

Terry and Kathy **BAUDENDISTEL** Parents to the wolves

Terry and Kathy Baudendistel's journey with Wolf Creek Habitat began with a deep desire to rescue and provide a safe haven for wolves and wolf-dogs, animals that were often euthanized because there was no place for them to go. Over the years, their sanctuary has grown to house 28 wolves and four foxes, and their mission is clear: to challenge misconceptions and show the world that wolves are not the violent creatures many believe them to be.

"We wanted to give these animals a place to call home," Terry explains. "A place where they could live safely and where people could come to understand them better."

One of their main goals is to change the perception that wolves are naturally aggressive. Terry and Kathy emphasize that wolves are wild, but they don't simply attack. They want to educate people that wolves can interact peacefully and making eye contact with them isn't a threat. In fact, they encourage visitors to get down to the wolf's level, to help them feel at ease and not challenged.

"We want to break the stereotypes. We want people to feel the wolves, not fear them," Kathy says.

There have been many unforgettable moments during their years at the sanctuary, but one stands out for both of them. A woman who had been attacked by a German Shepherd as a child visited the sanctuary. She was reluctant to participate in an encounter with the wolves, but after Kathy's reassurance, "Will you trust me?"—she took a leap of faith. Her experience was life-changing and as she left, she was in tears, having had a completely different experience with wolves than she had ever imagined.

"Wolves are so healing," Kathy reflects.

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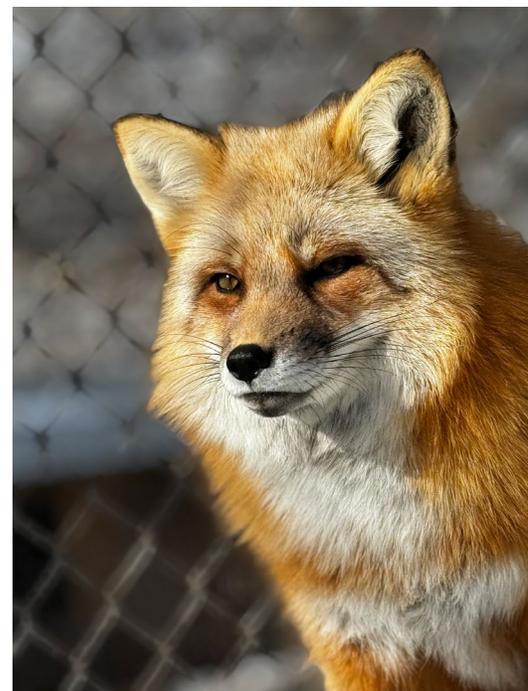


The Baudendistels also share a heartwarming story of a volunteer who regularly visited the sanctuary. One day, the wolves seemed to act differently around her, being more cuddly and affectionate than playful. It wasn't long before the volunteer discovered she was pregnant, and now her child, three years old, is considered part of the Wolf Creek family.

Though the sanctuary is a place of healing and education, it hasn't been without its challenges. But for Terry and Kathy, this path has always felt like the one they were meant to take. "This was my path," Kathy says. "This is what I was supposed to do."

Terry's dedication to the sanctuary is evident in the work he's put into it, having built it from the ground up, piece by piece. Together, he and Kathy have created a sanctuary where people can learn to appreciate these majestic creatures in a safe and supportive environment.

Wolf Creek Habitat is open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., offering a chance for people to experience the wolves up close and personal, and to see firsthand the peaceful nature of these misunderstood animals.



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George Bultman

With 35 years of full-time service, George Bultman has played a key role in many areas of SEI REMC—from outage response and warehouse operations to leading our vegetation management efforts as our Tree Trimmer Foreman. He works closely with contractors and our Right-of-Way Foreman, Kurtis Greggory, to coordinate tree trimming and removals along our power lines, helping maintain safety and reliability across the system.

George takes pride in doing what he can to support our members, whether offering advice or helping improve access for safer, faster power restoration. Outside of work, he's traveled to all 50 states and several countries, logged thousands of miles on his motorcycle, and enjoys playing music in his free time. His greatest joy? Being grandpa to his 9-month-old granddaughter, Emma Beatrice.

Thank you, George, for your incredible service and dedication throughout the years.