

# 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Michael Perkins: Boltz and Luna



International Wolf Center



# 2012 OVERVIEW



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

The year 2012 was unique in that it marked two new arrivals of the Canis Lupus variety and a major transition in leadership. It was a pup year, which meant a monumental effort of both staff and more than 50 trained volunteers who sacrificed around-the-clock care for more than two months in order to properly socialize the new wolf pups, Luna and Boltz. All this happened against a backdrop of the return of Luna from an unexpected surgery to fix a broken femur on the same day a wildfire roared up Highway 1 toward Ely, threatening the Center and our ambassador wolves. The fire was extinguished, the pups grew like wildfire, as our leadership transitioned from a retiring Mary Ortiz to our new Executive Director Rob Schultz. Rob's approach brought many new outreach and fundraising ideas to the table and planning for our sixth International Wolf Symposium in 2013 also took off. None of these educational efforts would have happened without the continued support of donors and members. Thank you all for another fantastic year!

*Nancy Jo Tubbs*

—Nancy Jo Tubbs, Board Chair

**MISSION:** *The International Wolf Center advances the survival of wolf populations by teaching about wolves, their relationship to wildlands and the human role in their future.*



Photo: Darcy Berus

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

**6,575** Members from 27 countries support our mission.

**38,400** People visited the International Wolf Center's interpretive facility in Ely, Minnesota.

**2,567** People participated in group visits and single- and multi-day programs.

**1,748** Students and other audiences participated in live WolfLink interactive videoconferencing.

**2,865** Wolf discovery kits were used by classrooms across the country.

**165** Children attended the school release WildKids Day Camps.

**14,972** Fans followed us on Facebook, double our 2010 total.

**1,000,000** Web site visitors to wolf.org and to the online store at shop.org.



# 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

## OPERATIONS

- Completed an energy audit leading to new improvements to reduce costs and energy use at the Center.
- Doubled the Center's Facebook presence by consistently posting more educational topics related to wolves and wildlands.
- Created and installed a new donor recognition wall to acknowledge members and donors.
- Earned a three-star rating from Charity Navigator and a Top Rated Nonprofit badge from Great Nonprofits.

Photo: K. Radermacher

Top left: Luna at four weeks. Above: Boltz at eight weeks. Below left: Pup care staff becomes human teething ring. Middle right: Boltz and Luna reunited following Luna's surgery to repair a fractured femur. Bottom left: Wolf curator Lori Schmidt at the critical moment pups were introduced to the Exhibit Pack. Bottom right: Boltz exploring pond habitat.



**Pup Care staff and scores of volunteers worked around-the-clock for months to socialize the pups, often paying a price more than mere sleep deprivation.**

**To read more about the 2012 pups and a history of pups at the Center, explore our online magazine archives and for details on all our ambassador wolves visit our wolf logs at [wolf.org](http://wolf.org).**

Photo: Ed Stimpson

Photo: Melonie Shipman

**PHOTOS:**  
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**Denali exhibiting dominant behavior to Boltz. Pups are introduced to the Center's Exhibit Pack every four years. This was our sixth litter.**



# 2012 HIGHLIGHTS



Fourth graders see and hear wolves howling at the Center in Ely, Minnesota as part of the WolfLink videoconferencing curriculum.

## EDUCATION / OUTREACH

- Completed the grant-funded Minnesota WolfLink program supported by the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources that provided free, standards-based programs to schools throughout the state and educated more than 1,300 students about wolves and wildlands
- Pup care team trained more than 50 volunteers to prepare them to provide 2,500 hours observing, socializing, feeding, measuring and weighing the pups. Volunteers came from as far away as Scotland.
- Reached 154 individuals and five public (free) events hosted at the Center in Ely, Minnesota.
- Reached and spoke with more than 18,000 adults and children at the Minnesota State Fair, fielding questions about everything from wolf biology and behavior to management issues.



