



Lauren Greene Joins RWC Staff

A Greeting from the Coalition's Program Director

As the new Program Director for the Red Wolf Coalition, I want to introduce myself and say how glad I am to be part of red wolf recovery. This job is a natural fit for me because I cannot remember a time when I did not love canines. Wolves and dogs have always been my favorites. I currently have a fabulous boxer mix, Nimmo, named after my great-great-great grandmother who was a Lumbee Native American.

Most of my knowledge of wolves comes from personal studies. I have taken a course on dog and wolf behavior at Wolf Park in Battleground, IN. I spent two years at Clemson University in Clemson, SC studying animal science. I then graduated Cum Laude from Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, GA with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in management and entrepreneurship. I have formal training as a dog trainer from PETsMART and North State K-9 Academy.

My business experience includes working in administrative and clerical positions as well as running my own dog training business. I have worked in the pet industry for over ten years as a dog trainer, kennel worker, pet photographer, pet sitter and natural pet supply store employee. I have been an environmental educator for the Georgia Environmental Organization in Atlanta, GA, Sandpiper Tours nature boat tours in Charleston, SC, and the Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center in Awendaw, SC. As a volunteer at the Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center, I also got the chance to help with another endangered species by spending one summer helping with the sea turtle program.

I moved to Columbia, NC from Atlanta, GA. North Carolina has always felt like home to me because I was born in Greensboro, much of my family is from North Carolina, and I have spent many vacations visiting North Carolina.

As Program Director, my short-term goals include having an updated, complete, usable membership database. I also want to increase current membership in the Red Wolf Coalition. I plan to make our brochures more readily available to the public. We have funding for four red wolf informational kiosks that will be placed at National Wildlife Refuges and other locations in northeastern North Carolina. As a member of the Tyrell County Ecotourism Committee, I am developing media kits for the Coalition. In addition, I look forward to increasing our educational programs. My biggest long-term goal is to see the Red Wolf Center become a reality, which in turn means fundraising will become a big focus as planning continues.

The Red Wolf Coalition's new office on Main Street in Columbia, NC welcomes a visit from anyone who wants to learn about red wolves, purchase red wolf merchandise or just say hello. I look forward to meeting members and supporters and everyone else interested in red wolves and in this beautiful area of North Carolina. Please contact me at our new office with any questions or comments.

Welcome New Board Members

The Red Wolf Coalition is pleased to welcome two new Board members: **Jessica Metzger**, manager of The Conservation Fund's Palmetto-Peartree Preserve, and **Buddy Fazio** (*ex-officio*), Team Leader of the Red Wolf Recovery Program. Both bring important expertise regarding red wolves and red wolf habitat to the Board.

We also say goodbye to **Jennifer Gilbreath**, a Coalition founder and former Board President. Jennifer is taking a well-deserved break from daily red wolf advocacy. The Coalition would not exist were it not for her dedication and vision; we will miss her, both as a friend and as a colleague.

Defenders Cites Pocosin Lakes NWR as Among Most Endangered

Defenders of Wildlife has cited Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge as one of the ten most endangered national wildlife refuges in the United States. Pocosin Lakes is threatened by the planned Outlying Landing Field (OLF), as well as the recently-approved industrial chicken operation at Rose Acre Farms. Read Defender's report on Pocosin Lakes, and learn about the other nine refuges on the endangered list, at <http://www.defenders.org/habitat/refuges/>.

Outlying Landing Field Update

On January 3, 2005, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals lifted part of the preliminary injunction which had temporarily halted the U. S. Navy's purchase of land for a proposed Outlying Landing Field (OLF) for F-18 Super Hornet jet fighter planes. With the lifting of the injunction, the Navy has resumed buying property and has acquired the majority of the remaining land necessary to make up the 3,000 acres specifically required for the Outlying Landing Field. The Navy wants approximately 30,000 acres total in order to have a buffer zone. The full case brought against the Navy by the Southern Environmental Law Center, attorneys for the National Audubon Society, North Carolina Wildlife Federation, and Defenders of Wildlife and Washington and Beaufort counties, will be heard in totality by Federal Judge Terrence Boyle beginning on January 19, 2005. More about the legal proceeding can be found on the Southern Environmental Law Center's website at

http://www.selcga.org/Cases/navy_olf/navy_olf.shtml.

