

NEWS RELEASE

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**Litter of critically endangered wolf pups born in Julian, CA**



JULIAN, CA...June 29, 2018 – California Wolf Center welcomes a litter of seven Mexican gray wolf pups. With less than 120 wild Mexican gray wolves in the US, these puppies are definitely a cause for celebration!

Since 1997, California Wolf Center has played an integral role in the Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan, a captive breeding and host program intended to prevent the extinction of Mexican gray wolves. All Mexican gray wolves residing at California Wolf Center are candidates to be released into the wild through a reintroduction program managed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mexican gray wolf recovery efforts expand beyond the conservation center. California Wolf Center is one of only two organizations working with the Southwest community sharing the landscape with the returning wolf population. The nonprofit organization provides information, financial support and/or physical tools to ranchers stewarding the space where Mexican gray wolves reside to reduce potential wolf-livestock conflict. California Wolf Center values building on common ground, so wolves, livestock and people can thrive on shared landscapes.

This litter joins over twenty wolves living at California Wolf Center, many of which are part of the Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan. An ambassador pack of North American gray wolves also resides at the conservation center helping to educate the public on California wolf recovery.

Wolves are making their way back to the Golden State after being absent for nearly a century. California Wolf Center is a leader in wild wolf recovery throughout the Pacific West, establishing a one-of-its-kind grassroots program to support and empower Northern California ranchers. Since 2011, California has had 18 confirmed wild wolves in our state.

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**ABOUT CALIFORNIA WOLF CENTER:**

California Wolf Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to the return of wild wolves to their natural habitat and to the people who share the landscape with them. We foster communities coming together to ensure wolves, livestock, and people thrive in today's world. Our organization is at the forefront of creating a new model for long term wolf recovery through a scientifically based, socially acceptable approach that provides real and practical solutions to those sharing the landscape with wild wolves. We offer tours of our conservation center in Julian, CA with a reservation. Visit [www.californiawolfcenter.org](http://www.californiawolfcenter.org) or call 760-765-0030 for more information.