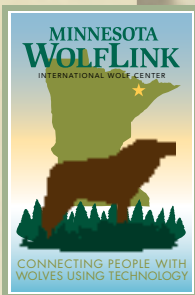
Elementary students with coyote skull included in Wolf Discovery Kit.

*"I want to thank you for all the hard work you are doing! As I explore this Web site, I feel like I am learning more and more about wolves in general and your Center in particular every time I return."*

—C. Lee

*"Thank you so much for providing such an incredible opportunity for people like me to learn about wolves. I love the podcasts and look forward to listening to more in the future." — P. Crane*

*"I would recommend the Wolf Ecology program to others in my district because it fits right in with our science unit. Students remained engaged throughout the program. This was very appropriate for fifth grade science, and seeing and hearing live wolves is a great experience for students." — Horseheads Central School, NY.*



WildKids Day Camp attendees as Aidan looks on.  
Photo: Daniele de Ponthiere.

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Darcy Berus.

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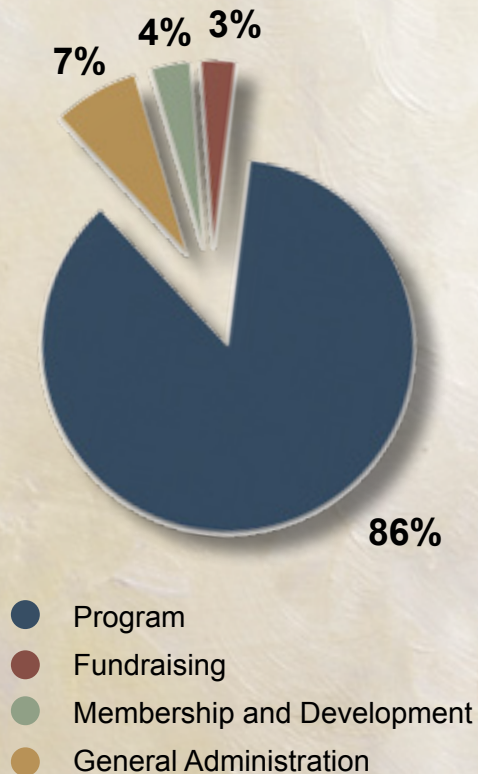




# 2012 FINANCIALS

A summary statement of financial position as of December 31, 2012, with comparison to 2011.

## 2012 Expense Distribution:



Auditors Boyum & Barenscheer, PLLP completed an external audit of the International Wolf Center's 2012 financial statements. A copy of the full audit report is available upon request.

## ASSETS

### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents  
Certificates of deposit  
Accounts receivable, trade  
Inventory  
Prepaid expenses

### TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

### PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (net)

## TOTAL ASSETS

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable  
Accrued salaries/payroll tax liabilities/benefits  
Credit card payable  
Deferred program revenue

### TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES

### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted operations  
Board designated funds  
Total unrestricted net assets  
Temporarily restricted

### TOTAL NET ASSETS

## TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	2012	2011
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 491,366	\$ 441,870
Certificates of deposit	298,964	368,931
Accounts receivable, trade	35,592	73,817
Inventory	97,395	65,223
Prepaid expenses	6,559	5,239
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 929,876</b>	<b>\$ 955,080</b>
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (net)</b>	<b>923,656</b>	<b>901,362</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,853,532</b>	<b>1,856,442</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	6,411	13,011
Accrued salaries/payroll tax liabilities/benefits	65,348	62,188
Credit card payable	4,637	4,223
Deferred program revenue	-	563
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 76,396</b>	<b>\$ 79,985</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted operations	1,142,451	\$ 1,145,770
Board designated funds	542,780	577,070
Total unrestricted net assets	1,685,231	1,722,840
Temporarily restricted	91,905	53,617
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,777,136</b>	<b>1,776,457</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,853,532</b>	<b>\$1,856,442</b>



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Below: Luna and  
Boltz sleeping.

Left: Boltz and  
Luna alert.



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