Along with other conservation groups and the NC Citizens for a Sound Economy, the Red Wolf Coalition was represented by Program Director Lauren V. Greene at a "NO-OLF" symposium held on January 12 and 13, 2005 in Plymouth, NC. The reasons not to build the OLF in Washington and Beaufort counties as well as the Navy's determination to put it there were discussed. The negative effect on the environment is but one of several issues. Others include separation of powers, property rights, and safety. A tour of the area that would be directly affected by the proposed OLF, including part of Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, demonstrated how drastically the environment would be affected. Jet noise as well as habitat changes are two direct impacts the proposed OLF would have on the environment. The waterfowl that migrate to this area every year would be severely affected. Because no species stands alone in an ecosystem, the entire web of life would be greatly disturbed by the proposed OLF.

The Red Wolf Coalition promotes wildlife conservation and supports eco-tourism and responsible economic development in the Red Wolf Recovery Area. We therefore join with the organizations and individuals opposing the Navy's proposed Outlying Landing Field in Washington and Beaufort Counties. The Coalition will post updates on this issue on our Web site as events unfold. We urge members and supporters to stay informed and to help us seek ways to persuade the Navy to choose an alternate site for the OLF, one that will be less disruptive to wildlife and to the environment. (See [http:// www.albemarlecommunity.net](http://www.albemarlecommunity.net) for more info.)

**2005 Red
Wolf
Howling
Safari
Schedule**

Join staff from the Red Wolf Coalition and Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge on a Howling Safari for an unforgettable evening! Learn about endangered red wolves, which are found only in the wilds of northeastern North Carolina, and get the chance of a lifetime to hear their harmonious howls. Meet at Creef Cut Wildlife Trail at the intersection of Milltail Road and Highway 64 (approximately 15 minutes from Manteo).

All programs are free, but registration is required. Please call 252.796.5600 to register. Beginning in mid-March 2005, reservations will also be taken online at the following address:

<http://www.redwolves.com/register>

2005 Red Wolf Howling Safari Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event
April 22	Friday	7:30 pm	Earth Day
June 22	Wednesday	8:00 pm	
June 29	Wednesday	8:00 pm	
July 6	Wednesday	8:00 pm	
July 13	Wednesday	8:00 pm	
July 20	Wednesday	8:00 pm	
July 27	Wednesday	8:00 pm	
August 3	Wednesday	7:30 pm	
August 10	Wednesday	7:30 pm	
August 17	Wednesday	7:30 pm	
August 24	Wednesday	7:30 pm	
August 31	Wednesday	7:30 pm	
September 7	Wednesday	7:30 pm	
October 15	Saturday	6:00 pm	Wolf Awareness Week
October 29	Saturday	6:00 pm	Howl-O-Ween
December 10	Saturday	5:00 pm	Holiday Howl

- Programs typically last two hours
- Dress for the weather. Howlings will occur except with lightning, heavy wind or rain, or impassable road conditions. The decision to cancel will be made no later than 90 minutes prior to the start of the howling (call 252.796.5600 for information).
- Bring a flashlight and insect repellent
- Please do NOT bring pets!

**Gala
Opening for
RWC Office
in Columbia**

The Red Wolf Coalition held its red carpet opening of the new office in Columbia, NC on Saturday evening, January 8, 2005. The beautiful storefront setting on Main Street in this lovely town, combined with the spring-like weather and good refreshments, made the evening festive and fun for all those who attended. Red Wolf Coalition board members and Program Director Lauren Greene hosted a crowd of people from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., although many folks lingered to talk and enjoy the company. We were honored to have George Owens, Sr., the mayor of Columbia, and Mrs. Owens join us!

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RWC Board members Tom Stroud, Betty Lasseter, Jennifer Gilbreath, Rod Hackney, Neil Hutt, and Jessica Metzger with "Rufus" at the RWC Office Opening, January 8, 2005.

