

Klondike

TRIBUTE

KLONDIKE PASSED AWAY FROM LARGE, AGGRESSIVE HEMAGIOSARCOMA (BLOOD TUMOR) ON DECEMBER 14. HE WAS A HANDSOME WOLFDOG WITH A GRIZZLED BROWN AND GRAY COAT, BEAUTIFUL EYES, AND ONE OF THE SWEETEST FACES IN THE SANCTUARY.

Klondike spent most of his life before coming to Wolf Haven in squalor, tethered to an eight-foot drag chain at a road-side attraction in Alaska. He was finally rescued in 2011 when the site was investigated by the state and shut down. At Wolf Haven, he shared an enclosure with gray wolf Mehina for several years until her passing, and then lived with female wolf Shali.

Klondike was known for his very mellow personality and could often be seen lying down and observing ravens flying overhead or wolves playing in surrounding enclosures. Sometimes he suddenly took off at full speed and ran “laps” around his enclosure, eventually coming to a stop near the caretakers - especially if they had food. He loved to sing and rarely missed the opportunity to join in a collective howl with the others in the sanctuary.

At Wolf Haven, Klondike was treated with care, honor and respect for who and what he was. We are so deeply honored that we had an opportunity to show him that not all humans wanted to exploit him. In the company of his two female friends, first Mehina and then Shali, he was allowed to flourish in his own way - we couldn't have wished for anything more. Rest in peace, sweet Klondike. 🐾

—Wendy Spencer, Sanctuary Director

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