

American Red Wolf Ex-Situ Update Population Viability Workshop

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Current Population

- Partner facilities – 49
 - plus St. Vincent Island
 - plus Sandy Ridge.
- Wolves in the SSP – 227
 - plus 3 on St. Vincent Island
 - plus 1 at Sandy Ridge
 - plus 9 wolves in acclimation pens
- Births (2021)– 31 pups in 10 litters.
 - 18 DNS
 - 4 pups fostered to wild wolf
- Deaths– 22 adults since 1/1/21
 - Plus 4 adults in NC NEP
- 22 breeding pairs together for the 2022 breeding season.
 - Plus 3 in acclimation pens
 - 5 suggested pairs not together due to transfer issues



RWSSP Space Goal

Current:

- 108 spaces with or ready for wolves
- 19 spaces under construction
- 5 new partners in discussion
- Growth of 29 spaces in past 4 years

Needed:

- Goal 1: 330 wolves
 - Identify 23 new spaces
- Goal 2: 400 wolves
 - Identify additional 30 spaces



Actions

- Use RWSAFE program to continue to keep the American red wolf in AZA news
- Continue to supply recovery animals to show commitment to program
- Use pup fostering as much as possible
- Reach out to AZA and non-AZA facilities that hold non-endangered canids
- Communicate with conservation minded facilities to show how the red wolf program fits with their missions (White Oak, The Wilds, etc)



Actions

- Raise awareness for the red wolf as American's wolf
- Work with publications to tell the red wolf story to non-zoo guests
- Increase empathy for the red wolf in historical range
- Show hope for the future



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the **American Red Wolf** from
extinction

