

## Betty (F1199)

IN JANUARY WE SAID GOODBYE TO THE LOVELY AND BOLD MEXICAN GRAY WOLF, BETTY (F1199). SHE WAS BORN AT ENDANGERED WOLF CENTER IN 2010 AND NAMED "BETTINA BLANCA" IN HONOR OF THE ACTRESS BETTY WHITE, HONORING HER SUPPORT OF THE MEXICAN WOLF SPECIES SURVIVAL (SSP) PROGRAM.

Betty lived with her pack for several years, babysitting her younger siblings until she started to squabble with her mother.

At three years of age, Betty was transferred to Wolf Haven to start her own family with Moss (M1066), a suitable candidate in the program. The two quickly bonded and had four beautiful, healthy pups in May of 2015. Through the years, the family's morning ritual could be observed via remote camera as they greeted one another, tails wagging and bumping into one another. Betty was often at the center of the happy family gathering.

She was a wonderful mother and towards the end of her days she started dropping food near her adult children. Her confident, assertive nature held the pack's hierarchy together (which has been in flux since she passed). She was always a curious wolf, often the first to arrive at a deer carcass left by animal care staff for the family. She could eat a drumstick in a few swift bites but seemed to enjoy peeing on her kibble rather than eating it. She and Moss played, howled side by side and showed great affection for each other until her last days.

Betty's decline was swift; within a 12 hour period her movement decreased dramatically and she was taken to the veterinarian where blood work pointed to pancreatitis. A humane euthanasia agent was used to help Betty pass peacefully. Her calm, curious presence will be sorely missed by Moss, her offspring and animal care staff alike. Farewell sweet Betty. 🐾

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