

## Captive Population Update 4/15/2021

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- 238 adult red wolves under human care in 43 partner facilities.
- 1 litter born as of 4/15/2021. Still early in whelping season
- New members of the SSP that will be receiving wolves in 2021 are Bergen County Zoo in NJ, Brookgreen Gardens in SC
- Spaces under construction at Wildlife Safari in OR, St. Louis Zoo in MO, Arkansas State University, AR, Olgebay's Good Zoo in WV, NC Zoo
- SSP still growing with new potential partners being identified including the Wilds in OH and Lion Country Safari in FL
- 2021 Annual RWSSP meeting will be virtual the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>. Tentative plan is to do the planning with the management team on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> with reporting meeting open to all on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The RWSAFE program is looking for a new education advisor. Please reach out to [chris.lasher@nczoo.org](mailto:chris.lasher@nczoo.org) if interested.
- RWSSP Update....It still appears that the changes AZA is making to SSPs will mean that the RWSSP will not be a program at the end of the year. It is currently looking like current SSPs that are recovery programs will be reclassified as a yet to be determined entity. The take away is, regardless of the label the SSP will still be an organization maintaining a viable population under human care.