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Shy Wolf Represented at International Wolf Center Conference

NAPLES, FL (October 22, 2018) – Shy Wolf Sanctuary Education and Experience Center was represented at the International Wolf Center's Conference hosted every five years. Wolf advocates from 19 countries presented research on wild wolves, captive breeding programs, and much more.



Shy Wolf Founder, Nancy Smith, and Executive Director, Deanna Deppen travelled to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to participate in this unique conference bringing hundreds of professionals together under one roof just in time for National Wolf Awareness Week.

This was their first time attending and Founder Nancy Smith stated, "This was an incredible opportunity to meet world renowned biologists like Dr. L. David Mech and to network with other organizations." Dr. Mech is a board member and founder of the International Wolf Center and has written 11 books and over 450 research articles on wolves in the wild.

Presenters spoke on both the Red Wolf and Mexican Wolf reintroduction programs, behavioral research, DNA and microbiology, and wolves' diets. The conference included an opportunity to visit The International Wolf Center and even get a peak behind the scenes of another educational wolf facility.

"This was an incredible opportunity for us to meet others with facilities, to discuss design plans, fundraising ideas, and research opportunities," stated Deppen when asked about the conference. She went on to state "We came back with many ideas that can be immediately implemented in our educational and operational programs as well as future facility and research plans."

Shy Wolf Sanctuary Education and Experience Center will be implementing more programs on the wild wolves and their recovery. To schedule a guest speaker and ambassador animal please email education@shywolfsanctuary.org and request your date.

New Sanctuary:

After evacuating the wildfires (April 2017) and riding out Hurricane Irma at the sanctuary (September 2017), it is even more apparent that the sanctuary needs to move forward with its plans for a larger safer facility.

Shy Wolf continues to search for a new larger property. New design plans include hurricane-rated buildings that will also function as fire and hurricane shelters. Animals will be locked down in secured enclosures. Shy Wolf Sanctuary Education and Experience Center plans to continue its tradition of being a community resource and partner in both rescue and education.

To volunteer: <http://shywolfsanctuary.org/volunteer>

To donate: <http://shywolfsanctuary.org/donate>

About Shy Wolf Sanctuary

Shy Wolf Sanctuary, Education and Experience Center, Inc. is a 501(3)(c) nonprofit organization in Naples, FL which provides a life-long home to over 60 rescued exotic animals. Most resident animals come from abuse, abandonment, or neglect. The Healing Hearts program partners with area organizations allowing children and adults with similar life experiences to have an animal encounter of healing and hope. *From the Heart ~ For the Animals*

For more information, visit shywolfsanctuary.org or call 855-SHY-WOLF (749-9653).

