us by sending a special, tax-deductible gift to Wolf Park today.

Wolf Park's wolves, coyotes, foxes, bison and humans would like to take a moment and **thank you for all of your continued support** and contributions throughout the year. Without all of you we would not have the means to accomplish our mission and to keep all of our animals healthy, safe and happy. So we do really appreciate your help! Many of you stepped up and supported our Walk for Wolves— thank you again!!

As we wrap up this year we are asking more than ever for your kind support to help us continue our work into 2010. We know that you choose carefully where to invest your hard-earned dollars. We thank you for choosing Wolf Park in the past and hope you continue to do so this year! Thanks to your past contributions we have improved physical structures in the park as well as adding more children's programs, **reaching out to the next generation**. We have also expanded our involvement in research projects, mostly relating to animal cognition, which help improve our understanding of canids. Your donations have paid for medications that improve our wolves' quality of life. Further more your donations help us to maintain the 75 acres complex where the animals of Wolf Park enjoy their lives and serve as ambassadors for their wild cousins. We continue to pay a sizable mortgage on the property and buildings at Wolf Park, which is a challenge each and every month. Without your kind and generous help it would be impossible to do!

Did you know that Wolf Park's expenses amount to approximately \$1200/day? That is \$62/day for each canid or roughly \$125/day for the care of two animals. If we raise our goal of \$100,000 this month, would it pay for all of our expenses, needs, wants? No, but it would get us on our way to accomplishing more than ever. **The gifts you send to Wolf Park will be used very carefully in helping us to achieve our goals in 2010!**

Wolf Park is always conservative with spending, and aware that we are the stewards of your funding and must be cautious in its use. Some of the ways we are saving money is by avoiding large expenditures whenever possible, applying for grants such as the Tipmont REMC EnviroWatts program grant that paid for our new landscaping going in at the entrance to Wolf Park. Our new website will be up this next year thanks to the grant we received from Lafayette-West Lafayette Convention & Visitors Bureau. We reached out to partner locally with businesses and non-profit organizations when we did the Walk for Wolves event, receiving several thousand in-kind and cash donations. We are even finding ways to receive some veterinary services at no charge. We also have **dedicated volunteers** to assist us in our mission. The hours volunteers donate, more than 5,000 hours in 2009, are equivalent to several full-time paid positions we do not have to pay as we work to accomplish our mission! We assure you that we are doing our part by **making sure your donations are being used to their fullest potential**. **Every dollar you send in does matter!!**

Now we are asking you to help by **sending your year end gift today** so we can continue our efforts to do

our part in protecting our small but recovering U.S. wolf population! With our time and efforts here at Wolf Park and your help we do make a difference. As we look forward to 2010 we are asking for your help in reaching **\$100,000 in donations** to support our goals for the next year. We want to bring in new **wolf pups** and that might require **new enclosures**. We still need to **replace our Wolf-Bison Demo Truck** which may or may not start for our demonstrations on any given Sunday. We are still hoping to install a decent **public restroom** on the grounds for our visitor's convenience.

We are working towards increasing our community-based and national outreach programs such as creating a program for underprivileged children in Tippecanoe County, along with offering more educational seminars, and hosting more behavioral research. Our re-design of the Wolf Park website will also help in our outreach programs and distance education. We still dream of **paying off our entire mortgage** on the land and buildings!

As 2009 draws to a close and you consider how you'll direct your year-end charitable giving, please consider how much you can help Wolf Park. If just **1000 of our members sent in a \$100** tax-deductible donation to Wolf Park, we would reach our goal and you would help us set the pace for 2010! Please consult with your financial manager on how you can increase your donations to Wolf Park while getting a bigger tax break. Find out if your company has matching funds that could increase your donations to Wolf Park this year.

Donations of any amount will be gratefully received. We encourage you to give at the highest level possible, and as an incentive we will send you special photos of the wolves taken by Monty in return for your generosity. For all donations of \$100 or more we will send a 5 x 7 inch photo signed by Monty Sloan, un-matted, to add to your Wolf Park photo gallery. For donations of \$300 and more we will send a fully matted 8 x 10 inch print (finished size is 11 x 14 in.) also signed by Monty. **But to receive these special gifts, you must send your donations by December 31, 2009.**

Wolf Park is home to wolves so that they can help humans gain a deeper understanding of this amazing predator, its role in ecosystems, as well as its unique behavior. We live in a time where people are once again free to hunt and kill wolves. We believe that the way to create change in human attitudes and behavior is to invite people to visit the Park, and get them to look at the world through a wolf's eyes. The up close and personal experience visitors have here can profoundly affect their relationship to all of the natural world, including wolves and coyotes. *Please help us!*

The coming year is already scheduled full of educational seminars and other opportunities for more people to meet and learn about wolves as only Wolf Park visitors can. Some of the activities include our regular Wolf-Bison Demonstrations, Wolf Park After Hours, Howl Nights, school tours, day camps and overnight camps for children, and other types of public outreach. We have many other special events planned throughout the year such as the Walk for Wolves set for Sept. 25, 2010, and other exciting fund raisers! We are reaching out to ensure that future generations know what you know — ***that wolves do have a place in the world!***

As we wrap up 2009 we hope you believe Wolf Park to be worthy of your investment, and count on your joining us in our efforts to keep the wolf population alive and well. Our non-profit organization depends on you, as do the animals and staff here at Wolf Park. Thank you for your support this year. We would not be Wolf Park without you, our members and supporters. We hope you will come and visit your favorite wolf (or coyote or fox!) at Wolf Park in 2010!

*All of us at Wolf Park wish you a delightful holiday season  
and all of the best in the upcoming New Year!!*



Erich Klinghammer  
Founding Director

***P.S. Don't forget — to receive Monty's wonderful color photo, be sure to get your donation to us by December 31!! We hope our dream is your dream too — help us make dreams come true.***

**With sincere thanks from Wolf Park's Staff,  
Board of Directors and Volunteers,  
and of course the Wolves, Coyotes, Foxes and Bison!**

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**We welcome your comments. Please use this space to give us feedback or ideas. Your opinion matters to us!!**

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***I want to donate to Wolf Park today and do my part in protecting our wild wolves:***

\$75\_\_\_\_ \$100\*\_\_\_\_ \$300\*\*\_\_\_\_ \$500\*\*\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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I have enclosed my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to Wolf Park)

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*Please mail to Wolf Park, 4004 E 800 N, Battle Ground, IN 47920. Have questions? Call us at 765/567-2265 ext 0, or email wolfpark@wolfpark.org. Tax receipts will be mailed in January.*

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