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Foreword

Many years ago, there was an internet chat group that focused on wolfdogs. Participating in the ongoing discussion were wolfdog owners, trainers and rescuers, along with others who were simply fascinated by these beautiful animals and wanted to learn more. Because I frequently offered on-list advice, I began to receive private requests for help. Although happy to comply, I was soon spending over two hours a day answering wolfdog-related queries. At the time, there were very few resources in print regarding wolfdogs. So I wrote *Living with Wolfdogs*.

It has been almost ten years since the book was written. I would like to report that since that time, much has changed in the public's perception and knowledge regarding wolfdogs. I would like to—but I can't. There are still many breeders who do not educate prospective owners about the realities of living with a semi-exotic animal; still too many people who think it would be “cool” to have an animal that is part wolf, and get one without further thought; and unfortunately, there are still too few places for an unwanted wolfdog to live out its life.

This second edition is both a revision and an expansion of the original text. It reflects the knowledge and experience I have acquired in the past decade as a wolfdog owner/rescuer and professional dog trainer/behavior specialist. To those who are considering a wolfdog as a pet, thank you for taking the time to research the subject. To those who are already sharing your lives with these unique companions, I hope this book will give you the knowledge and support you need to make your relationship a success.

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