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Red Wolf Recovery Team Leader Bud Fazio was there as well, along with team biologists and administrators from the Manteo office. One honored guest was "Rufus," a handsome red wolf mount who spent the evening posed in grand style in the front window of the office. The Board of Directors honored Jennifer Gilbreath, founder of the Red Wolf Coalition, with a plaque and a gift certificate. These were but tokens of thanks and appreciation for Jennifer's years of dedication to the restoration of the red wolf to northeastern North Carolina.

The Coalition invites all members, supporters, visitors to the area and local residents to come to the office and say hello, ask questions and get information about the red wolf and the work of the organization. For information and questions, please email the Program Director at redwolf@redwolves.com or call the office at 252.796.5600.

**U.S. Fish
and Wildlife
Service
Quarterly
Report:
October -
December**

Radio-collared wolves.....	67
Radio-collared hybrids/coyotes	11
Captive red wolves.....	153
Captive wolves on islands.....	5
Confirmed births.....	0
Deaths.....	7
Wolf packs known/suspected	18

Office Wish List

Though our new office is pretty well-outfitted, we can always use office supplies and other materials. Below is a list of the things we are especially in need of:

- area rug(s)
- blank CDs
- bottled water
- copy machine
- file cabinets
- file folders
- household lightbulbs (50W fan bulbs, 60W tracklights)
- large bulletin boards
- mailing labels (Avery 8160)
- manila envelopes
- marking pens
- office desk with drawers
- paper clips
- paper shredder
- plain white envelopes
- plotter
- poster board, all colors
- post-it notes
- printer cartridges (HP Cartridge 94, 95, 97 or 99)
- printer paper
- red wolf prints/photos
- rubber bands
- sign for storefront (carved wood?)
- stamps
- staples
- paper clips
- wolf-related books

If you would like to donate supplies or equipment, please contact Lauren Greene at redwolf@redwolves.com or at 252.796.5600. *Thanks!*

Thanks to Our Volunteers!

The Red Wolf Coalition now has two wonderful volunteers—Donna Storie and Kim Wheeler. Donna resides in Greenville, NC and has experience helping with the Mexican wolves in Arizona where she worked with PAWS (Protect Arizona's Wolves). Donna has helped with our membership database and labeling brochures. Kim resides in Raleigh, NC and also volunteers at the International Wolf Center (IWC) in Minnesota. Last summer, Kim had the great privilege of being a wolf pup nanny and helped handraise three wolf puppies. Both our volunteers were a tremendous help before and during our Open House Gala January 8th. The Red Wolf Coalition Board and staff want to extend their heartfelt thanks to both of our volunteers for their hard work.

Thanks to Our Supporters!

The Red Wolf Coalition wishes to thank everyone that supports the conservation of red wolves. At the risk of not mentioning all who share in this effort, we'd especially like to recognize:

- Continuing support from Nancy Gibson and Ron Sternal, who were patron donors for the recent benefit
- The AZAK (American Zoo and Aquarium Zookeepers) chapter at Roger Williams Park Zoo in Rhode Island, which is adopting a wolf
- Amanda, Gary and Emily Gould—also known as the Wildlife Kids (WLK). These three California children have raised some \$300 to support red wolf recovery by recycling bottles and cans, making and selling jewelry, and selling their old books on eBay. They also plan to adopt a wolf soon. Visit their website at:

<http://www.freewebs.com/wolfnews>

Visit Us Online!

Want to learn more about the Red Wolf Coalition? Be sure to visit us on the web at:

<http://www.redwolves.com>

Yes! I want to contribute to red wolf conservation!

If you would like to become a member of the Red Wolf Coalition, please complete the membership form below and return it with a check, money order, or your credit card information. Thanks for becoming an important part of red wolf recovery!

Member Information

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Email Address _____



Photo courtesy Lauren Greene

Payment Information

Level of support

- Patron Donor: \$1000
- Patron Sponsor: \$500
- Alpha Wolf: \$100
- Pack Member: \$50
- Supporter: \$25
- Other:

Payment method

- Check

Please make checks payable to Red Wolf Coalition

- Money Order
- Credit Card
 - MasterCard
 - Visa

Card Number _____
Expiration Date _____
Signature _____

Please return with payment to
Red Wolf Coalition/PO BOX 96/Columbia NC 27925