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The heart can journey where the ego cannot

The first few times I saw Hopa, he was charging the fence with a bark fierce enough that sent whoever was passing by to lift slightly out of their shoes. This was Hopa's way of saying back off or step away from the fence or just get the hell out of my personal space. There was nothing polite about his request. To say Hopa's charge was startling is a bit of an understatement. Though other wolves at the sanctuary have more polite ways of

asking you to leave them be, just like people, how animals and humans respond to the world at any given time depends on their experience up until that very point in time.

I didn't exactly know what to make of this gorgeous, noisy, black exotic animal with the golden eyes, but man was I was attracted to that bad boy. When you're an animal lover it can be hard to accept an animal not liking you, especially when you know all you want to do is love on it. Just like in any dysfunctional relationship, it's hard to be the one that sometimes pays the price for the damage and pain that someone else inflicted.

[Journey with Hopa >](#)

Animals

We rescued two more New Guinea Singing Dogs!



Melbourne

Melbourne was in a foster home in Florida when we were contacted about taking him in to Shy Wolf in February of 2018. He was estimated to be two years old and originally came from a petting zoo. The man who owned him put the pair into an exotic animal auction where he was purchased by several members of the New Guinea Singing Dog Conservation organization.

[Meet Melbourne >](#)



Seger

Seger the puppy Singer was an intentional "conservation litter" bred from a line that came from Canada. That line had been kept separate from the ones in the United States so it was thought to bring diversity back into the gene pool. Seger's father was a black and tan, with only two B&T males documented NGSD since breeding started in 1954.

[Meet Seger >](#)

A New Roof

Hurricane Irma damaged our roof beyond repair. We owe \$13K after insurance paid \$3500. Our deductible was \$12,500 and



we require a whole new roof. The house is our office, home to the property managers, food preparation area...

[Help us with the roof >](#)

Volunteers



Volunteer with Us

Help with fundraising, events, educational presentations, returning phone calls and emails, office projects, and caring for our animals.

[Join our pack >](#)



Volunteer Spotlight *Hester Kamin*

We all love Hester. She is always willing to do anything that needs done. She is especially good at training new volunteers and we appreciate her so much! Bobleo loves her too!

Education

Are you looking for an interesting and fun program for your adult organizations next meeting? Shy Wolf Sanctuary would love to come out and talk with your group. We have a variety of talks available, who we are and why we exist, the importance of wolves in our ecosystem, our partnerships with several children's organizations and the effect the kids



Theresa Schultz
Education Coordinator
and Wolfdog Treasure

and animals have on each other, or perhaps you would like to find out what it takes to volunteer with us. Whatever you are interested in we would love to come out and talk with you. We can bring along an animal ambassador, or not, depending on what you would like. Please feel free to contact Theresa with any questions, or requests you may have. We will make your next meeting a memorable one!

[Schedule a presentation >](#)

Events



Vineyard Vines

Come see us at Vineyard Vines and meet an animal ambassador from 11am-3pm! 10% of your purchase benefits Shy Wolf Sanctuary. March 20 in Naples.

[Events >](#)



Animal Communication Course

What do the wolves say? Join Renee' Johnson and our animals at Shy Wolf Sanctuary for a hands-on day of Trinity method training to communicate with the animals.

Intro: March 20 & 22. Advanced: March 29

[Animal Communication Course >](#)

Hoppy Easter!

Our friends at **Easterseals Academy** are busy assembling Easter Egg goodies for

Easterseals
taking on disability together



Shy Wolf Sanctuary. Colorful egg-shaped bags are filled with grass, candy, and a stuffed wolf wearing a bunny bracelet hand strung by the students! Sponsor a wolf for \$69 and we'll mail an easter bag to your favorite some bunny !

Order by March 25th.

[Order Easter Bag >](#)

Board of Directors

There have been several inquiries on how to include Shy Wolf Sanctuary in their estate planning. Deanna announced that a new Bequest Brochure will be going to the printer this week to make it simple for supporters to make those wishes known. If you have any questions, please contact Deanna admin@shywolfsanctuary.org .

New Sanctuary: A contract has been signed for 30 acres in North Fort Myers. A 6-month due diligence period is under way, during which permitting will be obtained. Then Shy Wolf Sanctuary will launch a capital campaign to fund the building of a new state-of-the-art facility. A Fundraising Committee is currently being organized and welcoming new members. If you would like to join this committee, please contact Deanna admin@shywolfsanctuary.org .



We are going through the zoning process now for the new property. We invite you to become a **New Sanctuary Friend** . Get updates on our progress, notifications of public community meetings you can attend, and opportunities to show your support for Shy Wolf Sanctuary.

[New Sanctuary >](#)



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