

WolfStone Ranch

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A gorgeous summer day in June... and I'm working on this letter of **APRIL's** accomplishments! I want to get this document out to all of you today, so I can work on a different kind of newsletter... Profound changes are happening with my vision and plans for **WolfStone Ranch (WSR)**... which means that May's Accomplishments letter may have to wait until after I fill you in on all these "sea changes" in my head!

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In April, I got on the phone and on email to try to arrange some gatherings at which to make my CBE presentation... and ended up booking (*for free*) a conference room at Mineral Area College for an evening in May... Then invited everyone I could think of...

Koty had to go to the DVM for a Bordetella vaccination for the 6-week AKC Canine Good Citizenship obedience class he will begin next month.

Cricket's chronic upper respiratory symptoms worsened, so I doubled his daily steroid dosage and put him on a cat lysine supplement for two weeks. If that doesn't resolve his symptoms, then I'll take him to the DVM next month.

Mama **Raji** & kittens... **Romeo**, **Rugby** and **Rio** (3 male orange tabbies), **Ruffles** and **Roo** (2 female tabbies) moved from the outdoor quarantine pen into my kitchen, where they will all become a lot tamer than living in solitude outside!

Garrett put in a couple of hours on handyman chores for me... plus I went to his house to administer the monthly flea treatment to the cat he rescued (*through WSR*)... building a relationship for the future!

Began the summer ritual of mowing... absolutely necessary to minimize dogs' exposure to ticks and snakes. It's a two-person job because the first time I tried to mow by myself (*years ago*), I splattered a small toad hiding in the tall grass. I sobbed for days. Since then, I walk in front of the mower with a stick to check for toads, turtles, snakes, moles... This summer, Volunteer Laura has graciously offered to be my mowing mate!

Laura & her sister Helen also helped me build brush piles in two of three dog yards... I'm hoping this will give the rabbits a place to hide to stay alive, if a dog is let out in the yard while they're grazing.

Yvette volunteered for a half-day, helping me to clean the cat barn ceiling... The barn was full of debris from ripping out the old roof and replacing it with the beautiful new roof.

Had to move the cats to the basement two times for severe weather, once for 24 hours, once for 2-1/2 days! That's five times so far this year... and the total count for 2016 was only two times! These are time-consuming, physically demanding projects, both to and fro... not to mention a time of anxiety for the cats. But... better safe than sorry!

I met with Ann, **WolfStone Ranch's** very first donor, for a long lunch while we discussed in detail my CBE package and plans for producing the event. I so appreciated the time and effort she put into listening carefully and asking thoughtful questions and giving me her invaluable feedback! I really learned a lot from her that day!

I met with Mark & Liz, supporters who also adopted two cats from me way back in the very beginning. They too gave me their helpful feedback regarding my CBE presentation.

Lost a day to IT problems... had to download and organize photos because my iPhone suddenly warned me that if I didn't do so, it was about to crash and lose all my data... Yikes!!

Spent a few hours over the course of April researching property & liability insurance for **WolfStone Ranch**.

Helped a friend of a friend (*a Cherokee "animal whisperer"*) try to get a dog-training job at Best Friends. He's very good at working with animals (*including wild animals*), so I'd like to see him put those talents to good use. And perhaps someday he'll want to come work at **WolfStone Ranch**?!

Current Head Count

3 adoptable dogs (**Juli Sundance Lady**), 4 dogs needing rehab (**Skyler Denver Durango Koty**), 7 adoptable cats (**Joey Clover Jada Savannah Felicia Maverick Charlize**), 7 difficult-to-place cats (**Loki Paprika Koala Lollipop Skidoodle Pansy Raji**), **Raji's** 5 adorable kittens (**Romeo Rugby Rio Ruffles Roo**), and 2 sanctuary cats (**Shayla Cricket**)

Personal

Thankfully, I had no personal issues, because there definitely would not have been time for them!