

Tribute

Jacque

JAQUE WAS BORN IN 2002 AT A WOLF FACILITY IN IDAHO AND SOLD INTO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP. ON OCTOBER 13, 2009, JAQUE CAME TO LIVE AT WOLF HAVEN AFTER HER OWNER SOUGHT A PERMANENT HOME FOR HER.

Jacque was a very sweet wolf who initially wanted attention from Animal Care staff, but also had a confident “wild” side to her. In her first years in the sanctuary, she was paired with an older male wolf and they did well together until his passing. Her next pairing was with Spruce, a strong feisty wolf. They matched each other in confidence and enjoyed many years together until his health declined, when she started to challenge him more and more. Eventually the two had to be separated and Jaque was alone in an enclosure away from visitors.

Our Sanctuary Director puts a lot of thought into each pairing, and Animal Care staff have many discussions about who to pair with whom. We want our wolves to have companionship and be content with their mate, because some of our wolves have the same mate until they pass away. In February of 2016, we paired Jaque with Yukon and it was an instant friendship – so much so, that Jaque lost interest in seeking out human attention. It was bittersweet for some of us, but the best thing for her. The greatest gift we can give them is to let them be wolves who can live their lives peacefully here with as little human interference as possible.

Our friend Jaque passed away in her enclosure on August 28 after a short bout with an internal mass. With her companion Yukon watching, we helped ease her transition. I will never forget her unique eyes, personality and wild spirit. Thank you for trusting us. 

Ursula Davis, Animal Care/
Membership Assistant

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